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Matt Verdon
(Lord Farquaad),
Katia Sheepwash
(Princess Fiona),
Gabriel DeNardis
(Shrek) and Scarlett Lowrie (Donkey) are ready to impress audiences of Shrek the Musical Jr.

Submitted photo

Globe Productions Youth Company presents Shrek the Musical Jr.

By Laura Erne

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An outcast ogre, a fast-talking donkey, a feisty princess and a pompous Lord are just some of the colourful characters ready to take the stage at the John Elliott Theatre.

Shrek the Musical Jr., presented by Globe Productions Youth Company, opens this Friday, May 5.

Gabriel DeNardis leads the cast of 49, ages 8-18, in the family-friendly musical as the lead role of everyone s favourite ogre, Shrek.

The story follows him as he tries to rescue his true love with the help of some fairytale misfits.

People will get the chance to see new and old faces take the stage in the Globe Productions latest community-chosen musical.

Katia Sheepwash calls the musical a new take on the movie.

Fiona and Shrek are a bit different than what you ll remember from the film, said the Grade 12 Georgetown student and threetime Globe Productions veteran, who plays Princess Fiona.

The cast has been working non-stop since the end of January rehearsing and preparing.

It is just amazing how everything comes together so quickly, said Matt Verdon, a Grade 8 Centennial student who plays Lord Farquaad in his fourth Globe production. The costumes and sets are incredible.

Shrek Jr. may be a show full of crazy characters and superb songs, but there is a powerful message at the core. Shrek is a contemporary fairy tale and it s an important one because it tells people that you don t have to fit in to make history, said Lori Hurst, co-producer of the musical.

Shrek the Musical Jr. is directed by Craig Marshall with musical direction by Matt Morrison and choreography by Jennifer Marshall.

The show is co-produced by Leann Playter and Hurst, and Ann DeNardis as stage manager.

We are very proud of everyone, said Hurst. Everyone did an incredible job and all of the creativity and team work in our local community has been incredible.

Shrek the Musical Jr. runs for seven performances between May 5-14 at the John Elliot Theatre located at 9 Church St., Georgetown.

Show dates and times are: May 5, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and May 6, 7, 13, 14 at 2 p.m.

The show is an hour long with no inter-

Tickets are \$18 and available for purchase in person at the box office, online at www. globeproductions.ca or via phone at 905-877-3700.

The first Sunday show on May 7 has already sold out, making it a first for Globe Productions.

This just shows how much buzz our productions make in the community and how supportive they are to Globe Productions and to all of our talented actors and actresses, said Hurst.

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