

Lion King, Jr. CHARACTERS:

RAFIKI - a mysterious and wise mandrill who acts as healer of the Pridelands and guides Simba on his journey home. SOLOS: Circle of Life, He Lives in You, African Chants

ENSEMBLE - the animal inhabitants of the Pridelands (giraffes, elephants, antelopes, wildebeests, grasslands etc.) Strong Dancing & Ensemble Singing Roles. Songs: many

MUFASA - the strong, honorable and wise lion who is King of the Pridelands. He must command respect on stage and show tenderness to his son, Simba. SOLO: They Live In You

SARABI - a featured lioness, Queen of the Pridelands, Mufasa's soulmate and Simba's mother

ZAZU - the anxious, yet loyal assistant to Mufasa, always busy trying to do his duty. Solo Lyrics are spoken rather than sung (a British accent is preferred) SOLO: I Just Can't Wait to be King

SCAR - the antagonist of the show, overcome with jealousy of his brother, Mufasa, and nephew, Simba. This coldhearted, wickedly intelligent dark villain has a very sarcastic sense of humor and will stop at nothing to become king of the Pridelands. SOLO: Be Prepared

YOUNG SIMBA - the protagonist of the story, is an adventurous and endearing cub, the playful, energetic and naive, son of Mufasa. SOLOS: I Just Can't Wait to be King, Hakuna Matata Pt1

OLDER SIMBA - curious, Grown up from a cub, has more complex moments as he reunites with Nala, mourns his father, and returns to confront Scar. SOLO: Hakuna Matata, Endless Night, Can You Feel the Love Tonight

LIONESSES - the fierce hunters of the Pridelands, good singers and dancers. Featured Songs: The Lioness Hunt, The Mourning, Shadowland

YOUNG NALA - spunky, brave lioness and Simba's best friend, not afraid to speak her mind, very confident. SOLO: I Just Can't Wait to be King

OLDER NALA - spunky, brave and more mature lioness who is not afraid to confront Scar, or put older Simba's in his place. SOLO: Shadowland, Can You Feel the Love Tonight

SARAFINI - an obvious leader among the Lionesses, and Nala's mother

BANZAI - *a slick, yet childish hyena who portrays nastiness and gruffness. He works for Scar and would be the leader of the hyenas if he weren't so lazy.*

SHENZI - *tough, sassy hyena who works for Scar. Always looking out for #1, has a long, loud obnoxious laugh and is menacing to Simba & Nala.*

ED - *dimwitted hyena who serves Scar. Since his loud, cackling laugh is his only form of verbal communication, Ed has a highly expressive face and pronounced physical gestures.*

HYENAS - *stinky, mangy animals who live outside the Pridelands, Song: Be Prepared. Can also double as animals of the Pridelands or lionesses.*

TIMON - *sarcastic, outgoing meerkat, afraid of his own shadow, but pretends to be confident. (New York Bronx accent is preferred, charismatic actor who understands comedic timing) SOLOS: Hakuna Matata, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, Luau Hawaiian Treat*

PUBMAA - *gentle, kind-hearted, sensitive warthog who enjoys his simple life of grubs and relaxation. He is a lovable and loyal friend to Timon and Simba, but with a deadpan sense of humor. SOLOS: Hakuna Matata, Can You Feel the Love Tonight, Luau Hawaiian Treat*

SONGS: *(Solos in Bold)*

Circle of Life - *Rafiki, ENSEMBLE*

Just Can't Wait to be King - *Young Simba, Young Nala, Zazu*

Be Prepared - *Scar, HYENAS*

They Live in You - *Mufasa, ENSEMBLE*

Hakuna Matata - *Timon, Pumbaa, Young Simba, Older Simba*

Endless Night - *Older Simba*

Shadowland - *Older Nala*

Can You Feel the Love Tonight - *Timon, Pumbaa, Older Simba, Older Nala*

He Lives in You - *Rafiki, ENSEMBLE*

Luau Hawaiian Treat - *Timon, Pumbaa*

Finale - *ENSEMBLE*