



Alamance Children's Theatre

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Dear Auditionees and Parents/Guardians,

Thank you so much for your interest in participating in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. If this is your first time auditioning with us, welcome! If you've been to auditions before, welcome back! We're committed to doing everything we can to make this a valuable, worthwhile, and positive experience for you.

Chances are we will not be able to cast everyone who is auditioning. Casting is completely up to the directors alone. Remember, there are so many things that go into casting besides talent – age, size, voice, tone and volume, potential chemistry with the rest of the cast, you name it, and it probably makes a difference to a director. And every director's idea is different!

Enjoy yourself this evening. The best practice for auditions is to audition every chance you get! Your parents/guardians and ACT are very proud of you for having the courage to come out and try your best this evening. The wonderful thing about auditions is that there's always another one!

The final cast list will be posted on ACT's Facebook Page **by** 12:00PM Noon on Friday, October 13, 2017 and also potentially on the ACT website at www.alamancechildrenstheatre.com. You must email Tiana Kane to accept or decline your role at ripley.sunshine@gmail.com **by** 7:00PM on Friday, October 13, 2017.

On Saturday, October 14th, all of the cast, crew members, parents/guardians, director, and producers will meet at Alamance Lutheran Church at 10:00 am. A great deal of important information will be discussed, so it is MANDATORY that each cast member and a parent/guardian attend this meeting. A \$50 Participation Fee will be collected from each cast member (\$40 for each additional sibling). This fee helps to cover some of the production's costs. *Scholarships are available to ensure that no young person is unable to participate. Please speak to one of the producers after the parent meeting to make these arrangements. Scholarship families will be requested to "Pay what they can" and will be asked to contribute additional volunteer hours to the production.*

ACT has proudly presented high quality productions in the past, but could not have done so without the help of many wonderful volunteers to complete sets, create costumes, make props, publicize the show, etc., etc.! ACT knows you want your actor/actress to be a part of the best production possible. Therefore, we need each family to volunteer at least 5 hours of time per actor to complete sets, create costumes, publicize the show, and address a number of other needs. You may be asked to provide a \$25 Production Fee deposit check per actor in your family. This check will be returned at the close of the show assuming your family has provided at least 5 hours of assistance per actor throughout the production period. Options are available if circumstances limit a family's active involvement, but arrangements must be made with producers at the beginning of the rehearsal period.

Rehearsals will be at Alamance Lutheran Church, or at an alternate location if necessary and will generally occur between 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. There may also be some Friday night and Saturday rehearsals. Not all cast members will be scheduled for each rehearsal but you will be expected to attend all rehearsals for which you have been scheduled. *Tech week begins on Sunday, November 26, 2017 with rehearsals each night at the Paramount Theater. Tech Week rehearsals may extend to 10:00 pm at the latest. All cast & crew MUST be present this week – **No Exceptions!***

Please note the regular performances at the Paramount will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 30 and December 1 & 2, 2017, and at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 & 3, 2017. Daytime "School Shows" occur on Friday, December 1, 2017 and are tentatively scheduled for 9:30 am and 12:00 pm. **All Cast and crew must be present for all regular shows and school shows.**

If you have any questions or comments, please email actinfo@alamancechildrenstheatre.com.

Alamance Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of performing arts skills for area youth. ACT is a member group of Alamance Arts.