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**FINDING
NEMO** 
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The Beenleigh Theatre Group
production of

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Book, Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Book adapted by
Lindsay Anderson

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by
Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney/Pixar film Finding Nemo written by
Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

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Welcome to Crete Street Theatre, home of the Beenleigh Theatre Group.

BTG celebrates the rich histories of oral and theatrical storytelling.

In doing so, we celebrate the sixty-thousand-year-old storytelling traditions of Australia's First Nations, that carry forward the oldest living culture in the world.

We celebrate the stories of the Yugambah people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we perform, and acknowledge their elders: past, present and emerging.

We celebrate the voices of our First Nations artists; our identities are shaped by the Dreaming, Songlines, and by our stories.



Meet the team!

Director / Production Manager

Jordan Boyd

Choreographer

Hayley Iffland

Music Director

Nicholas Hargreaves

Assistant Director

Ethan Speight

Production Liaison

Daniel Dosek

Costume Designer

Trinette Avery

Costume Assistants

Anita Catton, Anne, Rowena Ryan,
Ainslie Ryan, Angie Baumanis, CJ Avery,
Heather Williamson

Lighting Design

Jordan Boyd, Christopher Art,
Donavan Wagner

Follow Spot Operator

Timothy Avery

Sound Technicians

Christopher Art, Tiarnii Richardson

Microphone Assistant

Bella Dagg

Set & Prop Design

Jordan Boyd, Nicholas Barrett

Set & Prop Construction

Nicholas Barrett, Christopher Art, Ethan
Speight, CJ Avery, Timothy Avery, Anton
Chang

Dressing Room Chaperones

Mary Neild, Alyssa Burnett

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Meet the cast!

Mikayla Paterson as NEMO

Mikayla, 10 years old, has been dancing from age 3 and singing/acting from age 5 with Tahnee and The Treehouse/Cloudland. She loves any chance to perform, always singing and dancing everywhere she goes! She's in Eisteddfod teams and began performing her first Song & Dance solo routine this year. Mikayla recently played Moana in *Moana Jr* (Sky Production) and was super excited to hear she would be playing Nemo in *Finding Nemo Jr* with BTG!

Brock Drinkwater as MARLIN

Brock, 15, returns to Beenleigh Theatre after playing the role of Crutchie in last year's school holiday production, *Newsies Jr*. He studies, drama, guitar, dance, voice and musical theatre. Some of Brock's previous roles include, Drew in *Rock of Ages* (Sonyq Edge Performing Arts), Lucas Bieneke in *The Addams Family* (Spotlight Theatre) and he has recently secured roles in 3 future shows this year. Brock thoroughly enjoys working with Beenleigh Theatre Group and one day hopes to pursue a career in performing arts.

Madison Drinkwater as DORY

Madison has been performing on stage since a young child and has always enjoyed dancing, singing and acting. She is currently studying musical theatre and drama at Sonyq Edge Performing Arts, as well as studying in the dance excellence program at Robina High School. Madison has recently starred as Hilda Kleinmann in a production of *Rock of Ages*, she has also played various roles in other shows including *Elf*, *Fame* and *The Addams Family*. Madison is very excited to take on the role of Dory in Beenleigh Theatre's Production of *Finding Nemo Jr*.

Wyatt Scrimgeour as GILL

Wyatt has had many roles in the past from Les in Beenleigh Theatre Groups *Newsies Jr* to Mr Wormwood in Foxwell Secondary State High's *Matilda*. He was a part of ZigZag theatre for two years and still loves to act. He has also been in Coomera River State School's *Cinderella Rockerfella* as Anastasia the Ugly Step Sister. Most recently, he appeared in BTGs *Jasper Jones* as part of the ensemble.

Lilly-Ann Milhench as CRUSH

Lilly-Ann is 15 years old, she has performed in shows across Western Australia and Queensland, such as: *The Sound of Music* (Von Trapp), *Newsies Jr* (Romeo), *The Addams Family Jr* (Wednesday), *Legally Blonde Jr* (Elle), *High School Musical Jr* (Dancer), *High School Musical on Stage* (Thespian), *Matilda* (Matilda), *Matilda* (Ensemble), *School of Rock* (Ensemble), *The Wizard of Oz* (Glender), *Footloose* (Dancer), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Ensemble/ Dancer), and is currently in rehearsal as the lead of Margie in *Dinner for the End of the World*. While also doing musicals Lilly-Ann also regularly attends local competitions, achieving high results and also studies at Music Industry college.

Emily Stevens as BRUCE

Emily is grateful to be back at BTG for *Finding Nemo Jr*. She is 10 years old and is no stranger to the stage. Emily has been dancing and performing at Cloudland Performing Arts Dance School since she was 5 years old. Since debuting in BTG production of *Newsies Jr* in September last year as Spot Conlon & Featured Dancer, she hasn't stopped. Emily's other theatre highlights include Spotlight Theatre's *Gypsy* as Baby Louise and Sky Management Production's *Moana Jr* as Chief Ancestor, both in May 2023. Emily would like to thank all the staff involved in this production

Jack Stevens as ANCHOR/NIGEL

Jack is a 15 year old performer and this is his first production at BTG. He may be new to this but his love of the performing arts has always been there and now there is no turning back! He has such a strong passion for acting, loves the stage, and on-camera work. Jack takes part in regular acting classes & private lessons at Cloudland/Sky Productions every week. In May 2023, in his first ever musical *Moana Jr* he played the role of Maui. His ultimate goal is to become a professional actor and share his talents in the movie industry.

Hayley Morris as PEACH

Hayley is 14 years old and found her love for the stage at age 7. She has a deep passion for Musical Theatre in particular, and cannot wait to see what the future holds for her in the performing arts. Hayley enjoys performing with her Eisteddfod team, and has recently been involved in a number of shows including Cloudland's *Moana Jr* (Chief Ancestor) & Assisi Catholic College's *Rock of Ages* (Featured Dancer). She is grateful for the opportunity to work with the incredible cast and crew of *Finding Nemo Jr* here at Beenleigh Theatre Group.

Celeste Grounds as BLOAT

Fresh for her stunning performance in Redeemer Lutheran College's production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, Celeste is excited to play the role of Bloat. Celeste loves dance, singing and just being on the stage.

Alex Chang as GURGLE

Alex Chang is in their fifth year at the Crete Street Studio and has participated in acting, musical theatre and speech and drama programmes. Alex also studies drama at Mabel Park State High School, where they are in the advanced placement ATAR stream. A talented cellist, they also study viola and play percussion in the school's highly regarded Drumline. This is Alex's first foray onto the Beenleigh Theatre Company's main stage as part of a Youth Theatre production.

Zoe Clough as BUBBLES

Zoe Clough is a 14 year old who recently discovered her love for musical theatre and acting. She is excited to play the character of Bubbles in this production. Last year, she performed as one of the Bowery Brigade girls in BTG's *Newsies Jr*. After the production she had found a passion for the stage, had begun classes at Crete Street Studios and awaits the many more amazing experiences to come!

Aiden Barbour as CHUM

This is Aiden's second year performing with BTG. Having performed last year in *Newsies Jr* he has added Musical Theatre to his list of passions. This 12 year old has a real love for singing and performing on stage and was recently offered an academic scholarship for high school. He is excited to be a part of *Finding Nemo Jr* playing the cheeky shark Chum as well as various ensemble roles. Aiden would like to thank the support of his family, especially his beautiful Mum.

Alfa Bahati as PROFESSOR RAY

Alfa started performing on stage since 2018, he enjoys dancing, acting and singing. He is currently working since graduating in 2022 as a leader at Mabel Park High. He participated in show cases at his school and also participated in his high school production. He was a multicultural dance leader and is currently teaching and dancing at weddings, community gatherings whilst gaining traction as a social media influencer.

Tina Shafiee as SQUIRT

Tina has been involved with the arts since she was 3. She has done various plays, piano, violin, acting, singing, dancing and drama. Tina has performed in Creative Generation in QPAC, and has always been passionate for the arts.

Eadie Leicester as PEARL

Finding Nemo Jr is Eadie's first production, not including the numerous shows that have been put on for her family at home. She has been a fan of musical theatre for years and currently has the *Hamilton*, *Les Miserables*, *Wicked* and *Mary Poppins* cast recordings on repeat... literally every day. Eadie has dreams of performing professionally and would love to perform in *Wicked*, even though she's yet to see it!

Mackenzie Harreman as TAD

Mackenzie is new to musical theatre but has been dancing with Step Right studio since the early age of 7. Mackenzie is thrilled to be making her musical debut at Beenleigh Theatre Group as both her parents and grandparents have all performed on the BTG stage. Mackenzie is currently doing *JETS* with BTG and enjoying every minute and is already looking forward to the musical adventure in the near future.

Koby Walsh as SHELDON

Koby has studied various forms and dance and performing arts for the past 3 years and was a featured performer at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Carols in 2022.

Sienna Barney as CORAL

Sienna has been acting, dancing and singing from a very young age. Her most recently played roles are, The Cheshire Cat in *Alice in Wonderland* the pantomime, Phoenix Ensemble, Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast Jr* at Rivermount College, Grandma Addams in *The Addams Family Jr*, Phoenix Ensemble. She also attends Performance Studios and has PYP classes at Phoenix Ensemble. Sienna would like to thank all involved with *Finding Nemo* for an amazing experience that she won't forget.

Featured Dancers!

Anabella Bourke

Anabella has been dancing and performing for the past few years. She loves exploring her passion for dance at Dance Mafia where she completes around 15 hours of dance a week. She loves being a part of the performance team and recently became a soloist. She loves singing and dancing and is so grateful to have had this experience in *Finding Nemo*, her first musical production. It's sparked a further drive and she can't wait to explore more musical theatre options in the future.

Blaise Van Der Wende

Blaise has a great passion for dance she has been dancing for 5 years attending Dance Mafia on the Gold Coast in all Genres - Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, Contemporary, Lyrical, Acro, Ballet Gr 5, Broadway Jazz, Musical Theatre. Blaise Dances Competitively across SE QLD both Solo and in Team Events. Her most recent achievement was receiving overall Age Champion at Future Stars Dance Competition. *Finding Nemo* is the first musical production she has been a part of and she is excited for what the future holds for her as a performer in all areas of the Arts.

Chloe Hallam

Chloe is very excited to be performing in her first musical production *Finding Nemo Jr*. She has absolutely loved the whole experience and has learnt so much. Chloe began dancing at 4 years old with Tahnee and Cloudland and she is part of several eisteddfod teams as well as performing in solo, duo and trio routines. Chloe has a passion for dancing and loves to perform on stage. She would like to thank her family, friends and teachers for all their love and support.

Tilly Fraser

Tilly has been dancing and doing gymnastics since she was 2, and has been dancing at Cloudland Dance Studio in Upper Coomera since 2021. Tilly recently played the role of Hei Hei in the musical *Moana Jr*. She also was the lead of the '70's group' in her school production for Wakkakirri in 2021. Tilly is so excited to be performing in *Finding Nemo*!



Reef Ensemble!

Abbey-Rose McDonough

Abbey-Rose is a former gymnast who has always been interested in the performing arts, becoming even more involved after starting high school. This prompted her to audition for *Finding Nemo Jr*, her first ever musical.

Abigail Witham

Abigail is a 14 year old with a passion for singing, dancing and acting. She performed in *Newsies Jr* at BTG in 2022, and *Jasper Jones* at BTG In 2023. She did acting classes in 2021 with Crete Street Studio. She is excited to bring *Finding Nemo Jr* to life alongside the amazing cast.

Ace Simpson

Ace is 10 years old and new to performing on stage. He loves singing and dancing. Ace has enjoyed the rehearsals and cannot wait to perform!

Addison Kallio

Addison has loved singing and acting since she was little. She attends Crete Street Studio and loves her musical theatre classes. After being part of the 2022 *Newsies Jr* production at BTG, she is thrilled to be part of the ensemble for *Finding Nemo Jr*.

Bailey Ryan

Bailey is an 11-year-old singer, actor and musician who is thrilled to return to the BTG stage after her first appearance last year as Michael in *Peter Pan*. Other previous roles include Mrs Darling in *Peter Pan* (PYP), Elsa in *The Rocky Monster Show* (Coomera Springs State School) and appearances in *GAIA*, *Return to Earth* (HOTA), and *Miscast*, *Christmas at GCLT* and *The King and I* (GCLT). Bailey plays Viola, Bass Guitar and Ukulele and has performed at HOTA, and as a member of the choir, strings ensemble, band and drumline at her school. She is truly ecstatic to be part of *Finding Nemo Jr*, and hopes you enjoy the show.

Chelsea Nelms

Chelsea (aged 9) started dancing in 2017 with Elite Dance Academy now with BodyBeats. Her acting debut was in 2019 in *A Cinderella Story* with Stageworx on the Gold Coast. Her many performances have included playing Tweedle Dee in *Alice in Wonderland* & Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*. Chelsea loves acting because she gets to play characters that are totally different to herself in real life.

Holly Nelms

Holly (aged 9) started dancing in 2017 with Elite Dance Academy now with BodyBeats. Her acting debut was in 2019 in *A Cinderella Story* with Stageworx on the Gold Coast. Her many performances have included playing Tweedle Dum in *Alice in Wonderland* & Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*. Holly loves acting because she enjoys the thrill of being on stage alongside her friends.

Cooper Simpson

Cooper is 12 years old and this is his first stage play. He thoroughly enjoyed the audition process and the rehearsals and is excited for the performances!

Declan Maloney

Declan is a talented 12-year-old actor who has been attending drama classes with Beenleigh Theatre Group since he was 10. *Finding Nemo Jr* marks his debut in the world of musical theatre. With a deep love for acting and drama, Declan brings a genuine enthusiasm to all his roles and performances. Declan is excited to be part of the *Finding Nemo Jr* cast and looks forward to creating lasting memories, forging new friendships, and immersing himself in the magical world of theatre.

Frederick Grounds

This is Frederick's first musical production but it certainly won't be his last. He has enjoyed this experience. He loved learning the choreography and meeting new friends.

Liam Ayling

Liam's passion for the performing arts began when he was 8 years old. Since then he has been involved in multiple shows including *Clara and the Realms*, *The Muppet Movie* and *Captain Hook's Revenge*. Liam has also starred in two school musicals as The Oogie Boogie Man in *Imagination* and Alex in *The Zombie Apocalypse*. He is grateful for the experience with being part of the cast of *Finding Nemo* at BTG and is excited for where this will lead for him in the future.

Mackenzie Knyvett

Mackenzie has been a member of Crete Street Studios since 2021. She takes acting and musical theatre classes on a weekly basis. Outside of Crete Street, Mackenzie also takes dance and singing lessons. *Finding Nemo* is Mackenzie's second production with BTG. Mackenzie loves all things theatre and hopes to one day pursue a career as a stage manager.

Nyteah May Hall

No performance history submitted.

Zara Thomas

Zara is a charming 8-year-old superstar with an infectious sense of humor! When she takes the stage, her charming smile and captivating voice are matched only by her witty jokes and funny antics. She is part of her school choir. She loves to dance and sing and hopes to be famous doing that one day. With her sparkling talent and side-splitting humor, Zara lights up every room she enters!

Amelie Iffland

Amelie has been dancing and performing since the age of 3. She is so excited to be performing in her first musical production with BTG.



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