

MVCCT Audition Information

Disney's

NEWSIES

A Musical based on the Disney Film

Director: William Murray

Music Director: Amy Conley

Audition Overview:

- Ages 8-18
- January 9 or January 10 from 6-9pm
- Callbacks will be held as needed on January 12 from 6-9pm.
- Bryant High School - 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Choose one 15 minute audition slot from the available appointments and plan to arrive 10 minutes prior to that audition time. After the audition, actors are free to leave. Auditions are closed, parents and/or peers will not be allowed to watch.

Actors should be prepared to sing 30 seconds of a Broadway-type song of their choice. However the song may not be from NEWSIES. An accompanist will be available and actors are encouraged to bring sheet music, though it is not mandatory. If the actor doesn't have a song prepared, singing "Happy Birthday" or another familiar tune is acceptable.

Sides (short pieces of text) will be provided for auditioners to read for their acting audition, and accommodations will be made for auditioners who are concerned about their reading ability. Memorizing a monologue in advance is permitted, but is not expected or required.

Casting:

- Casting calls will be completed by 6pm on Saturday, January 14.
- Only those cast will receive a phone call.
- Please do not call the office.

- All others will receive an email notifying them that the casting decisions have been made. E-mails will be sent once all of the calls have been made.

Rehearsals:

- Rehearsals will take place at Bryant High School, unless otherwise noted and communicated in advance
- Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 6pm- 8:30pm
- January 17- March 9, 2023
- Tech week rehearsals are daily from March 13 -16, from 5pm-9pm. No absences are allowed during this time period.
- This is a general overview of the schedule. The director will communicate the final rehearsal schedule.

Cast members are expected to attend all rehearsals for which they are called, and to be on time and prepared unless ill. Please note that three unexcused late arrivals or absences will result in re-casting. MVCCT expects that among those cast, this production will be their first priority after schoolwork.

Performances

- All performances are held at Bryant High School
- March 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 7pm
- March 19 and 26 at 3pm
- Call time for performances will be determined by the director.

COVID:

All participants must be vaccinated. Rehearsals and performances are mask optional. MVCCT will follow all FCPS COVID guidelines.

Fees:

MVCCT is a non-profit organization and private fundraising efforts and government grants cover only a portion of our expenses.

- There is a participation fee of \$300 for those cast, which is due at the parent meeting. Need-based scholarships are available.
- Other incidental expenses to anticipate may include a set-build opt-out fee, possibly purchasing dance shoes, socks, and a cast party fee.

Parents:

Without your valuable help, this show wouldn't happen!

- Parents are expected to volunteer with both pre-production (costume collection/construction; set construction/painting; poster distribution, etc.) and in- production (helping backstage; makeup; cast party, etc.) activities.
- OPTION - If neither parent is able to attend one of the set-build dates you may buy-out this requirement for \$75. This money will go towards hiring someone to help complete the set or to paying the school for extra build time. Please tell one of the producers at the parent meeting if you intend to use this option.
- Please note, there is no buy-out option for in-production volunteer hours. To ensure the best show possible, and to be fair to all who audition, please be sure you can commit to these guidelines.

Parent Acknowledgment

My child and I understand that MVCCT rehearsals need to have first priority, after schoolwork, for the time period January 14, 2023 to Sunday, March 26, 2023.

If my child is cast, I understand there will be a participation fee of \$300 per person. I also understand that this fee is due at the parent meeting taking place mid-January at Bryant High School (date and time TBD).

I understand that MVCCT expects parents to assist in pre-production activities (costumes collection, set construction, etc.) and in-production activities (selling refreshments, makeup, cast party, etc.). These will be explained further at the parent meeting.

Parent Signature _____

Actor Name (please print) _____