

# Musical Theater 2016–2017

Open to students in grades 3 through 5

A 14-week after-school program that culminates in a full musical production!



## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

For the eighth year in a row, SOPA is proud to offer an after-school musical theater program for the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders at SOEC. This program will run from October 11, 2016 through February 5, 2017. Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays from 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. The program is conducted in an environment of mutual respect, encouragement, and FUN! Over the course of the program, the children will develop acting, dancing, and singing skills while being part of a fun and exciting musical production.

We are very excited to announce that this year, Jaxx Theatricals will be running our Musical Theater program. Jaxx Theatricals is an award winning 501(c)(3) nonprofit full inclusion arts education organization and theatre company.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JAXX, CLICK HERE: <http://jaxxtheatricals.org/about>

We are looking forward to their amazing production of....



## **THE LION KING JR.**

As most of us know, *The Lion King* tells the story of Simba, a young lion who is to succeed his father, Mufasa, as King of the Pride Lands; however, after Simba's uncle Scar murders Mufasa, Simba is manipulated into thinking he was responsible, and flees into exile. Upon maturation living with two wastrels, Simba is given some valuable perspective from his childhood friend, Nala, and his shaman, Rafiki, before returning to challenge Scar to end his tyranny and take his place in the Circle of Life as the rightful King.

## **OVERVIEW OF APPLICATION PROCESS**

There is a two-step process for being admitted into the program.

1. **Application** – The application for Musical Theater is now available and can be returned as early as August 25th. The application includes an acknowledgment and consent form. All interested children must return their completed application to the Musical Theater box in Kids Center **no later than September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** *Late applications will not be accepted.*
2. **General Audition** – All children who turn in an application **MUST** attend a general audition to be admitted into the Musical Theater program. The general audition will be run like a class. The audition will be run by James Leo Ryan, a professional musical theater performer and a theater instructor with experience teaching children. He is looking for children who can handle the demands of the class, can follow instructions, can take direction, have a positive attitude, and can work well with others. The children should come **prepared to sing 60 seconds of a song from a Broadway musical.** Mr. Ryan will lead the students through a bit of movement, and requests

that the children come to the audition dressed comfortably, no dance attire and no flip flops. Parents will not be allowed into the audition space. **Not all students who audition will be admitted into the program.**

## **CASTING**

After the general audition has been held, the children who are selected and have been admitted into the program will then attend a second and final audition conducted by the theater professionals from Jaxx. During this second audition, the Jaxx team will see and hear the children who have been admitted to the program, and make their decisions about which child will play what part. Further details about the final audition will be forthcoming. **ALL CASTING DECISIONS ARE FINAL!**

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

The registration fee for this 14-week program is \$375. Payment is due upon acceptance into the program. Once a child is admitted into the program, the parent/guardian will receive a link to the Jaxx website to pay Jaxx directly. There are no refunds once payment to Jaxx has been made.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

August 25<sup>th</sup> – first day applications for Musical Theater are accepted in Kids Center

September 6<sup>th</sup> – last day to turn in applications

September 13<sup>th</sup> – general auditions in auditorium from 1:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – announcement of students who have been admitted into Musical Theater. Admitted students are then required to register with Jaxx and all tuition must be paid in full before October 4<sup>th</sup>.

October 4<sup>th</sup> – final casting auditions

Class runs from October 11<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Show dates are February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

And that's all folks! If you have any questions, please contact Joey Porter at [joey@shermanoaksparents.com](mailto:joey@shermanoaksparents.com)



**Acknowledgement and Consent Form**  
**SOPA MUSICAL THEATER PROGRAM 2016-2017**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in the SOPA production of “**The Lion King Jr.**” I understand that not all children who audition will be admitted into the program. If my child is accepted into the program, s/he agrees to commit to the 14 weeks of classes and the community performances on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

I understand that this program is conducted in an environment of mutual respect and encouragement and it is imperative that both parents and children alike cooperate by always being respectful. Discipline guidelines will be handed out at the beginning of the workshop.

I understand that if my child is absent more than three (3) times, s/he may have their role reassigned.

I also understand that parent involvement is crucial to the success of the Musical Theater program. I can volunteer in the following area(s):

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(ticket sales, hair and/or make-up, bake sale, fundraising)

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Room # \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s/Guardian’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Contact Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

(We must have a current e-mail for correspondence)

If you would like more information, please contact Joey Porter at [joey@shermanoaksparents.com](mailto:joey@shermanoaksparents.com).