

Theatre Arts Performance Troupe

Theatre Arts Performance Troupe is an elite group of vocalists that can also dance, who will perform at up to 20 events throughout the year such as Mayfest, Oktoberfest, Assisted Living Centers, the Children's Hospital, Winterfest, the Broken Arrow Christmas Parade, and more! Troupe meets during the school year to rehearse for upcoming appearances in a pre-professional setting. Troupe members will be expected to have very high level of class discipline and commitment.

There will be three different age groups for the 2021-2022 season:

Petite Troupe (Ages 5-7) – Participation in this troupe will be by *invitation* only.

Junior Troupe (Ages 8-11) – Participation in this troupe is by *audition* only.

Teen Troupe (Ages 12 & up) – Participation in this troupe is by *audition* only.

Requirements

Dance Classes: If selected, Troupe members must be enrolled in a dance class at Theatre Arts during the school year and the summer class session. This is in addition to their weekly Troupe rehearsal.

Private Voice Lessons: Private voice lessons are strongly encouraged (but not required) for Troupe members. Not only does the student gain extra training in vocal technique, they will also be eligible for additional performance opportunities as many of our Troupe performances will have the need for vocal soloists. Troupe members will only be considered for vocal soloist spots if they are enrolled in private voice lessons at Theatre Arts.

Class Attire: For Troupe rehearsals, students are required to wear all black dance attire. This includes, but is not limited to black leotards, dance shorts, leggings, etc.

Parent Meeting

There will be a parent meeting at Theatre Arts on Friday, May 14th at 6:30 pm for all interested families. There will also be a zoom meeting option for families that are not able to attend. Please let us know if you would like the Zoom link.

Auditions

Auditions will be held on Monday, May 24th at Theatre Arts. Students should have a 1 minute song prepared to sing with CD or iPod accompaniment. Dance clothes and appropriate dance shoes are also needed as students will be taught a short dance combination. Students should also come with their Troupe Audition Form completed. The audition form is attached as the last page of this packet. Audition times are as follows:

Ages 8-11 5:00-6:00 pm
Ages 12 & up 6:00-7:00 pm

Audition pre-registration through the Theatre Arts family portal is required and now open and there is a \$10 audition fee for all auditioning. All students auditioning should come with their audition form (included in this packet).

** Participation in Petite Troupe is by invitation only. Invitations will be sent out the week of June 1st.*

Expected Schedule

Troupe members will have anywhere from 8-12 performances throughout the year and troupe members will be expected to be at *all* performances. Swings may be chosen to cover roles in the case of an emergency, but absences from Troupe performances should only be in the case of a true emergency. There will be many holiday performances in the months of November and December. Please take this into consideration prior to auditioning. Sometimes performances will come up with little notice as the community occasionally invites us to perform at the last minute. We will be sure to notify all families with as much lead time as possible before performances. Over the summer, students will have a one week intensive choreography session where troupe members will learn much of their troupe material instead of meeting weekly. During the school year, troupe members will rehearse at least one to two hours a week in addition to their required dance class. There is also always the possibility for extra weekend rehearsals when needed.

Financial Commitment

Troupe monthly tuition: \$50/month

Costumes:

Students will have 3 costumes for Troupe throughout the year. Costume prices are as follows:

Fall Troupe Costume- \$100 (Payment due by September 1st)

Christmas Troupe Costume- \$75 (Payment due by October 1st)

Spring Troupe Costume- \$100 (Payment due by March 1st)

*There may be additional accessory fees such as earrings, hats, etc. These costs will be kept to a minimum.

Choreography/Admin Fee:

There will be a \$100 choreography/admin fee per student due on August 1, 2021 & January 1, 2022. These fees go to cover the choreography fee, costume design, music editing, booking of events throughout the year as well as the instructor's time at the events.

Optional purchases: There will be additional purchase options in August such as Troupe jackets, Troupe bags, etc. These purchases will be completely optional!

Theatre Arts Performance Troupe Audition Form

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student's Name _____

Age _____ Birthday _____ / _____ / _____ Grade in School (in the fall) _____

How many years have you studied:

Voice: _____

Dance: _____

Musical Theatre: _____

Other: _____

Why do you want to be a troupe member? _____

During the *school year* I am **NOT** available for weekly troupe rehearsals at the following times:

PARENT INFORMATION:

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Email Address (audition results & all troupe information for the year will be sent here):

Alternate Email Address(es) (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Additional Phone Number _____

CONFLICTS:

Summer Conflicts (please list all shows, camps, vacations, etc. so that we can plan summer rehearsals accordingly): _____

School Year Conflicts (there will be another opportunity to list conflicts in August, but please list any you are already aware of): _____

****Please take the time to fill out this form entirely. This information will be used for scheduling purposes.***

2021–2022 Theatre Arts Performance Troupe Student Contract

These are the policies and procedures of the Theatre Arts Troupe. Each student and parent must agree to abide by these terms in order to participate in the 2021–2022 Theatre Arts Troupe. By signing this contract below, both parties agree to its contents, which are as follows:

Attendance

- Troupe members are permitted **3 excused** absences per semester. Excused absences must be approved in writing BEFORE the missed rehearsal. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis. However, any absences exceeding the allowed 3 excused may result in the member being removed from specific numbers or dismissed from Troupe entirely. These absences will also be taken into consideration during the following year's Troupe auditions.
- Troupe member acknowledges the importance of their individual dance technique class(es). Troupe members with less than 75% attendance in their required technique class may be removed from Troupe at the directors' discretion. This will be strictly enforced.

Commitment

- Troupe member agrees to attend all rehearsals, and performances and to follow all Troupe rules including dress code, classroom etiquette, and respect for all instructors and team members.

Attitude

- Troupe members acknowledge that individually, they play a vital role in the success of the entire team. Therefore, each Troupe member agrees to approach each class and rehearsal with an exemplary attitude and work ethic. Consistent failure to demonstrate this behavior may result in a Troupe member's dismissal.
- Parents and Troupe member acknowledge the privilege each member has to represent Theatre Arts as a participant of its Performance Troupe. Therefore, parents and students agree to conduct themselves in and outside of the studio in a way that humbly but proudly exemplifies the select few who are chosen to represent Theatre Arts.

Dress Code

- All Troupe members will wear all black dance clothes to all Troupe classes and rehearsals. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun for all classes and Troupe rehearsals. All necessary dance shoes should be brought to every rehearsal. Any student who attends Troupe rehearsal unprepared will not be permitted to participate that day.
- Troupe member agrees to adhere to all costuming set forth by directors. Troupe member is not to add any additional jewelry or accessories to a costume unless designated by directors.

I accept and acknowledge all terms of this contract. The terms of this contract shall last from June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022. By signing this contract I agree to abide by the terms above. No student will be allowed to participate in rehearsals until we receive this contract.

Troupe Member's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2021-2022 Theatre Arts Performance Troupe Parent Contract

I agree to pay the monthly troupe fee in addition to my students required class tuition. This fee is \$50.

I agree to list all known conflicts on my student’s audition sheet at the beginning of the summer. There will be a second opportunity to list additional conflicts in August.

I agree to find transportation for my student to all necessary rehearsals and performances. I understand that absences in excess of 3 per rehearsal, per semester for any reason may result in my students’ dismissal from troupe or specific numbers. Troupe members who’s attendance falls below 75% in any of their required classes (ballet or jazz) over the summer or throughout the school year may be pulled from Troupe numbers or Troupe entirely at director’s discretion.

I understand that not only my child, but I have also been chosen as a select representative of the studio once my student is cast in TAPT. I agree to represent the studio well in the studio lobby, at all Troupe events, and online social media. Excessive negativity or improper parental behavior at these events may result in student’s dismissal from Troupe at the director’s discretion. Directors agree to keep all public discussions positive and kid-friendly and ask that the parents please do the same.

If I have a serious complaint or concern I agree to set up a meeting with directors to discuss by calling the studio at (918) 258-2543 or emailing caroline@theatreartstulsa.com. Directors gladly agree to set up and address all meeting requests within 48 hours.

Troupe members and parents are not to arrange any troupe events, performances, or fundraisers, which use the studio name or logo without prior approval of studio owners. I agree to these terms.

I accept and acknowledge all terms of this contract. I understand and agree to pay the \$250 exit fee should my student choose to quit troupe mid-year for reasons other than serious illness/injury or family moving out of town. I understand that should my family choose to not fulfill our troupe obligations after signing this contract I will not be reimbursed for any ordered costumes. The terms of this contract shall last from June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022. By signing this contract I agree to abide by the terms above.

Students will not be allowed to participate in Troupe rehearsals until we have received a signed copy of this contract.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Email

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone