



Zawadi
"Festival Of The Lion King"
Disney's Animal Kingdom Theme Park

Show Description:

"Festival of The Lion King" is an African-inspired celebration of the music from the animated feature film. Performed in a 1500 seat theatre in the round, this large scale, high energy production features singers, dancers, acrobatic tumblers and specialty performers.

Character Description:

ZAWADI (*pronounced zah-wah-dee*)

Zawadi is one of four singers in the production. This charismatic group not only performs the familiar songs from the film, they also act as hosts for the show.

Zawadi is fun, earthy and vivacious. Her onstage confidence and sassy stage presence make her one of the strongest personalities of the group.

She performs "*Circle of Life*".

Script:

Greetings everyone, and welcome to the "Festival of The Lion King". Time for introductions. My name is Zawadi. "Zawadi" is Swahili for "The Gift".

(reacting to the audiences chuckle) I said "the gift"...

(with a playful, dismissive tone to the audience) And I suggest you all best back off the attitude!

Simba and the gang are going to be here any minute now, and to make them feel welcome we are going to greet them like animals. You, my friends, are going to be the Warthog section! So let's see everyone put those fingers up to be their tusks (*ad lib encouragement for audience participation*) and let's hear everyone make a warthog sound- One, Two, Three!

(Reacting to audience participation) That is the most disgusting sound I ever heard- I love it!

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Circle of Life

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F Fsus F B \flat /F

From the day we ar-rive___ on the pla - net and

C/F F Dm Gm

5 blink-ing step in-to the sun___ there's more to see___ than can ev-er be seen,___ more to

E \flat Csus C F B \flat /F

9 do than can ev-er___ be done. There's far too much___ to take in___ here, more to

C/F F C/E Dm

13 find than can ev-er be found. But the sun rol-ling high___ through the

Gm E \flat Csus C

16 sa-phi-re sky___ keeps great and small on the end - less round.____ It's the cir-cle___ of

F Gm/F F E \flat /F

19 life, and it moves us all___ through de-spair and

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23 hope_____ through faith and___ love 'till we find our

27 place_____ on the path un - wind - ing_____ in the

31 cir - cle,_____ the cir - cle of life._____

Chords: B \flat , C m/B \flat B \flat , C7sus, C, F/A, D7, G m, B \flat m6/D \flat , F/C, Csus, B \flat /F, F

Circle of Life Part 2

35 (vocal adlib) - - - - - It's the cir - cle of life, and it moves us all

39 _____ through de - spair and hope_____ through faith and

love 'till we find our place._____

43 (BGV reference) Love_____ 'till we find our place on the path un-wind -

Chords: E, D/E, A, A/B, B, B, B/A, G, D/E, E

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Am C m6 G/D C/DG/D Am/D B m7(b5) C G

(Zawadi adlibs) - - - - -

47 - - ing in the cir - cle, the cir - cle of life. Circle of life!

G7 G/B G7 C Dsus7 C/DG

(continue adlib)

53 In the cir - cle, in the cir - cle, in the cir - cle, the cir-cle of life!

G7 G/B G C C/D D/E A A

(continue adlib)

57 In the cir - cle, in the cir - cle, in the cir-cle, the cir-cle of life!

E/G# F#m D A E/G# F#m D A

(continue adlib)

62 The cir-cle of life! The cir-cle of life!

(ad lib ending)