

## **Ellington Community Theatre presents: Disney's *Newsies!***

We expect this year to be full of fun and joy as Ellington Community Theatre returns to the stage!! Participants and parents/guardians- please review and initial the following basic expectations for participating in the show:

\_\_\_ In order to facilitate a safe return we will follow some basic health protocols.

- If you are feeling sick, please stay home. If you are experiencing Covid-like symptoms, please take a test before returning to rehearsals.
- Frequent, thorough handwashing is encouraged and hand sanitizer will be available at all rehearsals and back stage during the show
- Vaccinations are not required
- Masking may be required at times at the discretion of the creative team and Board of Directors

\_\_\_ Please check your email daily for rehearsal/show announcements. We also post many announcements to our Facebook page so please make sure to follow us! The director may also choose a communication app (such as Remind or What's App) and we hope everyone will use it to facilitate good communication!!

\_\_\_ We have a tight rehearsal schedule and a large cast, so attendance at rehearsals is essential. The basic schedule is Monday-Thursday evenings from 4:00-7:45pm. You will not be needed for the entire time every night depending on your role, but the larger your role the more essential your presence is! If you will miss more than 2 rehearsals in June PLEASE contact us ASAP. If you entered expected absences on your registration sheet we will contact you if there is a problem.

\_\_\_ A full rehearsal schedule will be made available at auditions, and will also be posted online. Please minimize any missed rehearsals in the months of July & August. **Everyone** is needed during tech week (August 1-4). In order to put on a great show we need everyone at their scheduled rehearsals. If you miss too much rehearsal time we may need to re-cast your role.

\_\_\_ Parents/Guardians of children entering 1st-6th grade are expected to stay at rehearsals in order to supervise their child(ren). Rehearsals will not always include all participants at the same time, as we will need to focus on certain scenes/songs/dances at different times. Every scheduling effort is made to minimize "downtime" in rehearsals, but it is part of the process. Please stick around, and have your child bring a quiet activity for when they are not rehearsing.

\_\_\_Parents/Guardians of older children- you are not required to stay at rehearsals. Please be sure to pick up your child on time at the end of the rehearsal, as we are required to leave the building on time.

\_\_\_Parents/Guardians should help their children succeed by encouraging them to practice lines, songs and dances at home. Parents are also welcome & encouraged to take part in the show!

**Children entering 1st - 3rd grade** will have the opportunity to participate in one or two big scenes from the show on one or both show nights. For the rest of the show, they will be seated in the front of the audience. We will need a parent or guardian for each family to sit with their child during the show and supervise them when not on stage.

\_\_\_If your child has special needs, please make the director aware of anything we need to know to help your child succeed and have fun! Please be sure to make us aware of any allergies. A medical form will be available at auditions.

\_\_\_Participants should always bring a full water bottle and a snack (where allowed) with them for rehearsals. If snacks are not allowed in the rehearsal space, please be sure to eat beforehand. We are a nut-free organization so please do not send snacks that contain nuts.

\_\_\_Participants should be ready to work hard individually and as a team, doing their part to make this show the best it can be!

I, [Name]\_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand these basic expectations, and I agree to follow them. [Sign]\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian name & signature (for children under the age of 18)