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Spanish Star Esteban Oliver to Make Broadway Debut in *The Lion King*



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It's an honor and a privilege, a duty I perform! Broadway's *The Lion King* is set to welcome a new Zazu to the New Amsterdam Theatre. Spanish star Esteban Oliver will make his Broadway debut as the opinionated hornbill majordomo. Oliver will replace current star Jeffrey Kuhn beginning April 1 and make history as the first Spanish actor to play the role on Broadway.

Oliver joins the *The Lion King* directly from the Spanish production. His other stage credits include *Mamma Mia!*, *Beauty and The Beast*, *The Producers*, *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Victor/Victoria*.

The Lion King became the fourth longest-running Broadway show in history on November 30, 2013. Going 16 years strong, the musical surpassed the record previously held by the original Broadway production of *Les Miserables*. In addition to Kuhn, the show currently stars [Aaron Nelson](#) as Simba, [Chantel Riley](#) as Nala, [Alton Fitzgerald White](#) as Mufasa, Tsidi Manye as Rafiki, [Gareth Saxe](#) as Scar, Fred Berman as Timon and Ben Jeffrey as Pumbaa.



The Lion King

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