

WOODFORD THEATRE YOUNG ARTISTS

Woodford Theatre Young Artists (WTYA) are a selected ensemble of musical theatre students exposed to professional and intensive training, performance opportunities and growth experiences, designed to strengthen their talents and prepare them for pursuing musical theatre in college and professionally.

WTYA train weekly with acting, vocal and dance professionals, and receive private vocal training and master classes. This select group will participate in community events, educational travel opportunities and special performances. The WYTA curriculum focuses on discovering multiple disciplines, a variety of musical theatre dance styles and acting techniques, vocal performance, music theory, sight-reading and overall musicianship.

WTYA COMMITMENT

Selected WTYA students must commit to a nine-month contract, beginning August 2016, and ending April 2017. The ensemble will meet weekly on Sunday evenings anywhere from 4:00-8:00pm, with additional performances and special event rehearsals. We will be performing *Elf jr.* on Saturdays in December as part of The Woodford Theatre's something extra season. We will be attending the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta, Georgia January 14-16. Our Spring Showcase will be in April. Parents will be given sufficient notice of performances, community events and travel opportunities. A current schedule is at the bottom of this document.

WTYA FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- **Membership Deposit:** \$150 (due August 1, 2016)
- **Tuition Payments:** \$150 (September, November, February, March, April)
- **Fees include:** Weekly training and rehearsals, master classes, two private vocal lessons, group costume (e.g. T-shirt and jazz pants) and group registration for educational trips, other costume fees. **Fees do NOT include:** dance/jazz shoes and individual travel expenses.

SCHOLARSHIPS-

There are two scholarships available. The scholarships will be awarded based on need and talent potential. Scholarship students are required to put in 20 volunteer hours for the theatre. Please inquire if you need a scholarship.

JTF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

- Student and Chaperone **participation fee-** \$235
- **Hotel Fee-** \$150 per person (approximately)
- **Bus Travel Fee-** \$90
- Some fundraising may subsidize these costs.

WTYA INSTRUCTORS

Vanessa Becker Weig, Woodford Theatre Education Director/ Director WTYA
Alyssa Sturgill- WTYA Music Director
Emma Becker - WTYA Asst . Director
Patrick Garr-Dance Instructor/ Choreographer
Jordan Guffey- Dance Instructor/ Choreographer
Brittany Benningfield, Private Vocal & Master Class Instructor

Special Guest Artists

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCE POLICY

We take attendance and punctuality very seriously. If cast we will explain our attendance policy.

REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

Rehearsals are traditionally Sundays between the hours of 4- 8pm. Extra rehearsals may be scheduled before performances or trips.

Scheduled Sunday Rehearsals

- August 21, 28,
- September 11, 18, 25
- October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
- November 6, 13, 20
- December 4, 11, 18
- January 8, 22, 29
- February 5, 12, 19, 26
- March 5, 12, 19, 26
- April 2, 23

Other currently scheduled rehearsals, performances, and fundraising opportunities:

*NR- not required

- **October 15-Goblins Galore (all day) NR**
Fundraising opportunity through Lexington Parks and Recreation
- **October 22 7:30 pm- Addams Family NR**
Halloween Pre-show to introduce troupe
- **October 29- Thriller Parade NR**
Fundraising Opportunity through Lexington Parks and Recreation
- **Elf jr Tentative Additional Rehearsals (hopefully we won't need all of these)**
November 7-10, November 14-17, November 21, 22- 4:30 -6:30 pm
November 27- December 1 - Tech week Elf Jr 4:30-6:30 pm
- **Misc. December Dates *Sing for Your Supper*- Caroling Fundraiser NR**
- **Junior Theatre Festival (JTF)**
Festival: January 13-15
Rehearsals: January 3-5 and 10, 11
Send off performance: January 12
- **Tentative Spring Showcase**
April 29, 30 - Performances
Rehearsals: April 25-28