

Academy Kids Show Information- ONCE UPON A MUSICAL

Zinc Arts Theatre, Great Stony, High Street, Ongar CM5 0AD

Our FANTASTIC Academy kids will be performing in ONCE UPON A MUSICAL at the Zinc Arts Theatre- Ongar, CM5 0AD in the matinee performances on the weekend of 11th & 12th July.

CHELMSFORD ACADEMY KIDS: Saturday 11th July: @ 2.30pm Performance

ONGAR ACADEMY KIDS: Sunday 12th July: @ 1.00pm Performance

Academy kids students will perform at the beginning of Act 1 and then they will sit with their parents and watch the rest of the show.

Show Fee

There is a small show fee payable to secure your child's place in the cast and to cover the hire of the costume. This fee is to be paid at class in Cash. Invoices will be sent out this week.

Academy Kids School	Date	Dress Rehearsal (No class Sat 11th July)	Staff Collect (Parents take seats)	Performance Time (Show: approx 2.5hr inc interval)
Chelmsford	Sat 11th July	12.15pm-1.00pm	2.15pm	2.30pm
Ongar	Sun 12th July	11.00am-11.45pm	12.45pm	1.00pm

The Dress Rehearsal Please arrive promptly at the time stated above with your child 'show ready' with their hair done etc. On arrival, parents will be given the costume for them to quickly change their child into in the dressing room. The dress rehearsal is to give our mini-stars the opportunity to rehearse on the stage with full lights and sound and to practice entering and exiting the stage. It's to ensure the health and safety of our young performers and is therefore compulsory. On the day we advise you to either have an early lunch or bring a packed lunch for your child as there won't be a lot of time to go out and get food between the rehearsal and the show. Parents are not permitted to watch the dress rehearsal (*Sorry Parents! We don't want to spoil the show for you*) however, you are more than welcome to wait in the atrium and have a coffee. The rehearsal will be finished by the time stated above when your child will be handed back to you.

The Performance: The children will already be in their costume from the dress rehearsal however we ask you to please bring something for them to wear over the top so that the audience doesn't see their costume before the performers are on stage and also to protect the costume from spillages when eating & drinking.

The staff will collect the children from you in the Atrium fifteen minutes before the show start time so that you can take your seats in the auditorium. Once the children have finished their section in the show the house lights will be brought up and the kids will be escorted from the stage into the audience to take their seat with you to watch the rest of the show.

Costume Return: In the interval please change your child back into their own clothes and return the costume to the Academy Arts staff. This is important as lost costumes incur a fee.
PLEASE DO NOT TAKE COSTUMES HOME WITH YOU!

Tickets: Tickets for the matinee performances go on pre-sale to the Academy Kids families in advance of going on public release however this is only by 24hrs so please ensure you book your tickets as soon as they go on sale. When booking your seats you will need to book a ticket for your little star performer also so they can sit and watch the show with you after they have

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performed. The code **Kidz26** will deduct the cost of their ticket from your booking.

When the tickets go on sale please remember to book IMMEDIATELY as matinees are very popular and we want you, your family and your young performer to be able to watch the show.

Please try and book tickets for your group & performer, ON or NEAR the aisle and if possible, not right at the back, to minimise disruption to the show when the kids are escorted back to you.

ACADEMY KIDS SHOW WEBPAGE

IMPORTANT FORMS Below is a link to the Academy Kids Show page on our website which has all the forms required for parents and will also include song words, music etc. This page is hidden on the website so you will only be able to access it with the link or by typing the address into your browser.

www.academyarts.co.uk/members/academykids

Performance Consent Form (*Over due*): In order for your child to perform in any theatre in the UK we must have parental consent. Most Parents have already filled in the performance consent form but for the few that have not please click on the link above and fill in ASAP.

Show T-Shirts: We all love a show t-shirt!! These are a great memento for the kids and a great way for us to advertise the show. Especially if the students wear them out and about the area. The extra money we make from the sale of the t-shirts subsidises the hiring of technical equipment such as microphones and moving lights etc .Link on the show webpage.

Head Shot: Please upload a HEAD SHOT of your child for the programme using the link on the show page. Please send these ASAP as we really don't want the show logo printed in place of your child's beautiful face!

Headshots should be taken with a plain background behind and with no one else in the photo. Please ensure the background is plain and that there is no one else in the shot. Please also ensure that shoulders are covered and that there are no logos. Neutral or no make-up. Using a phone to take a shot is fine however good lighting is the key. Light from all directions looks best and reduces shadows so photos taken in front of a window look good or taken outside (unless you are lucky enough to have photographic lighting).

Programme Message /Adverts For our shows, we produce a full A4 colour brochure which is sold at the performance. West End shows print their brochures in bulk and therefore they are relatively cheap to have produced. This is obviously more expensive per unit when you are only printing a couple of hundred and therefore we ask parents and friends and family if they would like to put a message in the programme for their child for a donation of £5.50 wishing them luck in the show or a birthday wish, exam congrats etc.

Businesses: If any businesses would like to advertise, we ask for a £25 donation and please upload your artwork via the link on the show page.

We can't wait to see your kids smash it on stage!

It's all very exciting!!!!