

## Shawnigan Kids Theatre Troupe Parent Information Handout Spring 2024

The Shawnigan Kids Theatre Troupe runs quality kid's theatre programming with a professional Fall and Spring production, as well as a two-week Summer Theatre Camp. **SKTT**'s mission is to provide a dynamic, educational, well rounded experience in the expressive & performing arts.

### Dates for Spring 2024 Production

- Classes are either Mondays & Saturday, 3:30 - 5:30pm, April 8 - June 16**
- or Tuesdays & Saturdays, 3:30 - 5:30pm, April 9 - June 16**

*\*No sessions April 20, May 18 & 20*

*\*Combined attendance of all 3 days (Mon/Tues/Sat classes) may begin in May for lead roles, & in some cases the whole cast, to support the refinement of scenes, & add in musical accomp.*

**'Show Week' is June 11th - 16<sup>th</sup>** - there is a final production with 4 shows and 2 full lead up rehearsals: **Tech (Tues 11th) Dress (Wed 12th) rehearsals, 2 evening shows (Thurs 13th / Fri 14th, 6:30pm), & 2 matinee shows (Sat / Sun 15/16th, 2pm)**

The Fall & Spring performance-focused programs require that students attend all classes (with the exception of illness). At times your child may be asked to come on additional days towards the end of the program to help polish the full production. Children & families alike have seen that this level of commitment brings amazing results & supports the whole cast in their goal of producing (with confidence) a strong, audience-ready show!

NOTE: If your child has other activities that restrict their attendance to these classes regularly, perhaps they might prefer trying the 2 week full-day Summer Theatre Camp which is a shorter program, also giving a wide range of opportunities to develop creative expression & self esteem, within the realm of theatre arts. There is still a small presentation at the end of the 2 week session, however the camp is less performance focused.

Parents' commitment to the program enhances both family enjoyment & the long term sustainability of **SKTT** as a valuable asset to the Cowichan Valley. At this time, **SKTT** is the only local kids theatre program running! While volunteer help is crucial, **SKTT** understands that families have different availability so we have a sign up form with various sized jobs. *PLEASE take the time to sign up for one or more jobs to assist & support your child's theatre experience.* We are a happy, growing 'Theatre Troupe' community & every person has a place to shine! Thank you in advance for joining in & sharing your time & skills. Every little bit counts!

Volunteers are required to complete the South Cowichan Volunteer form and provide a criminal record check through the CVRD online portal. (SLCC do them online for volunteers and its easy and fast and no fee is charged for volunteer criminal records)

The week prior to the show is very busy! Volunteers are required to help with stage sets & risers on the Sunday before the 'Show Week' (June 9th). We also require assistance with teardown on the following Sunday (June 16th) after the last matinee. During tech & dress rehearsals & all the shows, we depend on parent volunteers to help greet & take tickets as well as behind the scenes & with costumes & makeup, etc.

Cost: It is our wish to keep this program as affordable for families as possible, however there may need to be additional costume fees. If we have parents who are able to help (Costume Committee) by sourcing out / making / creating the children's costumes, this brings down the cost significantly. **SKTT** will give specifics within the first month of the program.

Tickets: 100 tickets are sold to each show and everyone requires a ticket to get into the show. The tickets are sold through the front desk at SLCC about 3 weeks prior to the production.

We produce a playbill (program) with a photo of each member of the cast, along with name, character and a bio (written by each cast member). The CVRD requires photo permission to be given; PLEASE sign the waiver right away!! If this form is not completed and handed in prior to printing, your child's photo will not appear in the playbill.

**SKTT** endeavours to stay true to the set schedule, however any changes we make will be in writing & with as much notice given as possible. The script is predetermined by the **SKTT** team.

Actors celebrate with a simple cast party/dinner in the Gym at the Community Centre after the last show on Sunday afternoon. Parents are welcome to join in, connect with one another and of course, *help with take down!*

**Current class dates** \* date changes may occur

| <b>Monday / Sat session April 8 - June 16</b>   | <b>Tuesday / Sat session April 9 - June 16</b>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● April 8</li> <li>● April 13</li> <li>● April 15</li> <li>● April 20 - No class</li> <li>● April 22</li> <li>● April 27</li> <li>● April 29</li> <li>● May 4</li> <li>● May 6</li> <li>● May 11</li> <li>● May 13</li> <li>● May 18 - No class</li> <li>● May 20 - No class</li> <li>● May 25</li> <li>● May 27</li> <li>● June 1</li> <li>● June 3</li> <li>● June 8</li> <li>● June 9 - sets/risers set up</li> <li>● June 11 - tech rehearsal</li> <li>● June 12 - dress rehearsal</li> <li>● June 13 - Show #1</li> <li>● June 14 - Show #2</li> <li>● June 15 - Show #3</li> <li>● June 16 - Show #4 &amp; cast party</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* April 9</li> <li>* April 13</li> <li>* April 16</li> <li>* April 20 - no class</li> <li>* April 23</li> <li>* April 27</li> <li>* April 30</li> <li>* May 4</li> <li>* May 7</li> <li>* May 11</li> <li>* May 14</li> <li>* May 18 - no class</li> <li>* May 21</li> <li>* May 25</li> <li>* May 28</li> <li>* June 1</li> <li>* June 4</li> <li>* June 8</li> <li>● June 9 - sets / risers</li> <li>● June 11 - tech rehearsal</li> <li>● June 12 - dress rehearsal</li> <li>● June 13 - Show #1</li> <li>● June 14 - Show #2</li> <li>● June 15 - Show #3</li> <li>● June 16 - Show #4 &amp; cast party</li> </ul> |

Thanks on behalf of the SKTT team, for registering your child in our Theatre program!

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