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## Glorietta Elementary's Production of Disney's 'The Little Mermaid Jr.' Opens May 15

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Glorietta Elementary School cast of "The Little Mermaid Jr." Photo provided

Glorietta Elementary School presents its spring musical, Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." on May 15 and 16. Based on the Disney film and the Hans Christian Anderson story, "The Little Mermaid Jr." is a journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends. This tale of a magical underwater kingdom follows a beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, as she tries to leave her ocean home and her fins and live in the world above. Ariel's adventures include defying her father, King Triton, making a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and her romantic encounters with Prince Eric to convince him that her enchanting voice is the one he has been seeking. The score includes hit Disney songs such as "Part of Your World," "She's in Love," and the Oscar-winning "Under the Sea."

The production is directed by music teacher Ron Pickett, with the assistance of parent producers Betsy Shandalov, Susan Jordan and Kathryn Ishizu.

There are two student casts, comprised of approximately 90 students along with a student tech crew. The production is primarily funded by parent contributions and the Glorietta Parents Club, with additional support from Orinda Arts Council and EFO. "The Little Mermaid Jr." takes place at Glorietta Elementary School, 15 Martha Road, at 4 and 7 p.m. Friday, May 15 and at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16. Tickets for the Friday and Saturday performances (all reserved seating) will be available in advance online at www.showtix4u.com. Tickets may also be available at the door prior to the show.

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