

The Cotswold Savoyards present

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Oliver!

14th - 18th May 2019

evenings and Saturday matinee



Children's Audition Pack

Important Dates:

Pre-audition Workshop – Sunday 2nd December 4-6pm

Auditions – Sunday 9th December

12-2pm: Kids ensemble

3-5pm: Olivers and Dodgers

Location – The Richard Pate School, Southern Road, GL53 9RP

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Welcome!

Hopefully you will find everything that you and your child need in this pack. If there is anything you are unsure of, then please ask a member of the production team. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Shurdington Primary School. We aim to rehearse the Kids ensemble from 7pm til 9pm, but please be aware that as the production approaches, some later nights will be necessary. There will also be occasions where the children are not called. There may also be a Sunday afternoon rehearsal in the run up to the performance as well as a band call. As soon as the show is fully cast, a comprehensive schedule will be sent out.

We have a dedicated Lead Chaperone who will be in charge of the children along with her certified team. Children will at all times be in the company of a chaperone or adult with a full DBS at rehearsal.

To assist us with potential numbers, please register at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3T9YD38.

Kids, we really hope that you enjoy the workshops and come along to audition on the 9th Dec. We all know that auditions can be nerve wracking but we hope to make the process as gentle and as friendly as possible. Sing up, sparkle and shine in the movement and don't forget to smile!

We are really looking forward to working with you!

Sarah Dyer (Director)

David Manifold (Musical Director)

Emily Samways (Choreographer)



Show Synopsis:

Based on the classic novel by author Charles Dickens and adapted as a musical by Lionel Bart, OLIVER! tells the tale of young orphaned boy whose life is thrown into turmoil after being shifted from workhouse to funeral home. Penniless and lost, Oliver is taken in by the cheeky Artful Dodger and then into the clutches of the sinister Fagin. Before long Oliver is embroiled in the criminal underworld of Victorian London. Although desperate to remain honest Oliver's path leads him into terrible dangers at the hands of the notorious Bill Sykes, forcing him to risk his own life, as well as those closest to him.

Characters:

Oliver Twist: Age range 9-13.

Oliver is a sweet and innocent boy, young for his years. Born in the workhouse he has never known a different life but knows there must be something better. A strong actor and singer is required with some dancing. A pleasant speaking voice.

The Artful Dodger: Age range 9-15.

Jack Dawkins in the the cleverest of Fagin's gang, and recruits Oliver into the gang of pickpockets. He is savvy, highly personable and energetic. A strong actor, singer and dancer is required. Cockney accent needed.

Workhouse children/Fagin's Gang: Age range 9-15

Need to be able to sing and move. We are looking for boys and girls who are bright and personable who will appear in multiple scenes as different characters.

Charley Bates, one of Fagin's pickpockets and Dodger's sidekick will be selected from the ensemble auditionees.

Audition Pieces:

Character	Song	Dialogue	Song & Dance
Oliver	No. 7 'Where is Love?' (All)	P33-35	No. 15 'Be Back Soon' (A to C)
Dodger	No.9 'Consider Yourself' (to E)	P33-35	No. 15 'Be Back Soon' (A to C)
Kids Ensemble	No. 1 'Food Glorious Food' (K to end)	None	No. 15 'Be Back Soon' (A to C)

If boys who audition for *Oliver* or *Dodger* wish to be considered for the Ensemble, they do not need to sing 'Food Glorious Food' as well.



Sunday 2nd December:

4.00 - 4.15pm	15 mins	Chairman and panel introductions and important info* Parents leave.	
4.15 – 5.00pm	45 mins plus changeover	Group 1: Singing workshop with David <i>Food Glorious Food,</i> <i>Where is Love,</i> <i>Consider Yourself</i> (Sarah to circulate)	Group 2: Song and Dance workshop with Emily and Lucas <i>Be Back Soon</i> (Sarah to circulate)
5.00 - 5.45pm	45 mins plus regroup	Group 1: Song and Dance workshop with Emily and Lucas <i>Be Back Soon</i> (Sarah to circulate)	Group 2: Singing workshop with David <i>Food Glorious Food,</i> <i>Where is Love,</i> <i>Consider Yourself</i> (Sarah to circulate)
5.45 – 6.00pm	15 mins	Come together. Talk through audition process with children. Hand out audition sheets.	

Sunday 9th December:

12.00 – 12.15pm	15mins	Registration – children to register, with audition forms and be given a number.
12.15 – 12.30pm	15 mins	Sing through <i>Food Glorious Food</i> Sing and dance <i>Be back Soon</i>
12.30 – 2.00pm	1hour 30 mins	Children audition in groups of three, song then song and dance. If time call back any we wish to see again.
2.00 – 2.30pm	30 mins	Lunch
3.00 – 3.15pm	15 mins	Registration of <i>Olivers and Dodgers</i>
3.15 – 3.30pm	15 mins	Sing through <i>Where is Love, Consider Yourself</i> and sing and dance <i>Be Back Soon</i>
3.30 – 5.00pm	1 hour 30 mins	Os and Ds audition in pairs – Sing solos, dialogue, song and dance.
5.00pm onwards		Possible late auditionees Deliberations