

**Setting the Stage.** Working hard on the set, Ashlee Savie, 8, and Ora Coates, 7, paint a jungle scene for the second act of the show. They did a beautiful job creating a backdrop with intricate detail and helped make the musical the best it could be. *Photo by Espen Erling*



**Break a Leg.** Preparing to for opening night, 8th-graders Soraya Rivera, Espen Erling, and Maya DeSimone warm up with the cast and the rest of the crew. They were getting all their nerves out to prepare the set for a wonderful show. *Photo by Heather Handley*

**Welcome to Paradise.** Celebrating with his newfound friends, Carter Fuglei, 8, as King Julian, parties through his jungle kingdom. He played his character with gusto and took the audience on an adventure through Madagascar. *Photo by Aidan Linn*



**Sitting at Sea.** Journeying off to Antarctica, William Daley, 7, is his penguin companions in a sea shanty. They had a great time while being in this show and really appreciated the work of the tech crew. *Photo by Teagan Downs*

**Center of Attention.** Dancing through the jungle, Cody James, 7, as Alex the Lion, takes the stage with his fabulous performance in the Madagascar musical. He got over his nerves to eat his friends and had fun with them on their tropical adventure. *Photo by Gabby Mancuso*

# BEHIND THE SCENES

## Hard work created memorable Madagascar

When thinking of this year's musical, *Madagascar Junior*, what usually comes to mind is the hard work and talent of the actors.

However, this show wouldn't be what it was without the devotion of our amazing tech crew.

Euclid staged its 7th- and 8th-grade musical Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Directed by Mrs. Alexander, there were 47 actors, singers and dancers and 26 crew members. The musical, based on the popular Disney movie, is about zoo animals that escape and end up on the island of Madagascar.

Both actors and crew worked for hours to perfect every detail and create a memorable show.

There's a lot that goes into the tech crew that a lot of people don't realize.

Cast member Carter Fuglei, 8, said, "The tech crew helped make our costumes amazing. They helped my crown be more comfortable."

From the lights to the sound, the set to the costumes, it's the crew that makes the show come to life.

Cast member Ben Christensen, 8, mentioned that "the crew made sure that all of the actors knew their cues and made it to their places on time."

The show truly doesn't go on without tech

crew.

*Story by Molly Gay*

**I thought that all of the actors did an amazing job. They all played their characters so well and the show was so fun to watch.**

- Lorelai Henckler-Davis, 8



"My favorite moment of tech crew was getting paint dumped on me. It was really funny and cool."

- Emma Lopez, 7



"It was really hard acting in our costumes under the stage lights because it got really hot, but we dealt with it and had a really great time."

- Anna Kates, 7



"I liked the atmosphere during our show. It was fun to work with people who enjoyed the same things as me. We all had fun acting together."

- Raymond Clerhus, 7