



# 2022 – 2023

## 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 one full-length musical production in April OR May 2023. (This year is Beauty and the Beast)
- Perform at Cheer For Charity at Lafayette High School on Sunday, November 13th, 2023
- Attend the all-day in-house dress rehearsal at DPA a week before the performance date from 10:00AM to 6:00PM.
- Attend the technical/dress rehearsal at the theater (West County YMCA) the night before the performance date from 4:00 to 9pm.
- Perform in all recital shows in June 2023 (including dress rehearsal)

In addition to the above events, there are other highly-encouraged performance opportunities throughout the year.

### Age Requirements

- Performers for Junior Marquis Productions must be in grades 3 – 5 as of September 1, 2022.
- Junior Marquis members must sign up by September 1, 2022.

### AUDITIONS

Junior Marquis members will have an "audition" during rehearsal to learn the process of audition for a musical. If they would like to be considered for a role outside of the youth ensemble, they will need to attend the audition night with the SRs. Date and time tbd (usually end of September/early October).

### Required Fall/Spring Classes

***MUST BE REGISTERED for Fall/Spring Classes by SEPTEMBER 1, 2022***

- **Junior Company Members are required to take:**
  - Youth Musical Theater Dance
  - Youth Drama/Voice
  - Ballet or Jazz
  - One-hour weekly Company Rehearsal on Thursdays (time (TBD))
- **Junior Company Members are highly encouraged to take:**
  - Ballet and Jazz
  - Any other elective classes (Tap, Hip Hop, Tumbling, Contemporary, etc)

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](mailto:dpa.debbie@gmail.com) and Miss Wendy at

[schoolofmusick@gmail.com](mailto:schoolofmusick@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 dance clothing to rehearsals. Please have a hair tie with you on dance nights as well. Your hair should be pulled back for dance numbers.

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

*Your **performance leotard and leggings** will be stored in the DPA costume closet throughout the year. This will help us avoid the "I forgot mine at home" excuse on the day of shows or performances.*

Approximate cost range: \$100 to \$150

- Performance Leotard
- Performance Leggings
- Appropriate dance shoes as needed
- Black Shorts (for under costumes)
- Nude Leotard (for under costumes)
- Optional Team Jacket (\$100)- ordered at beginning of the year

### **Fees/Expenses** (DPA registration fee of \$30 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 small costume pieces, transportation, entrance fees to events, etc. Advanced notice will be given and, if needed, payment schedules will be worked out.
- Tuition and the Monthly Performance Fee of \$35 are due on the **FIRST** of each month. Failure to pay may result in removal from the Company.
- A one time Costume Fee of \$75 due February 1st
- A one time Prop Fee of \$25 due February 1st
- Ticket Sales- Each family (not performer) is required to sell 10 Tickets the Musical - \$100
  - Each family will be charged for the tickets not sold. (*ie* If you only sell 5, you will be charged for the other 5.)

### **Rehearsal and Show Protocol (Petites will be assisted by a member of SR Marquis)**

- 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 their costume bag.
    - Performers will leave all hair accessories in a 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.

### **Practice Videos**

All announcements, music, and videos are posted to the Marquis Band account.

## **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

# **Join Junior Marquis!**

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