



YOUNG PERFORMER'S INTRODUCTION PACKAGE

Welcome to Broadway North Youth Theatre! We are very excited to begin a new session with both new and returning students and we are looking forward to another fantastic year and more stellar final performances in this session's play: GUYS AND DOLLS! Your child's class is known as **CLASS A**. Please read the following pages as it includes some valuable information regarding our program. We kindly request that you sign and return the final page of this document as an acknowledgement that you have read and understood the information contained herein.

GENERAL CLASS INFORMATION

*You may wish to pack a snack to have in class as we always endeavour to give the children a little break during rehearsals. Broadway North is a **peanut-free** facility so please ensure that your child packs a peanut-free snack. It is always advisable to pack a bottle of water.

*We ask that electronic devices be left at home if at all possible as your child will not be allowed to access them during class time.

*Your child has been supplied with 1 script. If you lose it and need a replacement, a copy will be emailed to you for you to print out at home or we can print a new one at a cost of \$10.

*We will be sending out periodic emails with course updates. Please make sure to check your email consistently.

****KIDS' STUFF PAGE: PARENT INFORMATION**

- 1) On this page of our website you will find copies of this letter for your future reference. You will also find a copy of the school letter which we will be handing out to your child to take to their teacher. This letter is an invitation for your child's class to attend a special performance of GUYS AND DOLLS.
- 2) Although we attempt to send out emails to reach parents in case of extraordinary circumstances
- 3) (ie: cancellations due to inclement weather), we will post notices of these events on this page.

REHEARSALS, ATTENDANCE, ABSENCES & LATENESS

*In order to make sure we teach all required materials in plenty of time, we take great care to create a schedule and do our best to stick to it.

*If you know your child is going to be absent from class due to an appointment, holiday, etc. PLEASE let us know as soon as you can. We create our schedule based on the assumption that all participants will be in class at all times and although we certainly understand that this is not always possible, the sooner we know of any absences, the sooner we can make changes to the schedule and make the best use of time with those participants we know will be in class.

*** CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE AT REHEARSALS IS EXPECTED. IF YOUR CHILD IS FREQUENTLY ABSENT, THEIR ASSIGNED MATERIAL MAY BE AFFECTED.**

*If your child is ill and cannot come to class, please send an email to info@broadwaynyt.com as our emails ARE forwarded to our phones or call us at either 416-347-4363 or 647-998-9584 and leave us a message. Please ensure that you arrive on time. If you will be late, just give us a quick call to let us know your ETA.

*Please do not “park” in front of the unit when picking up your child as there are other tenants in the building and we need to ensure a free laneway.

PRACTICE

As with any performance-based program, practice is of absolute paramount importance for a successful final show. Once we have taught a dance, vocal number or acting scene, we ask that your child go home and LEARN it as best as possible from memory. The kids’ stuff page of our website will have crucial learning tools to help your child succeed!

****KIDS’ STUFF PAGE: REHEARSAL NOTES**

- 1) All vocal and non-vocal music tracks for GUYS AND DOLLS will be posted on this page. If you find that you cannot access them, please change browsers and this should solve any problems.
- 2) We have created a VIMEO Channel for Broadway North Youth Theatre. All choreography videos will now be posted on this site and a link to each video will be posted on this page.

YOU WILL BE SENT A PASSWORD TO ACCESS THESE VIDEOS SO THAT ONLY YOU AND YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW THEM.

****KIDS’ STUFF PAGE: YOUNG PERFORMERS’ SCHEDULE**

- 1) This page will list all songs, scenes and dances that we will be working on in upcoming classes. Please refer to this consistently so your child is well prepared for each class. Although we try to stick to this schedule as much as possible, it is possible that changes will need to be made due to unforeseen circumstances.

It is crucial to the overall success of the show that practice be done AT HOME. By learning things bit by bit rather than “cramming” at the end, there is far less pressure on your child closer to the end of the session and more time to work on the nuances of character. The better and sooner they know the material, the more comfortable they will feel on stage. Please ensure that your child is practicing their parts consistently. If you or they have any questions, do not hesitate to email or call.

*If you wish to reach out to any of our instructors **for clarification on anything taught in class** or to arrange for extra help or private lessons outside of scheduled class time at an additional cost, please contact them directly at the following email addresses. We are always available to answer your questions or concerns.

Acting/Staging: Laura Halley: laura@broadwaynyt.com

Singing/Music: Shoshana Friedman: shoshana@broadwaynyt.com

Dancing/Choreography: Jaqueline Brown: jaqui@broadwaynyt.com

EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS

Broadway North prides itself not just on providing excellent instruction and show preparation but also on creating and encouraging well-rounded performers by asking them to submit weekly or bi-weekly “missions” during the course of the program. These short, research-based assignments will help your child understand and learn about the people who wrote the play and the music and, as with plays like GUYS AND DOLLS they will learn a little bit about the time period in which their play is set as well as many interesting historical facts. All professional performers do this kind of research before they take on a role and we believe that it is never too early to learn this valuable skill. Of course, we make it fun AND hand out prizes to the TOP 3 kids with the best MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHED.

****KIDS’ STUFF PAGE: YOUR MISSION**

- 1) All missions can be found on this page. We ask that these weekly or bi-weekly assignments be completed and handed in by the DUE DATE. Late submissions are, of course, always accepted! We hope that parents will encourage their children to do these assignments for their educational benefit.

OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

Broadway North **does not** hold classes on traditional Statutory Holidays.

We DO, however, hold classes on days when Public or Private schools may have PA days.

THERE WILL BE NO CLASS:
MARCH BREAK: MARCH 16 & 18
EASTER MONDAY: APRIL 13
VICTORIA DAY: MAY 18

SHOW DATES/TIMES/TICKETS

*Tickets for all our Young Performers' shows are available online through our website and will be available soon after we begin our program. Tickets for all Young Performers plays are \$18. **CLASS A normally sells very well** so we anticipate selling out your child's shows. Tickets MAY be available at the door on the day of the performance but we encourage you to purchase your tickets early as the theatre has a maximum capacity of 154 seats.

*Show dates for **GUYS AND DOLLS, Class A** are listed below. Please keep this page for future reference and make note of these dates in your calendars.

***** ATTENDANCE AT DRESS REHEARSAL AND ALL SHOWS IS MANDATORY.**

Further details about our performances will be sent to you closer to showtime. We always guarantee two (2) shows for our Young Performers plus a possible school show the status of which we will know later in the term. Your child will be given a hard-copy of a letter for them to present to their teacher, inviting their class/school to attend this special performance of their show. **Due to the ongoing teacher's strike, we will hold off handing out these letters until negotiations have concluded and a deal has been reached.** A copy will be posted on the PARENT INFORMATION page at that time.

**DRESS REHEARSAL AND ALL SHOWS TAKE PLACE AT
THEATRE AURORA, 150 HENDERSON DR. AURORA**

GUYS AND DOLLS, CLASS A:

Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, June 11th, 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Possible school show: Friday, June 12, 9:30 am. (Call time: 8:30 am)

1st performance, Friday, June 12 at 7:00 pm (call time: 6:00 pm)

2nd performance, Saturday, June 13th at 3:00 pm (call time: 2:00 pm)

CAST PARTY: MONDAY, JUNE 15TH, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE TO BROADWAY NORTH:

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE LETTER AND ACKNOWLEDGE ITS CONTENTS.

NAME OF CHILD(REN): _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____