

MUSICAL THEATER COMPANY/TROUPE AUDITIONS

Saturday, July 22

Please select one time slot: 8:45am-10am (all ages) or 1pm-2:15pm (all ages)

The Musical Theatre Troupe and Company have been helping students build their skills in singing, dancing and acting for more than four years. We have an incredible staff of teaching artists eager to work with your kids on the three elements of musical theater, culminating in an end-of-year show. The Musical Theater Company and Troupe are for kids who are excited to build their performance skills, develop new confidence, learn how to professionally handle auditions at school and in the community, and make new friends with similar interests.

Please Note: It is possible for students to participate in both the Tap Troupe/Company and the Musical Theater Troupe/Company.

Our Musical Theater Director is Tracy Martin, a teacher/director/performer who has worked at Hawkins, American River College, and theatres in both Sacramento and San Francisco for more than 20 years.

MT TROUPE AUDITION

(for students with less than 4 years of dance training -- ages 7-17)

This will be with Tracy Martin in the Broadway Room. Students need to prepare **ONE** piece to present. **You may choose to do a monologue/poem (30-60 seconds) OR they may choose to do 60-90 seconds of a song.**

- The piece (monologue or song) should be memorized and age appropriate. (You may bring a copy of the piece with you, but plan to present it memorized).
- The monologue/poem does not need to be from a play.
- The song should be from musical theatre if possible, but if they have memorized a popular song that is fine as well.
- For the song, it is preferred that the student or a parent bring a recording of the accompaniment/karaoke on their phone. Tracy will plug the phone into a speaker to play the music at the audition. (*See the end of this message for simple recording instructions***).

After the students perform their monologue or their song, Tracy will do some theatre games/exercises with the group, and will also check each auditioner's basic vocal range at the piano. There may be a brief dance assessment, so please wear clothing and shoes you can move easily in. (If the student has a headshot or resume, please bring it to the audition. These items are not required of students auditioning for a position in the MT Troupe, but are helpful if available.)

MT COMPANY AUDITION

(for students with 4 or more years of dance training -- ages 10-17)

These students will complete the Troupe Audition (as noted above), but should **prepare both a monologue AND a song**. In addition, please provide a resume noting your experience in dance and theatre. Please be sure the resume includes the styles of dance studied, any shows you have participated in, and the names of directors and choreographers you have worked with. If you have taken any private lessons in voice, dance or acting, please include the names of these coaches and teachers, as well as the number of years you studied each art.

Once the Acting/Singing audition has been completed, you will be contacted regarding a future dance audition if being considered for the MT Company.

If you have any questions about either the MT Troupe or Company, please text/call Tracy Martin at (916) 224-7947.

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**** Instructions for easy accompaniment:**

1. Find a karaoke track on YouTube by typing the name of the song and the word "karaoke" or "accompaniment" into the search bar.
2. Have your child sing with it to see if they follow it easily (and if it's in a good key for them)
3. If so, get your phone's "voice memo recorder" ready to go.
4. Get the computer music ready to go.
5. Push record on your phone
6. Push play on the YouTube recording. (Make sure everyone in the house stays nice and quiet)
7. After 60-90 seconds, stop the music a few seconds after your child would stop singing

Now you have the accompaniment on your phone. The auditioner can practice with that and sing to that music at the audition.