



Time for an encore with previously featured stars

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It's been nearly 13 years since the first Close-ups column appeared in Newsday. So it's about time to see what some of the performers who've been featured are now up to. These three performers are proof that Long Island is a fertile breeding ground for future stars.

JACKSON PARKER GILL
11, Islip

THE GIG He's the understudy for the Little Boy in "Ragtime" at the Vivian Beaumont Theater on Broadway.

HIS STORY When he was interviewed in 2022 while appearing in "A Christmas Story" at the John W. Engeman Theater in Northport, Jackson said his goal was "to be an actor on Broadway" when he got older. He didn't have to wait long: He's already done four performances of "Ragtime" and is scheduled to appear again in the musical on Feb. 22 and March 14. Jackson's favorite part is getting to be in the 10-minute opening number and also getting to don costumes from the early 20th century. "They're comfortable and I love the glasses," he said. "I think they look pretty good on me."

WHAT'S NEXT "One of my goals is being on a TV show, like for Disney," Jackson said. "And I want to be on a Broadway cast recording."



MATT PARIS
29, Lynbrook

THE GIG For the past 18 months, he's been a swing performer in the "Seinfeld" musical parody "Singfeld" at Off-Broadway's Jerry Orbach Theater.

HIS STORY Paris had recently graduated from the University of Miami and was waiting tables while making the rounds of auditions in 2019. His restaurant job days are over and, yada, yada, yada, he's since appeared in regional productions of "The Sound of Music," "The Addams Family" and other musicals. For "Singfeld," he has to cover several characters (though not Jerry or Kramer). "It's a really specific skill set to maintain all of that information when you don't go on for weeks or months at a time," he said.

WHAT'S NEXT In addition to trying to land an agent, he's preparing for an industry reading this spring of an original play written by a friend. "It will be very cool to do a brand-new piece and originate a role . . . and to do something very weird and different and outside of what I normally get to do," he said.



CRYSTAL CIMAGLIA
Dix Hills

THE GIG Her show "The Power of Love — An Intimate Tribute to Celine Dion" comes to Staller Center for the Arts in Stony Brook Saturday at 8 p.m.

HER STORY Much has happened to Cimaglia since she was profiled in 2018. She got married; moved to London; had a son, Charlie, 7 months ago, and now she's headlining at Staller Center. The show came about after she attended a concert at the venue featuring composer and record producer David Foster and his wife, singer Katharine McPhee. "He does a bit where he asks if there are any singers in the audience and if they would be brave enough to sing and he would accompany them with his band," she said. Cimaglia got picked and impressed Staller Center director Alan Inkles who booked her.

WHAT'S NEXT She's in the early stages of preparing an album, and adds, "I would love to participate in one of those reality shows, like 'The Voice.' . . . I think it would be so cool."



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