



AUDITION INFO

In collaboration with Central Missouri Repertory, Center Stage Academy announces its 12th annual summer youth theatre production, *Aladdin, Jr.* The senior cast will be directed by Jennifer Renfrow and the junior cast will be directed by Meridith Sauer with production staff from Center Stage Academy. Auditions are open to all young people ages 7-18 in Warrensburg and the surrounding communities. Please review all the information provided in this packet. If you have further questions, please call 660-747-6133.

AUDITION INFORMATION

- When:** **Saturday, April 14** 9:00-noon (estimated end time) (8:40-FREE WARM-UP WORKSHOP- ALL ACTORS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND) Check-in begins at 8:15 (Auditionees will finish at different times and can call parents to pick them up.)
- Where:** **Center Stage Academy**
349 SE DD Highway
Warrensburg, MO 64093
- Attire:** *Auditionees should dress for success in clothes that make them feel confident and enhance their individual personality. It's important to dress nicely and have a polished appearance so that directors know that you take the audition seriously.*
- Preparation:** All students should prepare a song and monologue. More info in the Audition Materials. Additionally, each child needs to bring a completed audition form (available for download.)

Audition Format

Upon arrival to the audition, each actor needs to check in, receive a number that should be pinned to their clothing, and have their photograph taken. Auditions will begin with the whole group learning and performing a short dance combination (dance experience not necessary). Then actors will perform their prepared song and monologue for the directors in number order. As soon as they are finished with songs/monologues, students are free to go. Please note the 8:40 WARM-UP WORKSHOP-All students are encouraged to attend this free workshop to help release those audition jitters and receive helpful tips to having a great audition!

Callbacks

Callback auditions will be **Wednesday, April 18.** A callback is a list of students that the directors would like to hear read or sing again for specific parts. A callback list will be posted on our website in the evening of Sunday, April 15. Only those performers listed on the call back need to attend this part of the audition. Remember, just because you are not called back does NOT mean you haven't been cast in the show. The callback is simply an opportunity for directors to have additional readings for specific roles with a select number of actors.

Additional Audition Information

Auditions will be closed (meaning only children auditioning will be allowed in the audition room). Parents can wait in the lobby or can drop children off and pick them up at the time listed above.

As with all auditions, there will be some children who are not cast in the production. It is important to understand this before auditioning and for parents to help prepare their children for this possibility. We try to include as many actors as possible but logistically there is only room for a certain number of performers on the stage. It is our goal to cast the best actor for each role while considering the many factors that influence

casting: singing (quality and range), acting (character, diction, timing, projection, etc.), dancing (character movement and skill), height, physical appearance in relationship to others being cast, connection to the audience, ability and willingness to take direction, respect for directors and other performers, and overall attitude.

PRODUCTION INFORMATION

NEW THIS YEAR! We will be forming 2 separate casts of Aladdin, Jr., a senior cast (grades 8 & up) and a Junior Cast (age 7-6th grade). 7th graders may be selected for either cast depending on the casting needs of each show. Each cast will receive the same high level of production quality that Center Stage provides and performances will alternate casts between June 21-24. The junior cast will have 3 performances and the senior cast will have 4.

Performances

June 21-24, 2017 at the Highlander Theatre (UCM Campus) Times TBA

Rehearsals

- June 6 & 7—Read Through and Music Rehearsals: Times TBA
- June 11-15—Rehearsals at Center Stage: Tentative times-10-4pm (all performers)
- June 18-24—Rehearsals/Performances at Highlander Theatre: Times will vary based on what scenes/songs need the most attention

In order to help families plan transportation and activities, rehearsals from June 11-15 will be from 10am-4pm every day at Center Stage. All actors will be called for the entire time. During this time, in addition to rehearsing, actors will receive instruction in stage makeup, improvisation, costuming, prop making, set design and more! This format provides the actors a broader view of what it takes to produce a show while simplifying the rehearsal process! As we move into TECH WEEK at the Highlander Theatre beginning on June 18, actors will be called for specific times. By this time, actors will have a clear understanding of what their role is and what parts of the show they are in. For example: *Arabian Nights* will rehearse on stage from 10-noon, run-through with full cast 6-9pm.

Because the rehearsal process is so short, attendance is absolutely necessary at every rehearsal. On the audition form there is a place for you to put your known conflicts between these dates. If we know now, it is possible to accommodate minor conflicts. However, if we feel your conflicts will be too difficult to schedule around, you will not be cast in this production. Conflicts that come up after casting has been posted or rehearsals begin will not be considered in scheduling and you will be expected to be at the rehearsal.

Production Fee

Each cast member (regardless of part) is required to pay a production fee of \$230. This fee is used directly to offset the cost of show licensing, script rental, orchestration rental, costumes and technical elements of the production. The production fee also includes a show t-shirt for each cast member and 2 free tickets to the show. The production fee will be due in two payments. \$115 will be due by May 1 and \$115 due at the first rehearsal on June 6. Payments may be in the form of cash, check, Mastercard, or Visa and can be dropped off at Center Stage Academy or mailed to 349 SE DD Hwy, Warrensburg, MO 64093.

Casting

The cast list will be posted at Center Stage Academy and on the Center Stage website on or before Monday, April 23, 2018. Please do not call the studio for casting information.