



Welcome to Auditions!

Welcome to the Joann Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, home of the Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS). We are looking forward to another successful children's theater season with Director Katelyn Sigworth and helpers Tyler Howard, Kayla Denny, Lisa Howard and Scott Szymusiak.

The main goal of the PUPS program is to have fun. The PUPS program is designed to make the participants feel comfortable and confident in front of a live audience. Children will learn stage direction, cues, blocking, voice projection, role play, characterization and improvisation. As always, young people who join PUPS can expect to participate in games and exercises that will stimulate their inner performer.

Please read this letter carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help!

Safety: Always first on our list! Please drive slowly and be conscientious of children in the parking lot when coming to and leaving from rehearsals. There will be a group leaving as you are coming in, and vice versa. Children under 11 must be accompanied in and out of the building by an adult. Please take caution with snow and ice.

Auditions: Auditions for Plymouth Uptown Players will be held at the PCAC (774 N. Sheldon Rd, Plymouth) on January 11th and January 12th from 4pm-6pm. If you cannot make the audition times, drop-in auditions will be held at the first rehearsal (January 15). Cast assignments along with the rehearsal schedule will be made available on January 18th. Once your child has auditioned they are free to leave. Everyone who auditions will get a part!

Rehearsal & Performance Dates: The first rehearsal is Sunday, January 15th, 2012. At that time, the actors will be divided into casts. Families with more than one child performing, or friends who wish to remain together, may request the same cast in writing to the director before the first rehearsal.

On January 15th ONLY, the following grades will meet at the following times:

Grades K-1-2: 12:30-1:30

Grades 3-4-5-: 1:30-3:00

Grades 6-7-8: 3:30-5:00

After the January 15th cast assignments, rehearsals will be held every Sunday from January- April, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00pm (**exact times are not yet determined**). You will be notified on January 15th when to arrive for weekly rehearsals.

Performance/Rehearsals week: Will be April 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th. This is an important week for all members of the cast. Please be sure there are no family schedule conflicts before you commit your child to this program. We ask that you keep your evenings free during this week.

Participation Fee: A fee of \$150 and a current PCAC membership are required to participate. Student memberships are \$30. A family membership is \$80. Two or more children in the same family receive a 10% discount for each child after the first. Payment may be made with cash, check or credit card. *Please make checks payable to PCAC and include child's/children's name(s) in the memo.* **Note: No refunds after 1/29/12**

Registration: Registration form and medical/photo release forms must be on file, along with payment in full, prior to the first rehearsal on January 15th.

Performances: The season will conclude with a weekend of performances April 20th-22nd, 2012.

Absences: It is important that your child be at *each rehearsal* on time and ready to participate. If your child is unable to make a rehearsal, please call the PCAC @ 734-416-4278 or email Jeff@plymoutharts.com as soon as you are aware they will not be attending rehearsals. Your child will be required to attend all rehearsals and performances by their cast during the week of April 15th-22nd. **Please be sure there are no family, school or sports conflicts before registering your child.**

Costumes: Actors may be asked (with advance notice) to provide some of their own costume pieces for their performance, depending on the role. We will provide most costumes.

Tickets: Tickets for our public performances are \$6 per person (any age). Seating is limited to 120 per show. Each actor receives two free tickets to use at any performance. Tickets will go on sale about two weeks before the shows at the Arts Council office.

Actors Applause Ads: Ads will go on sale 3 weeks before final performances. The cost is \$15 per ad. Further details and examples will be available in March.

Business Ads: Ads will go on sale 3 weeks before final performances. The cost is \$25 per ad. Further details and examples will be available in March.

We hope this has answered most of your questions. Being cast in a performance is a commitment to being on a theater team and have fun. Everyone is important, whether their role is big or small. The success of each play is determined by the actors' commitment to participate. We know there may be some sacrifice to your family time, especially during April's rehearsal week and performances. *We love* the theater and know that the benefits of our PUPS program and excitement of seeing your child onstage will outweigh any inconvenience. If you have any questions, contact PUPS Director Katelyn Sigworth, or Executive Director Jeff Burda at the number below.

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