



PARENT WELCOME PACKET

Children's Theater Project





WELCOME PARENTS

Hello and welcome to the Children's Theater Project (CTP) and Youth Theater Project (YTP)! We're so excited to have you with us this season.

Theater isn't just about lines, songs, or costumes—it's about building confidence, sparking imagination, and creating a community where every child belongs (with a little glitter and laughter along the way).

By stepping into the spotlight—or helping behind the curtain—your child will:

- ☀️ Build self-confidence
- 🎨 Stretch their imagination
- 👏 Learn teamwork and collaboration
- 🗣️ Strengthen communication skills
- 🧩 Sharpen problem-solving skills
- 😄 Experience joy, fun, and lifelong friendships

Thank you for trusting us with your child's creative journey. We can't wait to see the magic they bring to the stage!



THEATER PROCESS

Auditions are where the magic begins! Each performer will have the chance to sing and act in front of our production team



Remember, auditions aren't about being perfect—they're about showing us your spark, energy, and love for the stage.

CHILDREN'S THEATER PROJECT (CTP) – AGES 5–12



Our younger actors learn the basics of theater through “plays with music”—adapted Broadway and TV musicals designed for children. They’ll explore singing, dancing, acting, improvisation, and stage movement in a supportive, playful environment.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

Auditions are fun and friendly! Each performer will have a chance to sing and act in front of our production team.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Vocal Portion: Prepare about 16 measures (30–45 seconds) of a Broadway or Disney song that shows off your voice and personality.

- ⚠ Songs from the show may not be allowed. Check with director.
- ❌ No pop songs.
- ✅ Bring your music cued up if you’re using a track (or sing a cappella).

Acting Portion: Auditioners will read a short scene from the show. Don’t worry—scene copies are provided, and kids will have a little time to prepare. Directors may ask them to read different roles just to see range.

The goal? To see their spark—not perfection!

YOUTH THEATER PROJECT (YTP) – AGES 13-18



Our teens dive deeper into the craft by exploring all aspects of theater: lighting, sound, set design, costumes, choreography, makeup, tech, and stage management—while also honing their acting and performance skills.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

- **Plays:** Teens prepare and deliver a short monologue of their choice, then read scenes with other actors.
- **Musicals:** Same as CTP auditions—16 measures of a Broadway/Disney song (not from the show being auditioned for), plus scene readings.

As with children's auditions, directors may mix things up with role assignments.

CASTING ✨

We believe every role matters. Leads, ensemble, tech crew—every single part makes the show successful. Our directors look at enthusiasm, energy, and personality just as much as audition material. The chorus and crew are training grounds for future lead performers, and everyone gets the same instruction and opportunities to grow.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our productions sparkle because of parent support! Here's how you can help:

Costumes 🧥

Help find, sew, fit, or organize costumes so each performer looks their best. You don't need to be a master tailor—sometimes it's just finding the right jacket or hemming a dress.

Props 🎩

Track down or help make items used on stage (think baskets, books, lanterns, etc.). If you love thrifting, crafting, or hot glue guns—this is your jam.

Set Builders 🛠️

Help construct, paint, and move set pieces. Handy with a hammer or just willing to paint? We need you!

Photographer/Videographer 📷

Capture rehearsal moments, tech week, and shows (with challenging lighting and lots of moving kids). We also love short videos for social media.

Backstage Help 📺

Keep things running smoothly behind the curtain—help with quick costume changes, calming nerves, or making sure props are ready to go.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Room Parents (Musicals Only) 🧑🧑

Help supervise younger cast members, especially during rehearsals and backstage. Think of yourself as part cheerleader, part camp counselor.

Concessions 🍿

Assist with selling snacks and drinks before the show and during intermission. Bonus points if you like chatting with theatergoers.

Ushers 🧑🧑

Greet audience members, hand out programs, and help people find their seats. A friendly smile required!

Tech Week Meals 🍴

Organize, purchase, and serve meals for our hard-working cast and crew during tech week. Everyone's happier with full stomachs!

If you'd like to volunteer, email us at manager@ctpytp.org

Volunteering is optional, but highly encouraged. We offer a tuition discount with a minimum of 9 hours volunteer work per child.





REHEARSALS

Saturdays, 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

- Students should bring: script, pencil, water bottle, and comfy clothes they can move in.
- Dance shoes/sneakers recommended (no sandals or Crocs).

Conflicts: Please bring your conflict calendar to auditions. We'll do our best to accommodate, but be aware that excessive conflicts may affect casting decisions.

STAY CONNECTED

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✨ HERE'S TO A SEASON FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, CREATIVITY, AND STANDING OVATIONS. WELCOME TO THE CTP/YTP FAMILY!