

Aladdin and Jasmine soar on a magic carpet on the Georgetown Globe stage

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Georgetown Globe Youth Company

Globe Productions' Youth Company Aladdin Jr. showcases over 40 extremely talented young people.

Abby DeNardis and Jordan May own the title roles in Aladdin Jr. Both Abby and Jordan began their acting careers at an early age. Abby started when she was four years old, being inspired by her Dad's involvement in theatre and being mesmerized by the music, the lights, and the costumes. Jordan was nine when he first got involved in theatre and credits his involvement to his participation in school plays.

Both Abby and Jordan have been able to pour themselves into their character. Abby loves that Jasmine is feisty, independent and confident.

In Abby's own words, "Jasmine can fight for herself and I love that. She, in my opinion, is the definition of 'girl power'." When asked how she identifies with Jasmine, Abby replied, "We both live among men, so we have to be strong confident girls."

Jordan likes that Aladdin has many different aspects to his character: he is a quick-thinking person, which completely disappears the second he has to express



In front from left, Gabriel DeNardis as Iago the parrot and Cameron Playter as Abu the monkey. In back, Daniel Stubbington as Jafar, Meghan Praught as the Genie, Jordan May as Aladdin, Abigail DeNardis as Jasmine and Natalie Gago as the Magic Carpet.

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his real feelings.

Abby and Jordan both really appreciate the artistic team: director Rob Woodcock, choreographer Elizabeth Bell, and music director Dale Wood. When asked how the team motivates them, Jordan says tongue-in-cheek, "Death threats,

bribery, blackmail, you know... the usual stuff. Actually though, we have a phenomenal artistic team working on this show. Our rehearsals have been quick and efficient, and that keeps it interesting. We are blessed to receive such wonderful leadership. Every member of the

team is talented and brings something unique to the show."

Abby says, "Since Rob really wants us to do our best and he believes in us, I want to make him proud. Because Elizabeth is a lot of fun, that rubs off on everyone in the show. Mr. Wood challenges us and that keeps the rehearsals interesting."

It is interesting that both Abby and Jordan's dream roles are from *Les Misérables*. For Abby her dream role is Eponine. "I grew up listening to and seeing her as a big sister that I can look up to," Abby says, "Because I love her music, I would love to play Eponine."

Jordan says he would probably like to play Javert, though he was hard pressed to choose because, "There are so many characters in various shows that I love."

Abby and Jordan, and the rest of the cast would love to entertain you at the upcoming production of *Aladdin Jr.*

Aladdin Jr. is playing at:
 • John Elliott Theatre: April 26 at 8 p.m., April 27-28 at 2 p.m.
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