

# Theatre Arts Performance Troupe

Theatre Arts Performance Troupe is an elite group of singer/dancers, who will perform at up to 15 events throughout the year such as Mayfest, Brush Creek Bazaar, Jenks Riverwalk, Assisted Living Centers, the Children's Hospital, Winterfest, Rose District Events, various charity events 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.

## Meet The Director

Theatre Arts Performance Troupe will be under the direction of Maggie King. Maggie is a passionate performer, community builder, and Diet Mountain Dew enthusiast. With a love for making people laugh and connecting with others, Maggie is so excited to bring her energy and enthusiasm back to Theatre Arts!

Maggie grew up attending Theatre Arts as a student, and specifically loved her time spent as a Troupe member. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in theatre, Maggie spent a few years running summer camp programming before moving back home to Tulsa. She became an instructor at Theatre Arts and worked as a drama teacher in Broken Arrow Public Schools.

She spent the last two years in Fort Smith, Arkansas teaching musical theatre at an amazing dance studio and chose to start her own social media marketing business (with TA as her first client) while her soon-to-be husband finished up medical school.

Maggie is thrilled to be returning to Theatre Arts, the place where she first fell in love with the stage, and to take on the role of Troupe director.

## Troupe 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 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 opportunity for soloists to perform their vocal solos as well.

*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 an informational parent meeting at Theatre Arts on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm for all interested families.

## Auditions

Auditions will be held on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Theatre Arts. Students should have a 1 minute song prepared to sing with mp3 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 7-11	10:00-11:00 am
Ages 12 & up	11:30 am- 12:30 pm

Audition pre-registration through the Theatre Arts family portal is required and now open. There is a \$15 audition fee for all auditioning. All students auditioning should come with their audition form completed (included in this packet).

## Expected Schedule

Troupe members will have anywhere from 10-15 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- \$120 (Payment due by August 1<sup>st</sup>)

Christmas Troupe Costume- \$150 (Payment due by October 1<sup>st</sup>)

Spring Troupe Costume- \$120 (Payment due by January 1<sup>st</sup>)

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

## **Admin Fees:**

There will be a \$100 admin fee per student due on August 1, 2023 & January 1, 2024. These fees go to cover costume design, music editing, booking of events throughout the year as well as the instructor's time at the events.

## **Choreography Fees:**

There will be a \$50 choreography fee due August 1<sup>st</sup> for their fall medley which will cover their 4 hour fall choreography session. Another \$50 choreography fee will be due October 1<sup>st</sup> which will cover their 4 hour holiday choreography session. There are no choreography fees in the spring as all spring choreography will be learned in their weekly troupe rehearsal.

## **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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PARENT INFORMATION:**

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## 2023–2024 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 2023–2024 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, 2023 – May 31, 2024. 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.

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Troupe Member's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**2023-2024 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 the director to discuss by calling the studio at (918) 258-2543. Director 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, 2023 – May 31, 2024. 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.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Email

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Parent/Guardian Cell Phone