

April 2024

Dear cast, crew, and family of *Annie Jr.*

Tech week for *Annie Jr.* is just around the corner. We have a handful of very important reminders to help your student succeed this week and for us to have the best show possible. **Please be sure to read this entire email very carefully.**

Tips for Time Outside of Rehearsals

- We encourage parents and guardians to check in with their children. Do they know all their lines? Do they need help practicing their lines and reviewing their blocking/choreography?
- Stay hydrated! Theaters tend to be a bit dry—drink lots of water throughout the week.
- Get rest. No great performance is done when you are tired. Make sure to go to bed early and be kind to your body.
- **Review all resource documents:**

Below is the remainder of our rehearsal schedule. Please mark dates and times in your calendar. **Students are required to be at all Show Week rehearsals and performances.** Please let us know in advance if there is a conflict.

During the Show Week rehearsals, we suggest students bring a large duffel bag or laundry basket to transport items with them for the day. This gives them an area to keep water, food, costume items, hair/makeup items, etc.

Remaining Classes

5/1 Wednesday 5:30-7:30 p.m. - Regular Class in Wildwood Studio

Show Week Schedule

Students are excused from other MoCo classes for tech rehearsals. Please let your teachers or the front desk know if you will be missing a different class.

Please note that there are no formal dinner breaks. Actors should bring food and eat when not on stage.

5/8 Wednesday 4:30-7:30 p.m. - Tech Rehearsal

- Please wear comfortable clothes
- Please bring any costume pieces (see below).

5/9 Thursday 4:30-7:30 p.m. - FULL TECH/DRESS REHEARSAL

- Full costume, hair, and makeup is required for this rehearsal

- **If you are able to arrive early to get into costume, we recommend 4:00 p.m. at the earliest.**

5/10 Friday 4:30-7:30 p.m. - Dress Rehearsal

- Full costume is required. Hair and makeup is optional. **If you are able to arrive early to get into costume, we recommend 4:00 p.m. at the earliest.**

5/11 Saturday 11:00 a.m. Call Time - Final Dress Rehearsal & Shows

- Full costumes, hair, and makeup are required. **If you are able to arrive early to get into costume, we recommend 10:30 a.m. at the earliest.**
- **Please bring lots of snacks and water to stay fueled.**
- Actors are responsible for fueling their bodies throughout the day. **Actors can bring their meal OR have it dropped off at MoCo's front desk between shows.**
- This will be a very busy day and it is important to be ready to work hard and focus—please bring your patience!

4:30 PM SHOW

- After the performance, actors can greet the audience and have a very brief break, but may not leave MoCo.

7:00 PM SHOW

- Actors are expected to take home any personal belongings, props, or costumes they bring in.

Costumes

Please bring in all requested costume pieces on Wednesday, May 8. This way, if anything is missing, we can help look for the remaining costume pieces. **Please let Laura (icarbonneau@moco.org) know immediately if you do not have something that will work.**

SPECIAL NOTE: On Thursday, May 9, our run will be photographed. All actors must be in full costume, hair, and makeup for that dress rehearsal.

- **Base layers:**
 - All actors should come with loose-fitting clothing that is easy to remove from Wednesday through Sunday. We recommend that actors wear light-colored leotards or something close-fitting that they can wear comfortably under their costumes. This makes changing costumes faster and easier.
 - All actors wearing dresses or skirts should be wearing nylons.
- **Shoes:**
 - Actors playing male parts should bring men's dress shoes and should have black, logo-free socks.

- Actors playing female parts should wear low-heeled shoes, like character or jazz shoes.
- Orphans should wear boots ([in this style](#)) or jazz shoes.
- **Ensemble Characters:**
 - All male ensemble characters need black dress pants and a white long-sleeve, button-up shirt.
 - All female ensemble characters need a white long-sleeve, button-up shirt.
 - If you are providing any costume pieces for your part(s), please bring them in on Thursday and plan on them staying until after the show on Sunday.

Hair/Makeup

We will have very limited time to apply stage makeup and style hair, therefore, any preparation at home would be appreciated. Long hair should be pulled back or out of in front of your face. All actors should have at least a base layer of foundation, light blush, and lip color.

- **Female Ensemble:** Hair should be pulled back and in a low bun.
- **Male Ensemble:** Hair should be slicked back
- **Ophans:** You can have fun hair looks, as long as it is pulled out of your face. Braids, ponytails, pigtails, etc, all work. Please no buns and hair can be messy. We will apply dirt smudges on your face.
- **Grace/Lily/Hannigan:** Please come with your hair curled. We will have folks helping you style your hair for the show.

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

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