

Welcome to the Helen Hayes Youth Theatre's Summer Stock 2008

We need each participant in the program to fill out 2 forms:

1. Contact Form
2. Waiver form

You can download these forms at our website: [www.helenhayesyouththeatre.com](http://www.helenhayesyouththeatre.com)

Please return these forms to: HHYT, PO Box 395, New City, NY 10956 no later than June 26.

We are looking forward to beginning another intensive, creative summer experience and this summer is especially exciting because we will be returning full-time to our theater home, Riverspace Arts, in Nyack. Putting together an entire musical production in two weeks is fun, intense, creative and crazy. Why do we do it? Because we love musical theater and we especially love sharing our musical theater experience with young actors. This is an intensive project and we need everyone involved to give 100%. So, please come to rehearsal prepared to work AND play hard.

Please bring the following items to rehearsal everyday:

1. Your script - We'll give you your script, but you must remember to bring it each day and rehearse with it each night
2. A pencil and a highlighter - To mark your lines and make director's notes
3. Comfortable clothing that you can move in and shoes that you can dance in. Please do not come to rehearsal in flip-flops, backless sandals or shoes with heels.
4. Bag lunch or money to buy lunch
5. A mid-day snack
6. Water or other beverage

#### REHEARSAL:

All programs meet Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 4:30pm.

There is no rehearsal on Friday, July 4.

WEEK ONE: The FIRST week of rehearsal will take place at our studios located at 142 Main Street in Nyack. The studios are not visible from the street. Look for the blue awning of the Franklin Antique Center on the corner of Franklin and Main Streets. There is a parking lot adjacent to the antique center. If you walk to the rear of that parking lot, you will see our door at the back of the building.

The SECOND week of rehearsal will take place at Riverspace Arts located at 117 Main Street in Nyack.

TELEPHONE: Please call the Youth Theatre office at (845) 826-2049 if you have any questions concerning the program. If you need to reach your child during rehearsal, call their rehearsal location. Or, email us at: [helenhayesynt@aol.com](mailto:helenhayesynt@aol.com)

#### A TYPICAL DAY:

We have a lot to accomplish in a very short time so we are very organized and efficient about how we spend our precious days. A typical day consists of learning the music, choreography and blocking the show (that means where each actor stands during a scene). Our studio facility consists of 4 studios. Each cast has a creative team which consists of a director, choreographer and musical director as well as several college-age

production assistants, a stage manager, costume designer, lighting board operator and sound board operator. You might start the day in Studio 1 having a costume fitting, and then run back to Studio 2 to learn the choreography for a production number, then off to Studio 3 to learn harmony to a new song. During the second week of rehearsal, there will be many more costume fittings, building of lighting cues, setting up of mics and, as the week progresses, run-throughs of the production. Members of the cast also move scenery and help with quick costume changes. Theater is a team sport. Every member of the cast is an essential member of our ensemble and we need everyone's help to create a professional show.

There are times when you will be waiting while we fix a lighting cue or work on cleaning up a number. There will be other times when you will be helping someone practice his or her lines. We organize the day so that each actor is as busy as possible, but sometimes there will be times when you are waiting. In order to keep everyone as busy as possible during these times, we will offer a short dance class, vocal training, an acting class or we might play theater games.

**DROP OFF TIME:** All classes and rehearsals will begin promptly at 10:00am. Please drop off your child between 9:30am and 10:00am every day. If you will be arriving late, please let us know so that we can organize our rehearsal schedule appropriately.

**EARLY DROP OFF\LATE PICK UP:** Our production assistants will be available for early drop off and late pick up. The hours of this service are 9:00am to 9:30am and 4:30pm to 5:00pm. We will offer the morning service ONLY if there is need, so please let us know by emailing us at: [helenhayesyt@aol.com](mailto:helenhayesyt@aol.com)

**PARKING AND PICK UP AT THE STUDIOS:** Please do not park in the private parking lot adjacent to the studios. Those spaces are owned by the condo dwellers next door and they are very unfriendly if they come home and cannot park in their allotted space. Instead, please use the numerous metered parking spots on the streets.

#### **LUNCH & SNACKS:**

If we receive written permission from a parent/guardian, students may buy their lunch in the town of Nyack either with or without a college aged production assistant as a chaperone (see enclosed form). Lunch in Nyack is a perk for our suburban kids. Approximately 75% eat lunch in town. All other students must bring a bag lunch. Production assistants will also be chaperoning the students who eat in the studios. There is a vending machine in the studio that sells water, juice and soda. Additional forms will be available in the studio throughout the program if you would like to change your lunch plan.

**COSTUMES:** We will provide a costume for the performances. However, children will be responsible for their own shoes and socks. Once we have cast the show, we will tell you what type of shoe you will need. We also request that each performer have something to wear underneath their costumes. Girls should wear a tan or white sleeveless leotard and boys should wear a white v-neck t-shirt. You can purchase shoes and leotards

online or at many local shoe stores, but two local dance shops are offering a discount to Helen Hayes Youth Theatre kids. Central Ave. Dancewear, (845-735-7859), 25 W. Central Ave, Pearl River, NY is offering an 18.5% discount and also carries an economy jazz shoe. Backstage Boutique, (845-359-0106), 27 Route 303, Tappan, NY is offering a 20% discount.

#### PERFORMANCES:

All performances take place at 7:00pm on the final Friday and Saturday evenings of each session. Running time of each show will be 75 minutes with no intermission. On the final Friday of each session, we will rehearse from 10:00am through 5:30pm, have a short dinner break, get into costumes and perform the show. Therefore, on the final Friday of the session you will drop off your children at 10am and pick them up AFTER the Friday evening performance. All performances will take place at Riverspace.

#### TICKETS:

Tickets for all performances can be purchased at the Riverspace box office, which will be open during rehearsal hours or online at: [www.riverspace.org](http://www.riverspace.org). Tickets will be available one month before the performance. All seats are general admission.

#### DVDs and PHOTOS:

DVDs of each performance will be available for purchase. Order forms will go home during the second week of rehearsal. A professional photographer will take photos during dress rehearsal. CDs of those photos will be on sale during performances.

It is our greatest pleasure to have the opportunity to work with your talented kids this summer.

See you soon,

The Staff of the Helen Hayes Youth Theatre