

## **CAST Summer 2023 Frequently Asked Questions**

**There is a lot of information below that may answer any questions you have – if there is something not covered below that you have a question about – contact us at [info@casttheatre.org](mailto:info@casttheatre.org) or 860.649.5062.**

*Please note: Due to the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations from the State, any and all policies are subject to change.*

### **Where will the regular program be located this summer?**

Our summer program will be held at CAST located at 113 Summit Street in Manchester for the first 4 weeks of our program (June 26<sup>th</sup>-July 21<sup>st</sup>) and at Manchester High School located at 134 East Middle Turnpike in Manchester (July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 5<sup>th</sup>).

We will be inside the CAST studio though may utilize the outside spaces around CAST when we can.

### **What are the ages that can participate?**

Ages 5-18

### **What is the length of the regular program?**

Our regular program schedule tentatively looks like this:

Monday-Friday – everyone from 9:00 am – noon (June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>).

If you are a lead – Mondays and Tuesdays (as needed) from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. This schedule may only go until the week of July 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you are on the Dance Team – you may meet one evening and one afternoon from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm. More details coming soon to those that will be part of the dance team.

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> will be an evening dress rehearsal (no rehearsal during the day). Performances are Wednesday and Thursday, August 2 & 3 at 1:00 pm and Friday and Saturday, August 4 & 5 at 7:00 pm. There is not regular CAST rehearsals those days.

**There is NO CAST on Monday and Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.**

\*As we get closer to the summer, a full final schedule will be sent out and will include any changes that may be different from the above tentative schedule.

### **What happens during that time?**

Each day we will be working on various aspects of putting together a full scale Broadway Musical. There will be daily rehearsals consisting of music rehearsals, blocking, and dancing/movement. There will be times when children are working in smaller groups and other times when everyone will be working together.

### **Will you be offering before and after care?**

No. We will be offering an optional afternoon program for an additional fee from June 26 – July 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **What is the afternoon program?**

The afternoon program will run from 12:00 noon – 3:30 pm. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, pick-up may be at noon in order to get ready for the evening show. There will be a variety of activities and workshops planned throughout the afternoon. A big part of the program will be working on the production of “Honk, Jr.” which will be performed possibly in an outdoor venue on July 28<sup>th</sup> (rain date July 29<sup>th</sup>). More information on these planned activities, as we get closer to the summer. \*Those that are registered for the morning only portion will be able to sign-up for individual workshops once they are announced for an additional fee.\*

### **What is the cost?**

\$450.00 per person for the regular program (“Matilda”). If you are planning on registering more than one child from the same household, there is a family discount available of \$50.00 off the second child.

\$700.00\* per person if signing up for both the regular program and the afternoon program.

The fee for special programs and workshops that take place in the afternoon for anyone not registered for the afternoon program will be announced closer to the summer.

\*There may be an additional small fee charged if we are able to take any afternoon field trips during the program.

### **Are there scholarships?**

Yes. We have limited scholarships available. Please contact us at [info@casttheatre.org](mailto:info@casttheatre.org) for more information.

### **Are payment plans available?**

Yes. We will work with you to set-up a plan that works.

### **Is there a limit on how many children can participate?**

No. We do not have a limit. Those that do not audition or miss the audition and want to participate will be assigned to an ensemble/chorus. We will only accept new registrations up until June 19, 2023 so that there is time to process registrations and get participants any important information to them before we start the following week.

### **Will there be auditions?**

Yes. There is an in-person **dance audition** to know how to place people correctly on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There is more information on the audition form including if you are not available that day or do not want to have a dance audition. There will be a **video audition for parts** that needs to be submitted by or before **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> by 8:00 pm**. If there is a need for any call backs, those children will be notified by March 24<sup>th</sup> and call backs will take place on **Sunday afternoon, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. Time TBD. \*There may not be a need for callbacks. **If you do not receive a notification for a call back – it doesn't mean anything.** Parts will be assigned by early April and everyone will be notified by email. Children will have until a specific date in April to accept or decline their role and put a deposit down to hold their spot. If we do not hear from someone by the set deadline, we reserve the right to recast that role.

**Will my child get a part?**

Everyone who signs up is placed somewhere in the show. They may be a lead, minor lead, line or in one of our choruses/ensembles which sing and dance too! **It is a team effort to put together and perform a show!**

**What if I don't audition or want to sign-up after auditions have happened?**

If someone wants to participate in CAST this summer but prefers not to audition for a variety of reasons and/or misses auditions, they will be assigned to an ensemble/chorus.

**Will there be performances for the production this summer?**

Yes. There will be 4 performances of Roald Dahl's "Matilda the Musical" in Manchester High School's Bailey Auditorium. There are matinee performances on Wednesday and Thursday, August 2 & 3 and evening performances on Friday and Saturday, August 4 & 5. For "Honk, Jr.", there will be one performance, possibly in an outdoor venue on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> with a possible rain date of Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**What if I will be away for a week during the summer?**

We understand that people sometimes go away and that is ok. If you are going to be away for longer than a week, this may not be the program to sign-up for this summer.

**Please contact us to discuss further.** We will get you caught up from a few days to a week where after more than a week, if participants are missing too much it may be too difficult to catch up and stress children out. We ask that you try not to be away the first week and not away the last week as that is when shows are.

**Will you be providing daily snacks?**

No. We encourage you to pack snacks for your children. We will provide a popsicle break, but other snacks should be brought from home.

**Will you be providing lunch?**

No. Every participant that is part of either staying late for rehearsals or the afternoon program should bring their own lunch. We will have a daily lunch break from 12:00 – 12:30 pm.

**Will you be providing water?**

We encourage everyone to bring a water bottle with him or her each day. We will have extra bottled water available as well.

**Will there be bathrooms?**

Yes. There are bathrooms inside at CAST and at Manchester High School.

**How will supervision be for the summer sessions?**

At minimum, we will have a 1:5 ratio of staff to children.

### **Will masks be required?**

Students and Staff will be required to follow instructions provided by CAST Inc. in regards to masking and social distancing including, but not limited to, masking indoors while singing. It is too early to know what our full indoor mask policy will be at the end of June right now. If we are outside, masks will not be required.

### **What is your refund policy?**

There is a \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee included as part of the overall participation cost due by May 5, 2023.

If you cancel by or before June 7, 2023, a refund minus \$100.00 will be issued.

Between June 8-18, 2023 – a refund minus \$250.00 will be issued.

Anyone dropping out June 19, 2023 or after will **NOT** receive a refund.

We are sorry, but we cannot offer refunds or credits to families instructed or choosing to quarantine due to household exposure/suspected exposure (i.e., siblings in other youth programs or camps, contact with friends/neighbors outside of CAST, parent exposed at work, etc.) or if a household member tests positive, thereby necessitating that their child(ren) remain in quarantine.

Lost time (including illness or vacation) cannot be made up.

### **What if I need to pick up my child during the program day?**

We understand that there may be times that you need to leave early or take care of a doctor's appointment, etc. We ask that you notify us in advance of any absences or need to pick up your child(ren) during the program day. Children may not come and go throughout the day.

### **What else should we know?**

There will be opportunities available for parent volunteers including set construction and several other opportunities that will be announced closer to the summer. All participants will be required to provide ads/patrons for the program booklet (these are not things you need to provide yourselves – we encourage you to ask others). More details on all of this will be coming closer to the summer as well. There may be other events connected to the summer program planned throughout the summer in the late afternoon and/or early evening that will be announced closer to the summer.

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