

AUDITION INFO FOR OYP's **Addams Family** (6th grade & up)

Addams Family

Possible Show Dates: October 29 and 30 and/or Nov 5 and 6.
(no Friday night shows)

Auditions: Saturday, August 6
6th and 7th (2:30-3:15) 8th and up (3:30-5:00)

Once you sign up you will get an email with details on the auditions including song selections to be familiar with. Auditions will be GROUP style for this show.

ABOUT SHOW DATES: Because we know fall is busy, we are going to wait to finalize show dates until we have more details on how it will be cast and cast availability. If you see you have a conflict with a SHOW, you will need to notate that clearly on your form. Double casting is a possibility and we might be able to work it out for you to miss a show – although we can't guarantee it. IF we have sellouts and need to add show dates, those will be added the weekend of November 12-13. By auditioning you understand that double casting can be complicated and if it doesn't work out, you may not be able to be in the show.

The Audition process -- the 4 criteria for casting

- 1) Singing ability and/or dance technique if applicable
- 2) Characterization/Stage Presence
- 3) Availability/conflicts
- 4) Behavior/Attitude

CASTING: *Casting at OYP is impartial and is based on the above four criteria. We pride ourselves on the ability to cast the shows appropriately and hope that everyone understands how hard we work on this aspect. All casting decisions are final and are not open to discussion, or individual meetings after the cast list.*

IMPORTANT: By auditioning for this show, you are saying that you want your child to be a part of this show in any capacity, role, etc. It is important to explain this policy to your child as well. Your reaction and how you as the parent present information to your child will vastly influence how your child views this part of the process. Finally, please remind them that there are always more shows to come even if they do not receive the role they had hoped for. Roles are highly specialized— meaning we are sometimes looking for a certain “type” for a role. Some of these factors are out of your control but must be considered in the overall casting process.

Although we consider casting a serious business, we remind everyone that being a part of OYP is more than just what roles you receive – it's about the fun times, the friends made, and the experience of working toward a big production to be enjoyed by all!

Rehearsals, Scheduling and Conflict Calendars

How often you'll have to rehearse depends on what role your child is cast in. Once we have cast the show, we will look at all the conflict calendars (see below for more on conflict calendars) and try to find the best time for each group to rehearse where we can have everyone there. **A rehearsal schedule will be sent via email after the cast list is posted.**

DOUBLE CASTING: Sometimes cast members are double cast, which means they share a role or ensemble part with another person or group. If this is the case for your child, it will be clearly noted on the cast list.

Conflict Calendars – important!!

When filing out your calendars, please give the actual nature and time of the conflict. Write clearly the time you cannot rehearse and allow for travel time. If you write 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, we will assume you can rehearse before 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. on. **NO CONFLICT ADDS AFTER CAST LIST IS UP:** Once your conflict calendar is turned in and the cast list is up.

DRESS REHEARSALS: Dress rehearsal week begins Saturday, October 22. Dress rehearsals are mandatory unless a conflict is cleared prior to casting. As mentioned earlier, sometimes younger kids only have dress rehearsals on 1 or 2 of the four days so sometimes there is flexibility for younger cast members that week.

Attendance Policy

ATTENDANCE POLICIES FOR REHEARSAL: It is imperative that everyone shows up for their scheduled rehearsals. Only conflicts that we know up front on your conflict calendar will be considered excused (except for illnesses or emergencies).

Participation/Costumes Fees

PARTICIPATION FEE: To continue to offer high quality productions at OYP, we must be able to financially support them. We do not get any government support and ticket sales alone do not cover the numerous expenses of doing a show. **Therefore, there is a \$175 participation fee to be in the show.** We do give a significant discount for siblings in the show. For two children, it will be a total of \$225, and for three children, \$275. **Leads may need to pay an additional rental fee for costumes – up to \$50.**

This fee helps cover things like show rights, theater operating expenses, costumes, props, sets, backdrops and staff and orchestra for the show. In addition, OYP has regular operating expenses throughout the year that have to be covered by our show income. We truly appreciate our OYP families. Without your financial support, OYP would not be able to continue its mission.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Sometimes you may be asked to purchase accessory items like shoes, tights, etc. In this case, they are yours to keep. All rented costumes are property of OYP. Sometimes costumes are provided from home—we will let you know if you need to provide anything.

Parent Volunteer Information & Final info

Every child who is cast has to have at least one family member make a volunteer commitment. There are many ways to volunteer. A google document will be emailed with sign ups at a later date.

TICKETS: All seats are reserved. No refunds or exchanges and only cash or checks for tickets. We will email the cast in advance when tickets go on sale. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors.

TURNING IN AUDITION FORMS: Please take time either before or after your audition to fill out and turn in your audition form and conflict calendars. **We must have forms BEFORE we can cast you in the show.**

CAST LIST date –. A cast list will be emailed to the address you list on your form by Wednesday August 17. If the cast list will be delayed for any reason, you will be notified via email. We plan to start rehearsals for leads August 19-21.

Thanks again for auditioning!
Terra and Shane Hannon, OYP Artistic Directors