

Why Pick Theater?

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT Studies show kids in theater are more likely to be engaged in their community and less likely to drop out. Further, research shows that kids who develop both their right and left brain are more likely to fully achieve academically.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
If you can belt out a showtune
in front of hundreds of
friends, family, and strangers
then you can handle speaking
in front of pretty much any
room.

HANDLING STRESS

Anyone who has seen live theater knows things happen. Kids learning how to deal with unexpected curve balls are prepared for the stress of their lives going "off book" off stage.

COMMUNITY

Theater kids rock! Sometimes kids need to find other kids like them or, at least kids that embrace who they are. Theater kids are an amazing bunch of accepting humans ready to make everyone feel like they have a home within their school.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING
The pandemic has taken
a toll on kids. 9 out of 10
surveyed theater kids report
that participating in theater
improved their personal
emotional wellbeing.



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Registration Closes August 30th!



Step Two: Click register, select an audition time, and complete your registration.

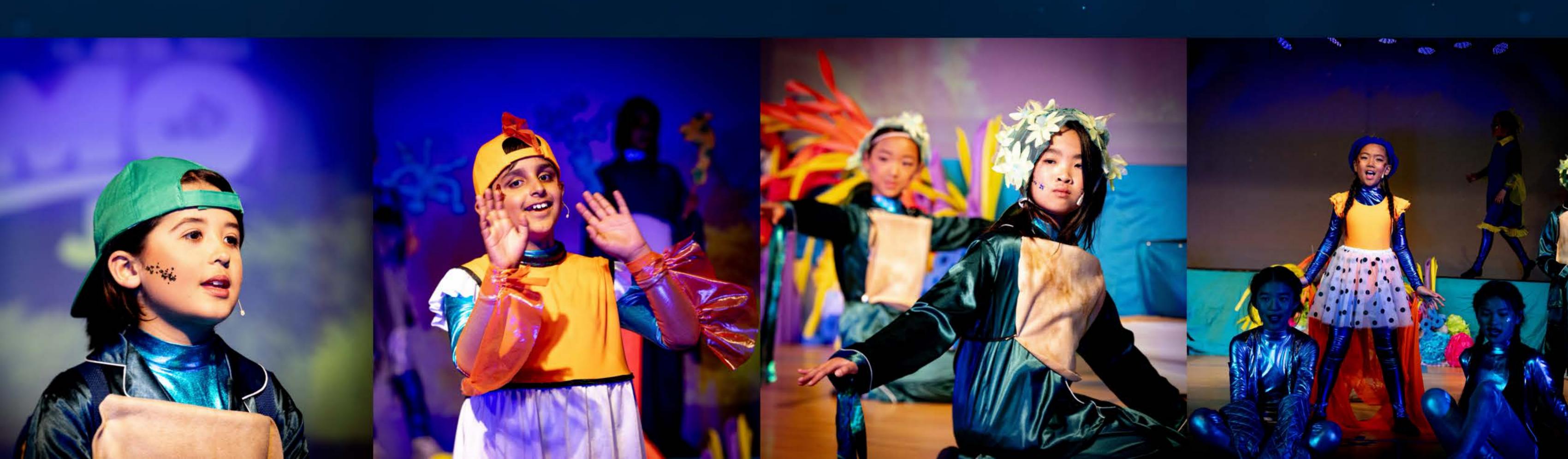
Who Is West Valley Youth Theater?

Since our first production of Willy Wonka, Jr in the summer of 2009, we have provided children an opportunity to participate in youth theater through multiple shows, camps, and school programs. During those years, our productions have grown as has our reach now expanding throughout the West Valley of the San Francisco Bay Area.

We are committed to providing Broadway-level theater training in a nurturing and supportive community for local youth.

Our programs are accessible to children of all backgrounds and ability.

Further, our training is holistic, introducing children to all aspects of theater production on and off stage.



Who Is Our Artistic Pirector?

Heather Stokes is the Artistic Director of West ValleyYouth
Theater. She has a background in classical voice atUOP
conservatory and a Musical Theater Performance Degree from
the American Musical & Dramatic Academy. Her professional
experience includes the original revival Broadway cast of "Grease"
(including several national tours), commercials and television
credits. Heatherreturned to the Bay Area (after 10 years of
working inNYC) in 1998 and worked as a resident director for
Children's Musical Theatre in San Jose for many years.
She is a Bay Area native and has worked with a variety of
companies, schools, and organizations, including over twenty
years of directing youth theater productions.



How Po Auditions Work!

Auditions are designed to be fun and low-pressure for kids.

Auditions are September 3rd or 4th (initial audition) and 5th - 6th (callbacks)



How Do Auditions Work!

Check in at your designated time and we will confirm your child's info and take their picture. Have your child wear comfortable clothes and shoes because they'll be moving!

In a small group, the kids will perform a prepared song, learn a short dance, and read a provided line from the script. Kids only need to come prepared to sing one song. To make things as easy as possible for the kids, the creative team has selected songs from the show the kids should pick from.

View Audition Materials Here





After their audition, your child will receive a callback sheet.

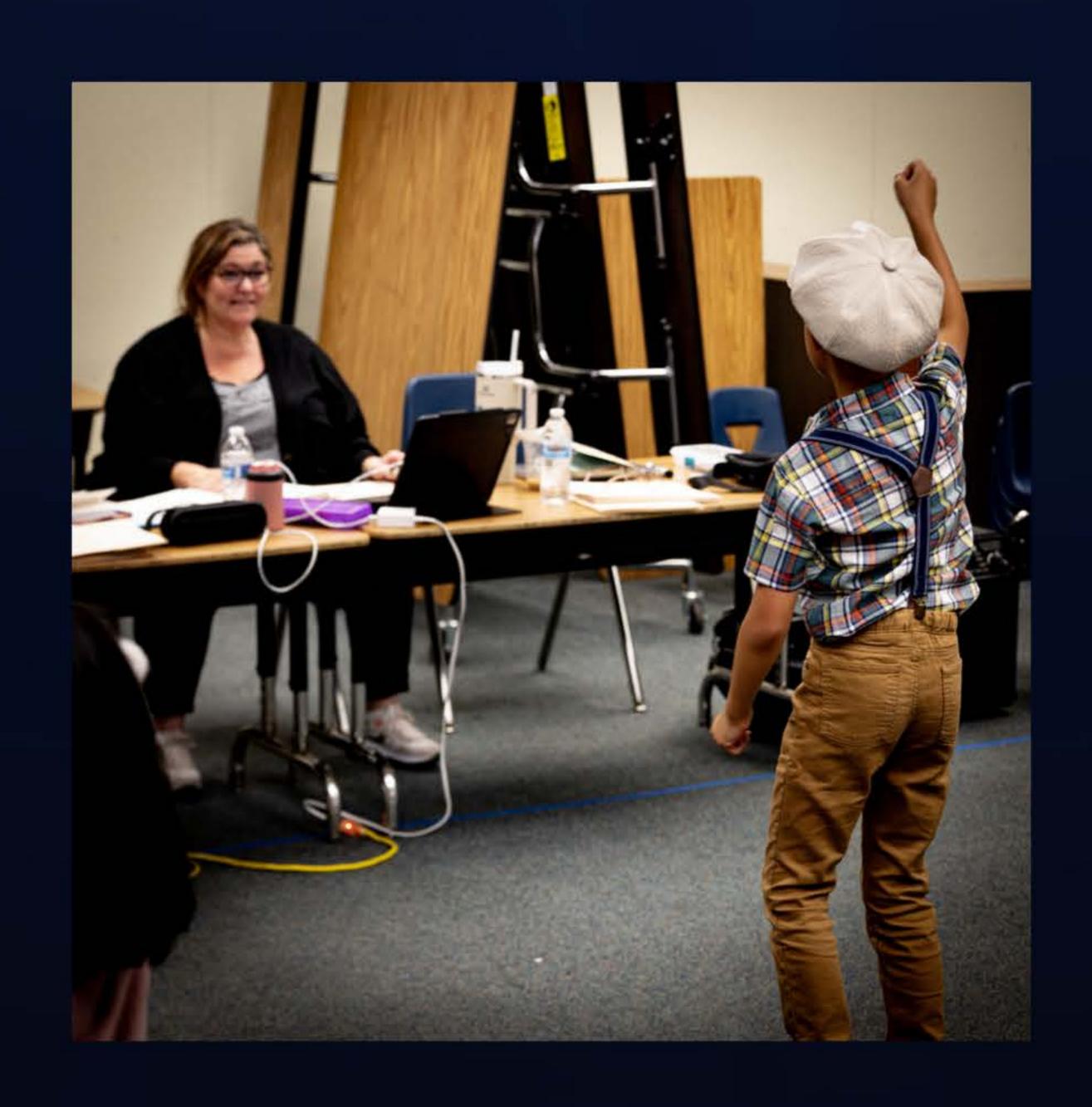
How Po Callbacks Work!

Each child will be provided callback information following their initial audition.

All kids will be called back for a dance callback to perform the short dance they learn during their first audition.

Kids may also be called back for specific roles. Kids will be asked to prepare additional materials for these role callbacks. Typically, kids are asked to familiarize (not memorize) themselves with some selected lines and learn an additional song.

Callback auditions work similarly to the first audition day. Kids will be broken into small groups and will be asked to perform their prepared materials.



How Are Casting Pecisions Made,

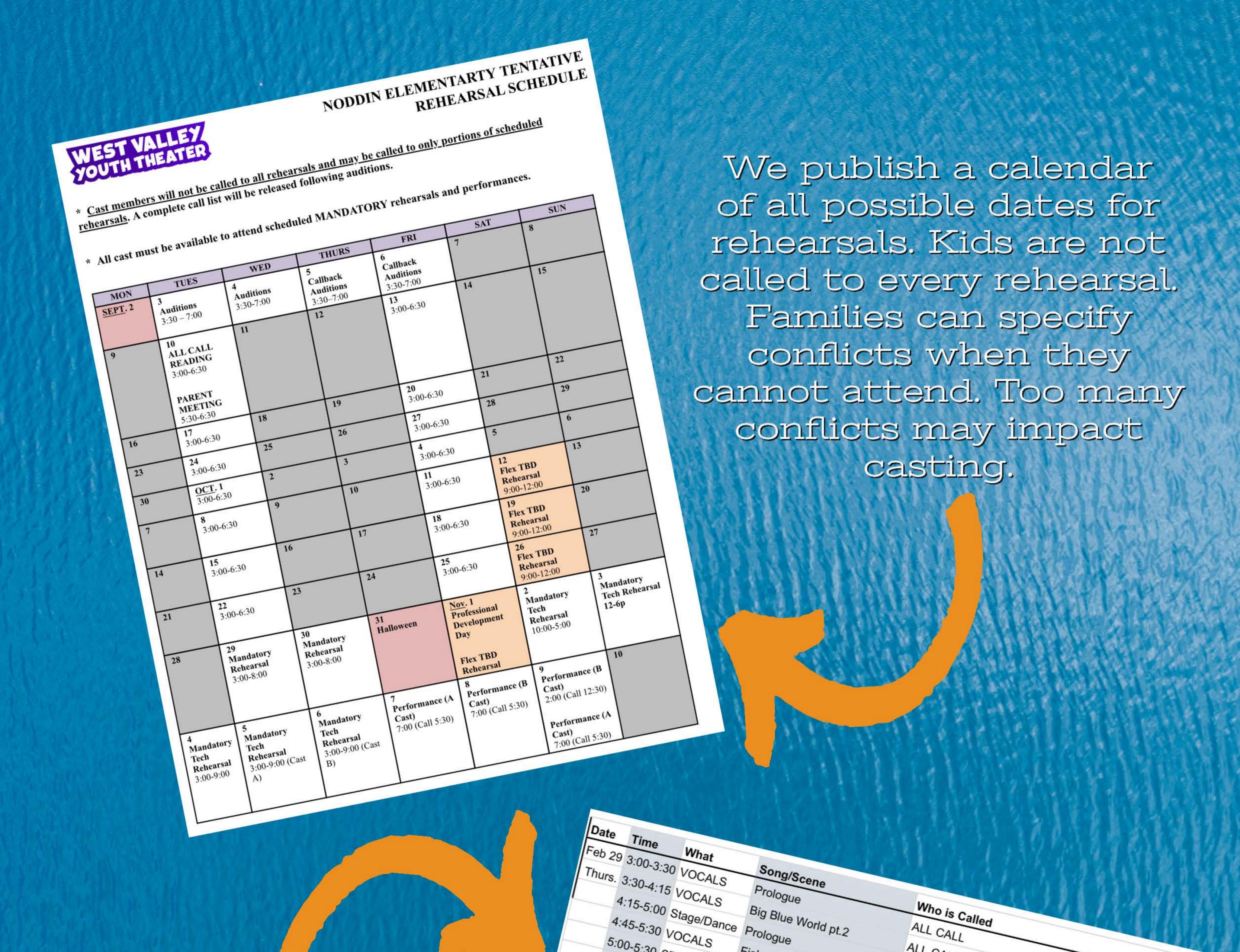
Every casting is unique based on the group of kids auditioning.

It is important to remember that every role is important and every role plays an essential part in making a successful production. The creative team works hard to find the roles that each child will excel within.

In addition to acting and singing ability, in an elementary school production, the creative team is considering things like conflicts/rehearsal availability, confidence, the ability of kids to project their voice (can they hear them in the audition?), how they interact with the other kids in the audition, and whether they are excited to do their audition. The cast list is typically posted by Sunday evening following auditions. All casting decisions are final.



How Por Penearsals Work!



5:00-5:30 STAGE

5:30-6:00 VOCALS

5:00-6:00 costumes

4:45-5:00 VOCALS

5:00-6:00 STAGE

Fish are Friends

Drop-off, Abduction

Mar 1 3:00-3:45 Vocal/Review Prologue, Big Blue World pt.2 ALL CALL

Big Blue World pt.1

Drop-off, Abduction

Drop-off, Abduction

ALL CALL

Professor Ray, Marlin, Tad, Sheldon, Nemo, Pearl

Gill, Gurgle, Bloat, Peach, Bubbles, Nemo

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ALL CALL

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All Sharks

measure all kids for costumes ALL CALL-pull as needed from rehearsal

After casting we will publish a full call calendar for every possible rehearsal date based on roles so families know exactly when their performers are at rehearsal.

What Is The Volunteer Dequirement!

Your help makes this production possible! Each family is asked to volunteer 15 hours (two of which dedicated to setup or teardown of the show during production week).

Volunteers help with everything from rehearsal supervision, prop making, costumes, backstage, crew, and front-of-house.

A complete volunteer signup calendar will be posted shortly after rehearsals begin. There are plenty of on-site and at-home volunteer opportunities available.

If you would like to make a donation to the show in lieu of volunteer hours, please contact



Additional Questions!

Do you have additional questions? Join our family WhatsApp group where you can ask any questions you have about registration or the production.



