

What Parents Should Know

How will my child benefit from this experience?

The primary goal of MCT – indeed, the organization's mission – is the development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts.

How long are the auditions?

The auditions will take place inside of ***The Lincoln Theatre on July 22, 2024, at 10:00 AM.*** The auditions last two full hours. Each child who attends the audition will need to be present for the entire two hours. ***Parents are allowed to be in the theatre during the audition.*** At the end of the two-hour audition, each child will receive their part and rehearsal schedule for the week. Depending on their part, some of the children will stay for their first rehearsal immediately following the audition.

Should the students prepare anything for auditions?

No preparation is needed. Our team of actor/director will guide the children through the audition process with easy-to-follow instructions on basic movement, lines, and song. At the end of the two-hour audition, the cast will be announced, and each cast member will receive a rehearsal schedule for the week. We rehearse a total of 4 ½ hours each day, two-2 hour sessions with a lunch break in between. Although not all cast members are needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. ***The rehearsals are closed, only the cast members will be present.***

How long are the shows?

Each show is approximately 60-70 minutes in length – there is no intermission.

How much are tickets to the show?

The price for admission to the show is \$5 and tickets, purchased at the door. The performance is on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at 3:00 PM and the theatre doors will open at 2:15 PM.

What happens if my child gets sick during the week?

We understand that illness may occur during the week and the Tour Team will try their best to accommodate a missed rehearsal due to an illness. However, due to the short timeframe the cast has to prepare for the performance, if your child is out for more than one day it may not be possible for them to still participate in the role that they were cast.

Do your teams have background checks?

Yes. With our more than 37 years of touring internationally, visiting nearly 1,300 communities and working with 65,000 children annually we take our hiring practices very seriously. Each individual on our touring staff goes through an arduous process of interviews, reference checks, criminal background checks and fingerprinting – both background checks and fingerprinting are completed by a nationally recognized company. Just as we can assure that every child within our cast is safe with our staff, this same assurance is extended to the homestay families.