

Treasure Valley Youth Theater - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does this program cost anything?

A: A materials fee of never more than \$200 (usually between \$50-65) is requested per cast member to cover the cost of a t-shirt, script and cast supplies – cast members may be asked to supply their own costume accessories, a few make-up items, etc. But any foreseeable expenses will be communicated in advance and will always be within reason.

Q: Is everyone cast?

A: Unfortunately, due to the number of roles needed for a show, space and resources, we are only able to cast between 25-60 youth. However, we do encourage anyone interested in theater to continue to audition for shows (we produce an average of 3 a year) AND check out all the great theater training programs offered through Treasure Valley Children's Theater.

Q: What if I don't have any training in acting, or singing, or dancing (or any combination of the three)?

A: NO PROBLEM! We will train you! This program is all about learning something new.

Q: What do I need to prepare?

A: Each production is different. It's important to read the audition announcement carefully and prepare as instructed. We can also offer audition coaching, if needed.

Q: How many rehearsals are 'reasonable' to miss?

A: The directors would prefer that you never miss rehearsal; however, we are reasonable people and understand that families balance lots of scheduling demands. We ask that actors not miss more than 3 rehearsals.

Q: What if I have a schedule conflict during one of the show times, can I still audition?

A: You are always welcome to audition, but if your schedule conflicts with a show, you will not be cast in the production.

Q: I didn't schedule an appointment, can I still audition?

A: Yes! If a slot is open when you are here, we will get you in.

Q: I really just want to help out with tech stuff back stage.

A: AWESOME! Please fill out an audition form and give it to the helper at the check-in table. Our Stage Manager will contact you if we have a need for backstage help.

Q: How will I know if I'm cast?

A: We typically complete casting decisions within one week of auditions. We will email the casting decisions to everyone who auditioned AND we will post the list on our website: TVYouthTheater.org.

Q: Do I have to have taken a class with Treasure Valley Children's Theater or have been in a previous Treasure Valley YOUTH Theater, Inc. production to be considered for a role?

A: Absolutely not. The directors make casting decisions based on the following:

- Passion. Does this young person genuinely want to put in the time and work to produce great theater?
- Time. Does this young person (and their family) have the ability to make the time commitment required?
- Attitude. Does this young person have a positive, supportive and inquisitive disposition? We want to work with kids that want to work with us.
- Talent. Every kid has talent. Does this young person display an aptitude for performing arts?
- Opportunity. We have been privileged to work with some extremely talented young people and while we love every single one of them, we don't always have a part for them. And it may be someone else's turn to do some theater and life-skill learning.

Q: If I'm not cast, can I work backstage?

A: We don't always have a need for backstage help, but when we do we like to make that known at the time of auditions. Backstage helpers may assist with set painting, props, costumes, stage management and so on. If you are interested in helping please indicate this interest on your audition form. We won't be able to use everyone but we will certainly consider you!

Q: I've done Missoula Children's Theatre programs in the past. Is this program like that?

A: No. Treasure Valley YOUTH Theater, Inc. is a local organization dedicated to empowering youth through theater arts training. Our programs are designed to provide a well-rounded approach to theater and teach important life skills. Participants can expect to learn about budgeting for a show, fundraising, marketing, creating the set, costumes, props, and even a little directing!