

DISNEY THE LITTLE MERMAID JR
CHELTENHAM PLAYHOUSE
NOVEMBER 2022

The Cotswold Savoyards are extremely excited to be launching their Youth Programme and their very first Junior Production – ‘Disney, The Little Mermaid Jr’. We hope that this will be the start of many more youth productions to come in the future and we are thrilled at the opportunity to welcome more junior members into the society.

General Information:

The production is to be staged at The Cheltenham Playhouse from Wednesday 2nd November to Saturday 5th November 2022. It is imperative that all those children cast after the workshop auditions on Sunday 19th June and call backs on Monday 20th June 2022 are available for every performance, full run through rehearsals and the technical and dress rehearsals as follows:

- ❖ Sunday 16th October – Full day rehearsal 10am – 5pm (2 x full show run through)
- ❖ Sunday 30th October – Evening Technical Rehearsal at the theatre
- ❖ Monday 31st October – Evening Dress Rehearsal at the theatre
- ❖ Wednesday 2nd November – Evening Performance 7.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 3rd November - Evening Performance 7.30pm
- ❖ Friday 4th November - Evening Performance 7.30pm
- ❖ Saturday 5th November – Matinee Performance 2.30pm
- ❖ Saturday 5th November - Evening Performance 7.30pm

Rehearsals will generally be on a Sunday afternoon from 1pm – 4pm at:

Shurdington Primary School
Badgeworth Lane
Shurdington
GL51 4UQ

There may be the occasional time that we have to move the rehearsals to a Monday evening. We will aim to give as much notice of this as possible. A full rehearsal schedule will be sent to the successful cast as soon as possible after casting. There will be no rehearsals for the first 2 weeks in August (7th and 14th) to allow for family holidays etc. If a member of the cast misses more than 3 rehearsals, the Production Team will be given the opportunity to recast at their discretion, depending on the circumstances

Auditions:

Shelley de Boer (Choreographer) and two society representatives who will assist the Directors and ensure fair play in accordance with the society audition guidelines.

Whilst most of the audition pieces will be taught during the audition workshop sessions, we would recommend that your child familiarises themselves with the principal characters in 'The Little Mermaid Jr'. There are lots of examples of the junior stage show on Youtube. We also recommend that your child familiarises themselves with the following songs:

Under the Sea – Workshop Dance and Vocal – All Auditionees

Part of Your World - Ariel call backs on Monday 20th June

One Step Closer – Eric call backs on Monday 20th June

Kiss the Girl – Sebastian call backs on Monday 20th June

Poor Unfortunate Souls – Ursula call backs on Monday 20th June

Human Stuff – Scuttle call backs on Monday 20th June

She's in Love – Flounder and Mersisters call backs on Monday 20th June

Les Poissons – Chef Louis call backs on Monday 20th June

All of the above songs are available on youtube ** Please ensure that your child learns 'The Little Mermaid Jr' versions**

Please print and complete our audition form for 'The Little Mermaid Jr' and bring it with you to the auditions with a small photo attached. These are required to assist the audition panel in identifying performers once the final selection process begins. At the registration point the children will be given a name badge and assigned a group number. They can then make their way to the main hall with one parent or guardian. There will be a short introduction and briefing and then parents will be asked to leave. If your child suffers with any medical conditions please mark this clearly on the audition form. If they have any medication, for example an inhaler, please ensure that they bring it with them to the audition and this is discussed with Penny Lewis, our trained first aider.

All audition forms, registration forms and photos for children who are unsuccessful in making the final cast, will be destroyed appropriately in accordance with the SAVs GDPR policy. There is no charge for the audition, but successful applicants will be required to pay a membership fee of £15 and a show fee of £40. This will need to be paid at the first rehearsal. This covers a small percentage of production and society costs. Scripts and costumes will be provided, excluding under garments and in some cases a unitard, leggings and t-shirt. Accessories and shoes will also need to be provided. Rehearsal costs are also included in the above fees.

Notification of audition results:

You will be notified of the results by email after the call backs have been completed on Monday 20th June. We will aim to get the cast list out as soon as possible. If you are not asked to come to the call backs on Monday, this does not mean that you have not made it into the cast. Please wait for the full cast list to be announced.

Assistance with chaperoning:

We will require assistance from parents/guardians of the cast children to help chaperone at every rehearsal. This will be done on a rota basis and you will need to have a valid chaperone licence or DBS check to assist with this.

FAQs:

• We are not available on the advertised audition day. Is there an alternative day available?

We are sorry, but Sunday 19th June 2022 is the only audition date.

• Can my child just come at a particular time to audition for a specific part?

As this audition is a workshop format, every child will be required to attend for the whole of their allotted 3 hour time slot (see above).

• What measures are in place for child protection and safety?

There will be the correct ratio of Licenced chaperones/DBS checked adults to children throughout the audition process, in line with GCC guidelines and the Savoyards Child Safeguarding Policy. There will be no access to the building from any other adults once the audition has started. The children will not be allowed outside unless they are with an adult and permission has been given.