WEST SIDE JUNGLE

 Zebras-The Sharks

Maria

Anita

Conchita

Tigers-The Jets

Tony

Riff

Action

 Giraffes X 3-Drama Queens

Monkeys x3-Hip-Hop Dudes

Lionsx3-Spiritual leaders of the Jungle

Performing License- *Prologue (instrumental) Jets & Sharks-West Side Story
Star Wars theme*

*“Celebrate” by Kool and the Gang*

*“I’ve Had Time of My Life”-Dirty Dancing soundtrack*

*” Its oh so quiet”- Bjork.*

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*As audience enter SFX of Jungle noises & birds.*

*Stage lights low with camp fire and trees.*

*All cast in animal groups positioned around the hall. Tigers go back stage.*

*House lights off.*

*Music; Prologue (instrumental) Jets & Sharks-West Side Story*

*Giraffes enter to the tree. Monkeys enter to CS.*

*Zebras slowly walk to the watering hole on the stage area and start to drink.*

*During the music the Tigers click and creep up into a group.*

Riff Hey, Action, look at those stupid zebras!

Tony Stupid but tasty!

Action Lets get them!!

Tony Hey, take it easy buddy boy. We gotta play it cool.... real cool.

Riff This ain’t neutral territory. We are the Kings of the Jungle and it is our right to eat those Zebras

Tony I know

Riff Are you scared of Zebras Tony? We gotta show em whose on top. A gang that don't own the jungle is nothin’!

Action Lay off him, I know Tony like I know me, I guarantee you can count him in.

Riff In, Out... Lets get cracking!

Tony We don't have time to lose. So, play loose, play cool...

*As the music builds the big cats circle the zebras the roar loudly causing the zebras to panic.*

They get into pairs and fight, Anita & Conchita escape with only Maria left.

Action Go for the weak one!

*Maria is circled by the big cats. The Big cats all stop except Maria and Tony who end up facing each other and walk towards each other.*

*Music fades.*

Tony: You’re not thinking I’m someone else?
[Maria](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000081/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I know you are not.
[Tony](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000937/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): Or that we've met before?
[Maria](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000081/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I know we have not. I am the zebra they call Maria.
[Tony](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000937/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): And I’m Tony the tiger. I felt, I knew something never before was going to happen, had to happen. But this is so much more.
[Maria](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000081/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): My hooves are cold.
Tony: My paws are cold too.

*PAUSE*

[Tony](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000937/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): But you’re a Zebra.
[Maria](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000081/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): But you’re a lion.
[Tony](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000937/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): It's so much to believe. You're not making a joke?
[Maria](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000081/?ref_=tt_trv_qu): I have not yet learned how to joke that way. I think now I never will.

*As the music builds up again Riff & Action circle Maria & Tony who are still.*

*Just as they are about to pounce on Maria Tony stands in front of her and gets in their way.*

Tony: STOP (roars)

Riff: Excuse me buddy boy, but that’s our dinner!

Action: What are ya doin Tony?

*PAUSE*

Tony: I’ve fallen in love with her!

Riff & Action: WITH A ZEBRA!

Tony: I know it sounds crazy.

Action: You know this ain’t allowed.

Riff: We catch the zebras, we eat the zebras...Badabing Badabong!

Tony: Can we leave Maria out of it, there are plenty of other zebras to eat. I’m askin’ for a big favour guys.

*PAUSE*

Action: You know who we need to ask!?

*Everyone bows as The Lions enter to Star Wars theme.*

KING of the Lions: (roars)

I sense a disturbance in the force

L2: Master, Tony the Tiger has given in to his weaker feelings. He is requesting a union between himself and Anita the Zebra.

L3: You know this is not permitted. This is not the circle of life.

*PAUSE*

Tony: I cannot see her stripes, I only see a beautiful creature.

L2: But if we allow this once, it sets a bad

example.

L3: What next? A flamingo and a leopard? An antelope and a hyena?!

KOTL: I will allow the union to take place

All the animals: WHAT!!

KOTL: I will allow it and the hunting will cease for one night only. I want to be entertained! We will celebrate and when the sun rises our jungle ways will return to normal.
This is my final offer.

*All the animals look at Tony*

Tony: Maria?

Maria: A few hours with you is better than nothing.

Action: Riff, tell the giraffes and the monkeys we want to be entertained!!

 Anita Maria, What is happening?

Maria I feel pretty, oh so pretty!

Conchita She is not making any sense.

Anita Maria, can you hear me?

Maria Anita, Conchita...I’ve fallen in love. With Tony the Tiger.

*PAUSE*

Anita Maria, a boy like that, he’ll eat your brother. Forget that boy, go find another.

Conchita One of your own kind, stick to your own kind.

Maria Its too late. One day soon we plan to marry.

Conchita I aint never gonna get married, too noisy.

Anita You aint never gonna get married, too ugly.

Maria The Lions have declared tonight a hunting free night and the giraffes and

monkeys must put on a show for us. Until sunrise we are safe Anita.

Anita Are you sure you know what you are doing? I’m worried about you.

Conchita I just cant wait for the show.

*Action sits on the floor by the fire. Tony & Maria sit separately. Riff informs the giraffes and monkeys.*

*Giraffes enter.*

G1 Can you believe this? They are ordering us to perform like we are puppets?

G2 I must warm up first. *(Starts Stretching)*

G3 Exactly sweetie. They simply don't

understand the creative process we need to go through.

G2 Well darling, they are the Big Cats and you know how it works out here.

G1 And it has come to this! Oh the shame.

G2 Look, pull yourself together. Whether its at the Serengeti Opera House or downtown Sahara we perform and we always perform our BEST!

G1 But it’s so Am Dram.

G2 The show must go on and I’m going on, with or without you.

G3 You’re right. Let’s show these big cats who the Oscar winners are in the jungle. There won’t be a dry seat in the house!
G1 That’s disgusting!

*Monkeys enter CS.*

M1 Yo my Aces. Whats crackin? Those Giraffes think they are all that.

M2 To my Scooby doo, that crew were slammin’!

M3 To break it down their freestyle was fly with lots of flava.

M2 True Dat. I’m thinking we gotta dip and get to the crib on the down low.

M1 Iz you trazy!? If we chill and no half steppin’ we will be the best jamming crew in this patch.

M2 My bad my aces. We have a fly freeze and your moves are off the meat rack.

M3 So, no beefing. I got your back and lets slam dunk this show.

ALL High Five.

*Everyone dances to ‘Celebrate’ by Kool and the Gang*

*The dance finishes and Tony sees Maria sitting on her own and walks over to her.*

*Music “I’ve Had Time of My Life”-Dirty Dancing soundtrack*

**Tony** No-one puts my Zebra in the corner!

*Tony & Maria dance then the Lions and Zebras gradually join in. Then Monkeys and Giraffes. Everyone bows.
Maria and Tony say goodbye.*

*Music” Its oh so quiet”- Bjork.*

*Music finishes, the sun rises and all the animals except the lions and tigers return to eating trees, drinking from the watering hole and grazing.*

*The tigers and lions roar loudly walking slowly up to the giraffes, monkeys and zebras. They run off stage with the big cats chasing them.*

THE END