

## Disney Musicals in Schools Overview

*Add a little magic to your classroom through Disney Musicals in Schools at NJPAC!*

Selected schools will receive:

- A **free** performance license to a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical (available shows include: *101 Dalmatians*, *Aladdin*, *The Aristocats*, *Cinderella*, *The Jungle Book*, *The Lion King* and *Winnie the Pooh*).
- **Free** ShowKit materials, including a director's guide, student scripts, cross curricular activities, accompaniment and rehearsal CDs and a choreography DVD.
- **Free** in-school support from NJPAC Teaching Artists.

Disney Musicals in Schools at NJPAC presents a special opportunity to introduce the collaborative art of musical theater to your school, strengthen your arts programming and develop partnerships among students, faculty, staff and the greater community.

### The goals of Disney Musicals in Schools are:

- Create a sustainable musical theater programs in public elementary schools.
- Provide school faculty with the training and tools necessary to support student performance and production, and to empower them to do so.
- Develop a critical awareness and appreciation of the arts within schools.
- Develop a strong community, including cultural organizations, students, parents, faculty, staff and neighbors.
- Expose students and school teachers to the wide spectrum of skills that are developed when producing a piece of musical theater including: critical thinking, problem solving, ensemble building, communication, self-confidence and interpersonal skills .

### Disney Musicals in Schools Program Overview:

NJPAC will select up to five New Jersey public elementary schools (including charter schools) to participate in this year's Disney Musicals in Schools program.

Selected schools will receive:

- Free performance rights (valid for one year) to a Disney KIDS musical of their choosing as well as a complimentary ShowKit. The ShowKit includes materials and resources to aid teachers in producing, directing and choreographing the show.
- Free in-school support from a team of two NJPAC Teaching Artists (during a 90 minute school visit each week). The Teaching Artists will serve as production and creative advisors who will train and empower the School Team to run the program themselves.
  - The Teaching Artists will guide the School Team through both production management (developing a rehearsal schedule, running auditions and addressing technical and physical production requirements) and the creative execution of the show (direction, choreography, acting and design).
  - The Teaching Artists will also advise on cross-curricular connections and provide guidance on involving parents, the school community and the wider community in this project.
  - Disney KIDS Musicals are designed to be produced on any budget. NJPAC Teaching Artists will work with selected School Teams to create a production within the budget the school is able to allocate to this project.
- Lastly, the selected schools will participate in a culminating Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration. At this event, each school will share selections from its production at NJPAC's Prudential Hall.

Disney Musicals in Schools at NJPAC is an outreach initiative that develops sustainable musical theater programs in New Jersey public elementary schools (including charter schools).

Schools throughout the Greater Newark Area will be selected to participate in the 2017-2018 program **free of charge**. To be eligible for consideration, the school must meet the following qualifications:

- New Jersey public schools (including charter schools) located in an urban school district.
- Located within an Abbott School District **OR** have a District Factor Group Rating of A or B **OR** at least 25% of the student population is deemed to live at or below the poverty line.

Any New Jersey public elementary school meeting these qualifications is eligible to apply.

**The application deadline is May 19, 2017.**

Please note: Recipient schools will receive various levels of support over a period of three years. Next year and beyond, applications from schools that have participated in the program in the last five years will not be considered.

### Disney Musicals in Schools Program Requirements:

Selected schools will be expected to:

- Produce a 30-minute *Disney KIDS* musical involving 3rd-5th graders both on and off stage.
- Identify a School Team comprising at least three, but no more than five, teachers and staff members who will partner with the NJPAC Teaching Artists and oversee and manage the program from beginning to end. It is recommended that at least one of the teachers on the School Team be an arts specialist (any discipline). The selected School Team will receive on-site support from a team of two NJPAC Teaching Artists who will visit the school for a 90-minute rehearsal once each week. The School Team will also run an additional 90 minute rehearsal once each week without the presence of the Teaching Artists.
- Commit to a full semester of rehearsal in an after-school setting (see timeline).
- Host a site visit for the selection team during the application process.
- Provide space, time, materials and resources for students and the School Team to rehearse and prepare for the musical production.
- Collect all necessary program paperwork from participating students.
- Provide opportunities for the whole school to be connected to the production.
- Involve parents and the larger community in the mounting of the production.
- Hold a minimum of one public performance of the musical.
- Participate in the culminating Student Share event at NJPAC and provide transportation for participating students.

### Disney Musicals in Schools Timeline:

May 19, 2017	Applications due
May 30 - June 9, 2017	Finalist school site visits
Week of June 12, 2017	All applicants notified of status
September 13, 2017 at 4:30-7:30pm	Selected school orientation
September 2017 - February 2018	Rehearsals and onsite support from Teaching Artists.
Week of February 5, 2018	School performances
February 12, 2018	Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration at NJPAC