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Welcome To ESCAPE

Office information: Please call 661-299-5264 or visit our website at www.escapetheatre.org for info. Office hours are Mon. thru Friday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
The ESCAPE Studio-26639 Valley Center Dr. #109

Rehearsal days: Monday evenings for ensemble, and Wednesday evenings for Lead roles (if interested).

Performances will be June 16-18, and 23-24, at The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center. Production week begins on Sat. June 10 for D Group, and Mon. June 12, for all students. Our first day in the theatre is June 12. You must be available every day that week, including all performances for BOTH weekends.

No absences during production week! Please check your schedules now and block off that WEEK on your calendar. We have the theatre reserved from 3:30-10 pm each day. **Please see your "All possible Dates" handout (on back) for ALL rehearsals & performances.**

Ensemble: All students who register for **ESCAPE** are **assured a role in the ensemble** and will also be given the opportunity to audition for a lead role. The ensemble is what holds our group together and makes the big production numbers so amazing! **Audition Prep night** is Wed. February 13, for those students interested. We will teach them the songs, and dances needed for auditions. Our Staff members will videotape "anything important" for auditions, so the kids can rehearse from our website. You must be a member of our website to **view the videos**, so please request to become a member ASAP. **Auditions are February 21 & 22, with Callbacks on March 1.**

Each family is asked to volunteer as a Chaperone for one show, and ONE other Committee: We have a variety that may interest you: *Selling tickets, Stage Crew Dads, Props, Concessions, Spot Light Dads, Selling Flowers, Microphones, Door Dads.* Sign-up lists will be available at the April 17th Parent meeting. We DO need ALL 320 OF YOU for a successful production! Thank you for volunteering!

Main lead roles during Production week: If your child or teen is auditioning for a Lead role- they will have rehearsal at 3:30 Production week. Some smaller lead roles will also have rehearsal in the later part of the afternoon, before ensemble begins at 5:30.

Parent Volunteers & Valet Drop-off: We want to make sure our students are safe when you drop them off. We appreciate having **four parent volunteers for our A & B groups on Monday evening rehearsals.** This allows the directors to focus on the kids. Please sign up for ONE rehearsal when you can help out during your child's Monday rehearsal. (A & B only)

Parent Meetings: We will have TWO short meetings, over the next 4 months on **April 17 and June 5. Please attend these short 15 min. meetings.** There will be important information about the show, your child's costumes, signing up for committees, special events & much more. Thank you!

Tickets go on sale Mon. May 8th at 5:30 pm in Studio B: We ask that each participant do their best to sell at least 10 tickets. This should be easy, as you will want all of your family, friends, and neighbors to see them perform. Ticket prices are still \$22 for adults & \$18 for seniors & students. Tickets will be on sale on Monday evenings at the studio, or by calling the office phone during office hours. We will sell at least 2,500 tickets the first night, & tickets go on sale to the public the following morning. Don't miss it, mark your calendar

Costumes: *You have already paid for the items that ESCAPE will provide with your Registration fee!* You are responsible for mandatory undergarments, shoes, & a few other costume pieces which you can easily find at Thrift stores, Walmart, JC Penney's, or Target. A detailed **Ensemble Costume sheet** will be available in the next 2 weeks. Lead roles will also have costume rental fees of \$50-75. For any costume questions call our Costume Designers **Cissi at 733-2468, or Helen at 644-5581.** They are here to help you.

Production Costs, Fundraisers, and Sponsorships: To produce this show will cost **just over \$246,000.** We cannot make it on Registration & ticket sales alone. As a non-profit corporation we must carefully budget every line item and we do our best to keep our costs low to benefit our families. Participating in our FUN-raisers such as Kona Ice, Krispy Kreme, and In-N-Out is very much appreciated! Every \$5 helps out! If you have a **Matching Gift program with your employer,** please consider donating to ESCAPE. Since we are a non-profit organization, any donations are tax deductible. We also have a **"Heart of ESCAPE" sponsorship** program, where you receive "free tickets" by being a sponsor. Call the office if you or the grandparents might be interested in becoming SPONSORS.

Splitting our cast & \$10 Cast-member Tickets: The ensemble will be split into **TWO groups, and each group performs in 4-5 shows.** We believe this will enhance the quality of the production and allows every performer to be seen, & have room to sing & dance. Friend requests will begin in March, & siblings are automatically together. Cast-members can purchase a **\$10 ticket for THEM** to watch a show they are NOT in. It is a great experience for them to see the final product

Thank you for ESCAPING with us!

