

Bringing energy to the stage for performances of ‘Frozen’

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The third-, fourth- and fifth-graders weren’t in costume and their voices weren’t being amplified by microphones, and yet their enthusiasm was off the charts during a recent rehearsal of “Frozen JR.” at Northside Elementary School. Zachary Snow couldn’t hide his enthusiasm for getting to play Kristoff – because he’s only in the third grade. The 9-year-old gets to share the stage with fourth-grader Adlee Hundley as Sven.

“He’s the best partner I could ever have,” says Adlee. During performances, she’ll wear a two-person costume with Brielle Casimir who doesn’t have a speaking role – and is the only second-grader in the cast.

“Frozen” has been seen thousands of times on screen, so Northside music teacher Erin Casimir wanted her students to make this musical their own, she says.

“I think it’s going to be a really good show,” says 10-year-old Caroline Tracey, who plays Elsa. “Everyone’s worked so hard, and I think it’s going to be good.”

With a cast of 47 students and a production crew of nine, Casimir says she was waiting for a group who could handle all that goes into “Frozen” before bringing the stage musical to audiences at Northside.

“There’s a lot of natural talent that we’ve just sort of honed over the years,” she says.

Fourth-grader Fionnlagh Castle says performing in a musical gets him out of his comfort zone, while allowing him to share a stage with a talented cast who are really good because they practice a lot.

“I’ve always loved singing since I was really little,” says fifth-grader Evie Chilton who plays Anna. “So it’s always fun to be able to do that onstage in front of an audience.”

Caroline, who describes singing in front of an audience as an opportunity to express emotion, says it’s a lot of fun being in the musicals at Northside, and she’ll miss being a part of the performances. The fifth-grader says, “I’m also

happy that it’s going to give other people a chance” to play leading roles like Elsa.

Fifth-grader Griffin Rayburn says he listened to Caroline’s advice about how to overcome his nerves. “When you’re in the spotlight,” he remembers her telling him, “you can’t see the audience because it’s shining right in your eyes.”

And that’s true, agrees Evie, because she couldn’t even see the mayor during a performance in third grade.

Performances of “Frozen JR.” in the Northside gymnasium are Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$5 for ages 3-12, and are only available via the GoFan link: gofan.co/app/school/KYEL27244 online. Also, light-up snowflake wands may be purchased for \$10 at the show.



EVIE CHILTON plays Anna in Northside Elementary’s “Frozen JR.” Also pictured, from left, are Azilee Wyrick, Nova Myers and Harper Henton. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



CAROLINE TRACEY plays Elsa in Northside Elementary School’s production of “Frozen JR.” opening Thursday, April 24. Also pictured are Jaylah Ruffin, left, and Harper Stoelb. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



ADLEE HUNDLEY, left, plays Sven with partner Brielle Casimir, behind her, opposite Zachary Snow as Kristoff in “Frozen JR.” at Northside Elementary School. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



SNOW CHORUS members, from left, front, are Clara Langfels, Marley Gordon, Nyla Cash and Analia Byrge; and back, Willa Belleville and Savannah Johnson. (Photo by Bob Vlach)



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