

January 2024

Dear cast, crew, and family of the MoCo Middle/High School Play,

We are excited to have many of you back for another great semester of theatre at MoCo Arts. Your performances last semester were fantastic and we can't wait to work with you again! This semester we are working on a new comedy, *The Bugs*.

**Show Description:** *When a couple of disgruntled honeybees discover their habitat is going to be destroyed to make way for a swimming pool, there's only one thing for them to do: forge an alliance with the other bugs who live in the yard and stop it. With the help of a swashbuckling cockroach, a pessimistic pill bug, a cicada who loves to party, and a couple of smitten fireflies, can the honeybees do the impossible and ruin human construction plans? Or will they have to resort to asking their ancient enemies, the spiders, for help? What can a group of bugs actually do when their ecosystem is threatened? A hilarious satire about ecological disaster and labor issues, with a smattering of Greek Gods thrown in for fun.*

Please see the schedule and mark dates and times in your calendar. As you can see, we have a short time period to produce this show. It is VERY important that:

- **IF your child is going to miss class that you call the desk at MoCo and let us know as far in advance as possible**
- The expectation for leading characters is they miss no more than 3 rehearsals due to an event outside of MoCo.
  - Other MoCo classes/shows are an excused absence.
- Your child be at every class and/or rehearsal with their script and a writing utensil.
- That you help/encourage your child to practice lines and review blocking at home to reinforce what we worked on in class.
- Take time to review our [MoCo Arts Theatre Guide](#) (if you have questions, please email Laura at [lcarbonneau@moco.org](mailto:lcarbonneau@moco.org)).

All resources for the class can be found in this Google Drive folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zPQ2a8nrj2\\_zMDv5WF-ZVGx54L3B3FRS?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zPQ2a8nrj2_zMDv5WF-ZVGx54L3B3FRS?usp=sharing)

**For Auditions: Scripts are now available at the front desk at MoCo.** Students will be expected to participate in improvisational activities and read scenes from the script. It is recommended that students read through the script in advance to be prepared for auditions. We look for actors who have prepared, are willing to make different choices, can take direction, and who have strong energy and diction.

To ensure we get the maximum amount of time in, we **WILL** be auditioning for the show in the first class. If you cannot be there for the first class, please email Laura as soon as possible to make other arrangements. Please review the audition sides and come prepared.

Audition Sides:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TuHYqFNiklYh--oPrUnMFNdB6U49bKvQwcWSG4ZwsvY/edit?usp=sharing>

**Classes:** Start 1/11/2024

Thursdays, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

**Performance:** 4/7/2024, 2:00 & 5:00 p.m.

*Tickets go on sale to the public 5 weeks before the performance. We offer a presale of 2 tickets per student 1 week before the public sale starts.*

## Classes

1/11 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class **AUDITIONS**

1/18 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class **READ THROUGH**

- Actors in *the Prom* are excused from this class

1/25 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

2/1 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

2/8 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

2/15 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

2/22 Thursday - **NO Class–Winter Vacation**

2/29 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

3/2 Saturday 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. - Makeup workshop

- To create and practice makeup for *the Bugs*
- Recommended but optional

3/7 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

3/9 Saturday 10:00 AM-12:30 p.m. - Makeup workshop

- To create and practice makeup for *Finding Nemo Kids*
- For those volunteering to help with makeup for the Elementary Musical

3/14 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

3/21 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

3/28 Thursday 4:45-6:15 p.m. - Class

3/30 Saturday 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - **Special Class** - required

## Show Week

Please be sure to keep late afternoons/evenings free in the event of additional rehearsals. All tech week rehearsals are REQUIRED.

4/4 Thursday 4:30-7:15 p.m. - *Tech Rehearsal*

4/5 Friday 4:30-7:15 p.m. - *Tech Rehearsal*

- *Students in the High School Musical are excused from that class*

4/6 Saturday 1:00-5:00 p.m. - *Dress Rehearsal*

4/5 Sunday NOON call

- 2:00 p.m. SHOW
- 5:00 p.m. SHOW

As always, please let me know if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Laura & Moses

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