



## Welcome To ESCAPE

**Office information:** Please call 661-299-5264 or visit our website at [www.escapetheatre.org](http://www.escapetheatre.org) for info. Office hours are Mon.- Fri. 10:00 am - 2:30 pm. The office is NOT at the ESCAPE studio, so please call. **Studio is located at 26639 Valley Center Dr. #109**

**Rehearsal days:** Monday evenings for ensemble, and Wednesday evenings for Lead roles. **Performances will be January 26-28 & Feb. 2-3, 2018 at The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center. Production week is January 22-25. Mandatory rehearsals begin on January 8<sup>th</sup>,** as our last 2 weeks are imperative. *If you cannot attend all January rehearsals and BOTH weekends, you cannot be in this show.* We have rehearsals every day at the theatre January 22-25<sup>th</sup> and we cannot have any absences. Please check your schedules now and block off all important dates in January. **Please see your "All possible Dates"** handout (on back) for ALL rehearsal dates & eight performances in the next 4 ½ months.

**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. September 13**, for those students interested. We will teach them any songs, dances or scene 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 September 20 & 21. Callbacks are Wed. Sept. 27.**

**Each family is asked to volunteer for ONE committee.** We have a variety that may interest you: *Tickets, Stage Crew, Name Badges, Props, Concessions, Chaperones, Spot Light, Security, Flowers, Microphones, Costume team & Raffle items.* Sign-up lists will be available at the **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 teen is auditioning for any of the larger leads- they will have rehearsal at 3:30 or 4 pm Production week. Some smaller lead roles will also have rehearsal in the later part of the afternoon, before ensemble begins at 5:30.

**Valet Drop-off:** We want to make sure our students are safe when you drop them off on our front step. Please drive slowly in our parking lot, and use the valet drop off on your **RIGHT SIDE**, when rehearsals begin.

You must always park for Pick-up, and walk up to the back door to get your child if they are in A or B groups.

**Parent Meetings:** We will have TWO short meetings, over the next 4 months on **October 23, and January 15. 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. December 4 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 3,000 tickets the first night, & tickets go on sale to the public on Tues morning, December 5<sup>th</sup>. 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, & their Townsperson costume (which you can easily find at Thrift stores, or in your closets). A detailed **Ensemble Costume sheet** will be available next week. All Lead roles will have costume rental fees of \$25-60. For any costume questions call or text **Cissi at 733-2468.** She is here to help you NOW, not in December.

**Production Costs & Fundraisers:** To produce this show will cost **just over \$189,000.** 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 Lazy Dog, Krispy Kreme, and Chipotle 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, all donations are tax deductible.**

**Family Donation for Annual Holiday Dinner Event:** *Every family is asked to donate one auction item w/ a value of \$25 or more for our annual Holiday Dinner Theatre event each December. This event helps to pay for 3 months of our studio rent! More info in October!*

**Splitting our cast into TWO groups:** Our ensemble will be split into TWO groups, and **each group will perform in FOUR shows. D-group boys will be in all 8 shows.** Friend requests begin in October & siblings are automatically together. **Please feel free to call the ESCAPE office or email Elizabeth anytime!!**

\*\*\*\* **Thank you for ESCAPING with us!**