

READING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Presents

Disney
THE LITTLE
MERMMAID
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3RD – 6TH GRADE AUDITION PACKET

Audition Dates:

DECEMBER 8TH, 9TH & 10TH

(WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A TIME IN THE OFFICE

Hello Parents! Thank you for your interest in Reading Elementary's production of The Little Mermaid Jr. this year!

It is important for those participating to understand the level of commitment required to be a part of the musical. Please carefully consider your willingness to commit fully before auditioning.

There is a \$25⁰⁰ nonrefundable participation fee. (Payable to Reading PTA, please write "musical" in the notes on your check). This will cover the cost of the music, scripts, costumes, sets, props, cast party and a cast t-shirt for each student. This fee is significantly lower than in years past for both the school and the students. We would like everyone to participate who wants to. So, please don't let the fee stop you. We can figure something out!

No one involved with the musical will be paid. Everyone is a volunteer. This means we need every parent to help in some way. Parent involvement is key in producing a great show and a positive experience for our kids.

Please be prepared for your audition!

- Please read ALL the information in this packet.
- Complete all forms and bring them with your \$25 participation fee to your audition.

Auditions will be held in the cafeteria after school Dec. 8th, 9th and 10th.

- **SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION TIME.** The sign-up folder is in the office.
- There will be TWO casts. Final cast lists will be emailed out Monday night, Dec 13th.
- **Parent Meeting Wednesday, Dec 15th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.** Please have at least one parent or guardian in attendance.

Cast members must commit to attending ALL rehearsals.

- **Rehearsals will be M-W-F or T-Th-F from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Fridays from 1:30-2:45.** I will not schedule every child every day. We focus on groups so that no one gets bored. Weekly schedules, music, updates and much more will be sent out on a weekly basis
- **Full Run-Throughs & Dress rehearsals will begin closer to our performances and attendance is vital! No absences or late arrivals/early departures please!** Full run-throughs/Tech/dress rehearsals will be held from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Mon-Thurs and 1:30-4 p.m. Fridays. Snacks will be provided for these rehearsals.

Final performances will be on **March 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th** for both casts. Times will be emailed out as soon as we know them. Please mark these dates on your calendar!

For any additional questions please text **Natalie Hunter** 801-201-6461

Want to advertise in this year's playbill? Please call/text Phil Hunter 801-856-1287



AUDITION INFO

Dec 8th, 9th & 10th

Please sign up for an audition time in the office.

Be on time for your audition, bring your Audition Form and Participation Fee.

Please be prepared to sing 30-45 seconds of a song of your choice.

The song you try out with should show us your range, ability and personality.

You will need to provide your own music/accompaniment. Phones, iPods and CD players are easiest. If you need a piano we can provide that.

We love to have fun so come show us the best you've got! Good luck!





(for Directors use only)

AUDITION FORM

**** This form and the participation fee of \$25 must be turned in at the audition ****

(Please write clearly)

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

(We'll take measurements)

W____ A____ L____

Height: _____ Shoe Size: _____ Shirt Size: Adult / Child S M L XL

Do you have any special talents? (Tap, gymnastics, dance, juggling, etc.) _____

Is there a specific part you'd like to be considered for? _____

Please circle the group/s you would like most to be considered for:

Chefs Sailors Princess' Gulls Ariel's Sisters Sea Creatures Lagoon animals

Please list ANY activities / sports / lessons / vacations you will participate in that will conflict with the musical from January 3rd to March 20th

If your child *needs* to be placed in a specific cast due to scheduling or has siblings who need to stay together, please circle one: **M W F cast T T H F cast**

****No changes will be made to cast lists once they have been posted.****

Parent Permission

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to take part in the Reading Elementary musical, Disney's Little Mermaid, Jr. I understand that my child must attend an audition to be eligible for a cast role. I have read and understand the commitment and responsibilities for my child to participate in the production.

Parent's Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Food Allergy: _____



CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Ariel: The heroine of our story, is a little mermaid who longs to be human.

Casting: Strong singer and dynamic performer. Ariel has some beautiful solos but must be able to convey meaning through gesture once she loses her voice.

Sings: Part Of Your World, Part Of Your World Reprise 1, Part Of Your World Reprise 2, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Female

Prince Eric: The adventurous prince who captures Ariel's heart.

Casting: charming performer with a sensitive nature, a strong actor. Prince Eric has a few small solos

Sings: Fathoms Below, One Step Closer, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Male

Sebastian: The meticulous and anxious crab who tries to keep Ariel safe while getting to lead some of the most memorable songs in the show!

Casting: Strong singer who can also handle Sebastian's emotional range.

Sing: Under The Sea, Kiss The Girl, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

Flounder: Ariel's sincere and sensitive best friend who is loyal to the end. This spunky fish also has a show-stopping solo in "She's in Love."

Casting: A younger performer with an unchanged voice.

Sings: She's In Love, Under The Sea, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

King Triton: Ruler of the sea and is a force to be reckoned with.

Casting: A mature performer who feels comfortable playing father to Ariel and the Mersisters. Needs to command the stage as a strong leader but also show the tenderness of a parent.

Sings: Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Male

Mersisters (Aquata, Andrina, Arista, Atina, Adella, Allana): Ariel's siblings and full of personality and sass.

Casting: Strong singers, dancers and actors who can create and play six distinctive characters.

Sings: Daughters Of Triton, She's in Love, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Female

Ursula: The manipulative sea witch who tries to overthrow King Triton. She is cunning and devious and will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

Casting: a mature performer who can bring out this villain's humor while finding texture in Ursula's complexity. Strong singer who can handle Ursula's Challenging Solos.

Sings: Poor Unfortunate Souls, Poor Unfortunate Souls Reprise

Gender: Female

Tentacles: Extensions of Ursula

Casting: Six performers who work well together and can move as a unit.

Sings: Poor Unfortunate Souls, Poor Unfortunate Souls Reprise

Gender: Any

Flotsam and Jetsam: Ursula's slippery spies. These electric eels are sinister and sneaky.

Casting: Performers who can be underhanded and devious while still being heard on stage.

Sings: Poor Unfortunate Souls, Poor Unfortunate Souls Reprise

Gender: Any

Scuttle: The know-it-all seagull who serves as Ariel's expert on humans. He is funny and off-beat.

Casting: A performer with good comedic timing who is willing to have fun with Scuttle's eccentricities.

Sings: Human Stuff, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

Gulls: Scuttle's flock of zany "back-up singers" who help explain human stuff to Ariel.

Casting: Performers with good comedic timing who is willing to have fun with Scuttle's eccentricities.

Sings: Human Stuff, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

Grimsby: Prince Eric's prim and proper valet. He is rigid in personality and constantly trying to guide Prince Eric towards the throne.

Casting: A strong actor

Sings: Fathoms Below, The Contest, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Male

Chef Louis: The over-the-top head chef in the palace. He is always wild and frenetic.

Casting: A strong comedic performer

Sings: Les Poissons, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Male

Chefs: Chef Louis's assistants.

Casting: Group singers and dancers

Sings: Les Poissons, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

Carlotta: The headmistress in Prince Eric's palace and Ariel's greatest human ally.

Casting: A warm and maternal actor.

Sings: Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Female

Princesses: Six Princesses try everything they can to win the heart of Prince Eric.

Casting: Actresses who can create an exaggerated and comedic personality through song.

Sings: The Contest, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Female

Pilot: The head sailor on Prince Eric's ship. This nautical expert who entertains the sailors with wild tales of the sea presents.

Casting: A strong singer and storyteller.

Sings: Fathoms Below, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Male

Sailors: The crew of Prince Eric's ship. They are eager for adventure and ready to tackle a storm.

Casting: Good Group Singers and Dancers

Sings: Fathoms Below, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

Seahorse: The court herald for King Triton.

Casting: A young performer with a clear speaking voice.

Sings: Under The Sea, Part Of Your World Finale, Under The Sea Bows

Gender: Any

Sea Chorus: Is responsible for creating each world within the show.

Casting: performers who can move gracefully and are capable of being part of a scene without drawing focus. Opportunities to showcase more skilled dancers.

Gender: Any

Sea Creatures: Are the ensemble under water animals in King Triton's court.

Casting: Good group singers and dancers. Opportunities to showcase both dancers and singers in "Under the Sea." Willing to double as other characters in the show.

Gender: Any

Merfolk: The Merfolk of King Triton's Court.

Casting: Actors that are willing to double as other characters in the show. Gender: Any

Lagoon Animals: Try to convince Prince Eric to kiss Ariel.

Casting: Actors that are willing to double as other characters in the show. Gender: Any