



## November 2023 BIGLITTLE Alumni News Roundup

Thank you for the lovely feedback regarding the October Alumni Roundup. We are delighted to bring you all of the alumni news that we have celebrated on social media during November 2023.

As we approach Christmas we have been spotting people getting into the festive spirit!



**Finan McKinney** led the MacDonaldis Christmas advert dressed as a shark (check out the eyebrow lifts), and **Diana Chrisman** (Porter), voiceover for KIA adverts, gave their Christmas advert a special touch.

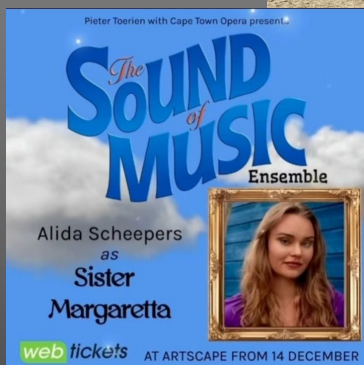


Of course, all those that we mentioned in our 'October Roundup' selected for Pantos and Christmas Shows have been rehearsing hard in November and we wish them well for their opening nights (and look forward to seeing the pictures!)



This month we saw the lovely **Sophie Bailey** (Clarke) head off on more adventures when she was signed as a vocalist on the Spirit of Discovery (Saga Ocean Cruises) and enjoyed the mesmerising vocals of **Diana Chrisman** (Porter) who released her new demo recording.

A Polish edition of **David Fenne's** book was released, and **Alida Scheepers** was cast as Sister Margaretta in



The Sound of Music with Cape Town Opera and Pieter Toerien Productions. It is hard to believe that she is only just making her musical theatre debut after all the amazing performances she has been part of with Cape Town Opera!

Not all BIGLITTLE Alumni go on to pursue a career in the arts, and this month we were absolutely delighted to celebrate the amazing achievements of **Zadie Ward** who has graduated with a Masters of Science in Psychology, with no less than a Distinction!

Zadie reflected that '*BIGLITTLE was such a massive part of my life and gave me so many skills and friends that I take with me into all new parts of my life*'.





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BIGLITTLE Patron and Honorary BLAST Member **Nigel Richards** was seen recording alongside BIGLITTLE Alumni and BLAST Trustee **Lottie Clitherow** at Mill Hill Recording Studios (we can't wait to hear more about their entirely new musical in a week), and he caught up with **Jack Kiteley, Sam Trotman** and **Theo Bracey** at the London School of Musical Theatre where he was visiting as a guest practitioner.



The Marsham Court Hotel in Bournemouth not only has BIGLITTLE Alumni **James Doherty-Box** (Dixon-Box) as it's Operations Manager, but also **Belle Kiteley** and **Ashlie Hayes** (Former BIGLITTLE Staff) as part of the team. November saw them scoop up a number of amazing awards at the 2023 Destination Management Board Tourist Awards (Gold for Business Tourism, Silver for Transformation and Innovation, and Silver for Team of the Year) - we are so delighted to see them doing so well!



**Tilly Mae** released her new single 'Get a Little Angry' on 17th November, with it now selling on all major platforms such as Amazon, Boomplay and Apple, and **Mark Houston** with his band **Out at Sea** released their official music video for 'She Knows Who'.



We also spotted **Dylan** performing in the Bournemouth areas with the **Dylan Ross Jazz Collective**.

It is wonderful to see such talent being enjoyed by so many.



Inez Budd's dream came true as she came face to face with her self on a West End billboard!



As we head into December, we wish all the BIGLITTLE Alumni well in their respective shows and gigs, and look forward to some cheery Christmas Pics for our December Roundup!

