



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 no later than 4pm on Friday, October 13, 2023 and also potentially on the ACT website at www.alamancechildrenstheatre.com. You must email to accept or decline your role at ACTBCPE@gmail.com by 12pm on Saturday, October 15, 2023.

On Tuesday, October 17, 2023, all of the cast, parents/guardians, director, and producers will meet at Alamance Lutheran Church at 7:00pm. 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 \$60 Participation Fee will be collected from each cast member (\$50 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 email us at ACTBCPE@gmail.com or speak to one of the producers at 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 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. 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 predominantly occur at Alamance Lutheran Church and will generally occur between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. There may be a few nights that extend to 9:30 pm, some Friday night rehearsals that go later, and a few Saturday morning/afternoon and potential Sunday afternoon/evening rehearsals. Some rehearsals with minimal called cast members may be at locations other than Alamance Lutheran. **Not all cast members will be scheduled for each rehearsal but each cast member will be expected to attend all of the rehearsals for which he or she is scheduled.**

Tech week begins on Monday, November 27, 2023 with rehearsals each day/night at the Paramount Theater. Tech Week rehearsals may extend to 10:30 pm. All cast should be present this week with no exceptions! However, if an auditionee has a mandatory or long term commitment that may conflict with attendance during Tech Week, that conflict should be detailed on the audition form and specifically discussed with production staff at auditions.

Please note the regular performances at the Paramount will be at 7:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays, December 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2022, and at 2:00 pm Saturdays and Sundays, December 2, 3, 9, & 10, 2023. School shows will occur during one school day. **All Cast members must be present for all shows.**

If you have any questions or comments, please email ACTBCPE@gmail.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.