

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.

AUDITION NOTICE

The MCT Education Department is thrilled to announce our 2023 big youth musical: The Little Mermaid Jr!

Director: Carolyn Billingsley

Assistant Directors: Travis Harper and Shawna Stepp

Music Director: Michael Thurston

Choreographer: Emily Lawson

THE STORY:

Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR., adapted from Disney's Broadway production and the motion picture (featuring the enormously popular Academy Award-winning music and delightfully charming book and lyrics). Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories, Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. is an enchanting look at the sacrifices we all make for love and acceptance.

In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home – and her fins – behind and live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch, Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking.

CASTING:

You must be 6-18 years old to audition for the show. If you are under the age of 6 years old, you must have taken one session of our Broadway Babies course as a prerequisite. If you do not meet the age requirements for this production, we encourage you to look at our other productions this season and our weekly education class offerings.

Available roles include Ariel, Prince Eric, Sebastian, Flounder, King Triton, Mersisters (Aquata, Andrina, Arista, Atina, Adella, Allana), Ursula, Flotsam, Jetsam, Scuttle, Gulls, Grimsby, Chef Louis, Chefs, Carlotta, Princesses, Pilot, Sailors, Seahorse, Sea Chorus, and other ensembles TBD.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There will be a \$20 fee collected from all cast members at the first cast meeting. Cast members will be required to provide their own footwear. A shoe list will be given to the cast at a later date. Cast and families will also be given the opportunity to purchase (OPTIONAL) show T-shirts, as well as opening night gifts for cast members and MCT Education messenger bags to carry rehearsal materials.

MCT does not want finances to be an obstacle for any family. Please email Grace Billingsley at education@marshfieldtheatre.org to discuss available scholarships.

WHAT TO PREPARE:

Kids ages 6-12 do not need to prepare anything! A dance combination and vocal selection will be taught to the entire group. Auditioners should arrive wearing tennis shoes and clothing that allows them to move freely.

Teens ages 13-18 should prepare a 32 - bar cut of a song in the style of the show. Bring sheet music clearly marked and in the correct key. *No tracks, please.* An accompanist will be provided. Teens will also be taught a short dance combination. Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothing that allows you to move freely. If you need help selecting your audition song, please contact Grace Billingsley at education@marshfieldtheatre.org.

WHEN:

AUDITIONS FOR AGES 6-12 will be March 25th, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

AUDITIONS FOR AGES 13-18 will be March 25th, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

EXPERIENCED DANCERS are invited to attend an additional dance audition on March 26th, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

CALLBACKS will be on March 26th, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

REHEARSALS will begin Friday, March 31st at 6:00 PM. After this initial meeting, most rehearsals will take place between the hours of 6-10 pm on Sunday through Thursday evenings. Occasional Friday evening rehearsals will take place as well. The cast will be making an appearance in the Marshfield Independence Day Parade, more info TBD.

PERFORMANCES will be held July 6-8 at 7 pm and July 9 at 3 pm. Cast members are required to be at every performance, with *no exceptions*.

Please be prepared to list all possible conflicts on your audition form.

WHERE:

Auditions and callbacks will be held at Marshfield First Baptist Church at 1001 S White Oak Rd, Marshfield, MO 65706.

Any questions regarding The Little Mermaid Jr. may be directed to Grace Billingsley at education@marshfieldtheatre.org.