



2020 – 2021

JUNIOR MARQUIS PRODUCTIONS

Mission and Goals

The goal of Junior Marquis Productions is to allow students in grades 2 – 5 an equal opportunity to perform in a musical theater production. It not only offers a place to grow as a triple threat performer and build self-esteem, but focuses on professionalism training first and foremost. Students will be cast in roles after auditions for the spring musical. They will learn and perform different styles of musical theater dance throughout the year. The required courses for Marquis Productions are designed to enhance students' performing experience as well as their skills in all three areas of dancing, singing, and acting. This company also begins the process of instilling professional company "measures" and "tactics" to prepare them for performing professionally.

Required Events

- Perform in one full-length musical production in May 2021
- Attend the all-day in-house dress rehearsal at DPA a week before the performance date from 11:00AM to 6:00PM.
- Attend the technical/dress rehearsal at the theater (West County YMCA) the night before the performance date from 4:00 to 10:00PM.
- Perform in all recital shows in June 2021 (including dress rehearsal)
- This year, our normal local performances will not be required due to covid, but highly encouraged if we can do them safely and if you feel comfortable.

Age Requirements

- Performers for Junior Marquis Productions must be in grades 2 – 5 as of September 1, 2020.
- Junior Marquis members must sign up by June 30, 2020.

AUDITIONS

Junior Marquis members will audition in early October 2020 to determine their specific roles in the spring musical.

Required Fall/Spring Classes

MUST BE REGISTERED for Fall/Spring Classes by SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

- **Junior Company Members are required to take:**
 - Kids Musical Theater Dance (2nd grade)
 - Youth Musical Theater Dance and Youth Drama/Voice (Grades 3 – 5)
 - ALL are encouraged to take either a Ballet or Jazz Class
 - Weekly Company Rehearsal on Thursdays (6:30-7:30PM)
- **Junior Marquis Boys** are only required to take rehearsal class on Thursdays and pay monthly performance fees (and the one-time registration fee). Any additional classes you may elect to take will be billed at the regular DPA tuition schedule.

Students are encouraged to take additional elective classes beyond their required classes to increase technique, help condition, and become a more versatile performer.

Attendance

- Attendance for scheduled rehearsals is required by all performers.
- Students are only allowed **3 EXCUSED** absences each semester of Marquis.
- Absences must be discussed in advance and as soon as possible.

- If missing due to an illness, please email Miss Debbie at dpa.debbie@gmail.com.
- **Three UNEXCUSED** absences will result in being pulled from certain numbers in the show.
- Students must sign the sign-in sheet for all rehearsals (this includes rehearsals at the theater during show times as well).
- **STUDENTS MUST BE OFF BOOK (LINES, DANCES, AND SONGS MEMORIZED) BY THE RETURN OF SPRING BREAK.**

Rehearsal Attire

Students are required to wear appropriate clothing to class rehearsals.

Required Performance Uniform *(required to participate in additional performances)*

- Approximate cost range: \$100 to \$150

Must order these items by October 1st (if needed)

- Performance leotard
- Tan Jazz Shoes
- Black Leggings
- Black shorts (optional for fall/winter, required in the spring/summer)
- Optional Team Jacket (\$100) – ordered at beginning of the year

Fees/Expenses (DPA registration fee of \$25 and regular tuition fees apply for classes.)

Fees/expenses will be kept to a minimum, but extra incidentals may be incurred throughout the year and may include costumes, transportation, entrance fees to events, etc. Advanced notice will be given and, if needed, payment schedules will be worked out.

- Tuition is due on the **FIRST** of each month. Failure to pay may result in removal from the Company.
- Monthly Performance Fee - \$30

Rehearsal and Show Protocol

- All performers will sign in on the sign-in sheet upon arrival to all rehearsals and shows (this includes weekly Marquis rehearsals).
- Costumes will be assigned prior to the show and must be fully accounted for at the end of dress rehearsals and shows.
 - No performer will be allowed to leave dress rehearsals or shows until each performer's costume pieces, shoes, accessories, etc. are accounted for which can add about 20 minutes onto the night, but it will teach more responsibility, teamwork, and most importantly, train them for the professional world which is the goal of Marquis Productions.
 - To help with these new procedures, each performer will have a personalized laundry basket for tossing his/her costume pieces and shoes in as we go through dress rehearsals/shows to help keep things from getting lost. At the end of the night, the re-hanging of costumes will be easier and less stressful.
 - Performers will leave all costume pieces hung in costume bag.
 - Performers will leave all hair accessories in smaller container (to be provided).
 - Performers will leave all shoes needed for shows in their laundry baskets.
 - All of these steps should make for a smoother show with a less stressed-out performer.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM (where all announcements, music, and videos are posted)

- Use any email that is not a school email.
- Password to join is: b4ikzh7

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Parents will be asked to volunteer for the following spots for any given show:

- Concessions
- Costume Crew
- Prop Crew
- Backstage Help (quick-change helpers, organizing baskets and costumes as show progresses, etc.)
- Set-up and Clean-up crews



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Participation Signature Page

I have read and understand the policies and guidelines laid out in the Participation Contract. I agree to abide by all rules and requirements and understand the consequences if not followed. By initialing the google form provided, I am agreeing to all the rules and requirements of JR Marquis for 2020-2021.

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Additional Forms to be completed include the Parent Signature Packet located here.

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