



AUDITION INFO

In collaboration with Central Missouri Repertory, Center Stage Academy announces its 13th annual summer youth theatre season, *Legally Blonde Jr.* (grades 8 & up) directed by Jennifer Renfrow and *Willy Wonka Jr.* (age 7-8th grade) 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 6** 8:30-noon (estimated end time) Check-in begins at 8:00am (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

Workshop: All actors age 7-5th grade are invited to a FREE Audition Prep Workshop at Center Stage on Wednesday April 3 from 2-3:30pm. Help calm your audition nerves and learn what to expect at the real audition!

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.

Callbacks

Callback auditions will be **Monday, April 8** and **Wednesday, April 10**. 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 7. 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 producing 2 separate shows, a senior cast (grades 8 & up as of Fall 2019) of *Legally Blonde Jr.* and a Junior Cast (age 7-8th grade as of Fall 2019) of *Willy Wonka Jr.* Rising 8th 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 21-23. The junior cast will have 3 performances and the senior cast will have 4.

Performances

June 21-23, 2019 at the Highlander Theatre (UCM Campu) Times TBA

Rehearsals

- June 5 & 6—Read Through and Music Rehearsals: Times TBA
- June 10-14—Rehearsals at Center Stage: Tentative times-10-4pm (all performers)
- June 17-23—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 10-14 at Center Stage will be as follows:

- Junior Cast: 8:30am-12:30pm—all performers; 1:00-4:00pm—principal roles, small groups as needed.
- Senior Cast: 10am-4pm—all performers

During this time, in addition to rehearsing, actors will receive instruction in many aspects of theatre! 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 17, 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: *The Candy Man* 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 \$250. 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. \$125 will be due by May 1 and \$125 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 15, 2019. Please do not call the studio for casting information.