

Dick Whittington. Audition guidelines The Belgrade Theatre

Pantomime chorus auditions Sunday 4th September 2016. 9.45am for a 10am start at the Belgrade Theatre.

You do not have to pre-register and send your forms in but if you want to complete them before the audition date and bring them with you, it might save some time

Registration forms are available on our website at www.belgrade.co.uk

Your child **MUST** be available for the whole period (Tuesday 1st November rehearsals begin until the last performance on Saturday 7th January 2017) they cannot miss any rehearsals or performances. It is essential that every child performing in the pantomime receives a performance license from the Education Authority of the local council. This must be completed and sent to the education authority 21 days before the first performance – we organize this with support from parents and the school and it will be sent to the parents of successful children the day after the auditions.

Age - no younger than **9 years to no older than 16 years** on the day of the auditions. We welcome both boys and girls.

Audition Process

On Sunday, please bring your child(ren) to the theatre foyer where they will be numbered against their registration form. **Please note - At least one parent, guardian or nominated person must wait with the children as children may be being auditioned at different times and no child may be left unaccompanied at any time. The Belgrade Theatre cannot be held responsible for any child not accompanied by a responsible adult.**

Children should wear comfortable clothing and shoes suitable to move and dance in, and bring a soft drink(s). Parents are asked to wait in the theatre foyer area or the B2 auditorium whilst their child is auditioning. The Café Bar will be open on the day for drinks, snacks and sandwiches.

The day will be in two parts.

- **Morning** - all children will be auditioned. Those who are successful in the morning will be asked to return for a recall in the afternoon. Those children who are not successful will be allowed to go home
- **Afternoon** - Those children recalled for the afternoon auditions will be asked to stay until the final decisions are made later in the afternoon.

Please keep in contact with your child(ren) as they will be able to advise you when they will finish, or whether or not they have been recalled in the afternoon. We will be stopping for a lunch hour, the time of this will be decided on the day depending on how many children attend. **Your child will return to you during the lunch break if they are still with us.** If you decide to go off site for lunch, please bring your child back at their designated recall audition time.

At the end of the afternoon, those children lucky enough to be chosen for the pantomime teams will be asked to stay behind with their parents for their initial wardrobe measurement and to be put into three teams and to name the teams. The official licence application pack will be sent to the parents the day after in the post with clear guidelines for completing the paperwork.

We will need 3 teams of 8 for the pantomime chorus plus one full team of reserves. Rehearsals for school nights and some Saturdays will require full commitment. A schedule will be given to you when completed. When we go into tech week we will be rehearsing all day (which does mean missing some school). The pantomime production run is from 23rd November 2016 – 7th Jan 2017.

Please arrive at 9.45am for a prompt 10am start.

We look forward to seeing you all.

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