

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

NJPAC is excited to work with The Johnny Mercer Foundation to implement free musical theater residencies with 6th–8th grade students at schools located in the Greater Newark-area in the Mercer Musical Theater Program. Beginning in March 2020, each residency will meet twice a week for 20 sessions. During those 20 sessions, students will learn the diverse history of the American Musical, the creation process including lyric writing and the rehearsal and performance process—as they also develop their creativity, self-confidence and ability to tell their own story through the medium of the American Musical. In addition, the residencies will help schools to meet their curricular goals; all of NJPAC’s educational programs, including the Mercer Musical Theater Program, are developed in accordance with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Students will be taught by NJPAC Teaching Artists—trained in a curriculum based on the Erin Layton/Georgia State University curriculum provided by The Johnny Mercer Foundation—and at the end of the program will have the opportunity to come together and share their final culminating performance at NJPAC.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

November 8, 2019

Applications due

Week of November 25, 2019

Finalist notified for site visits

Week of December 2, 2019

Finalist school site visits

Week of January 6, 2020

All applicants notified of status

January 20–31, 2020

Selected school orientation meetings

February 26, 2020

Kickoff Event at NJPAC

February–June, 2020

Rehearsals and onsite instruction from Teaching Artists

Week of May 25, 2020

School performances

June 11, 2020

Final Performance at NJPAC

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Selected schools will be expected to:

- Identify a staff/faculty member to oversee and manage the program from beginning to end (School Liaison).
- Identify a classroom teacher who will partner with the NJPAC Teaching Artists and actively participate in the facilitation of the program.
- Commit to implementing the program with a class of 20-25 middle school students (Grades 6–8) twice a week for ten weeks between February–June 2020. Each class session must be a **minimum of 45 minutes. 60 minutes is recommended.**
- Host a site visit for the selection team during the application process.
- Provide bus transportation to and from NJPAC for the **Kickoff Event on February 26, 2020** and **Final Performance on June 11, 2020.**
- Collect signed NJPAC media release forms from all participating students.
- Provide evidence that the Mercer Musical Theater Program will support the mission of the school and/or supplement the existing arts curriculum.
- Send **completed application** and **school calendar** to NJPAC via email at artseducation@njpac.org by assigned deadline of **November 8, 2019**. Insert the name of the school and "Mercer Musical" in the subject line.



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Section I. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please fill out the form completely. Should you have any questions, please call the Arts Education department at 973.353.7058.

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

School Phone Number

School Fax Number

School Website

County: _____ School District: _____

Principal

Name: _____

Title

First

Last

Principal's Phone Number

Principal's email address

School Secretary

Name: _____

Title

First

Last

School Secretary's Phone Number

School Secretary's email address

In-School Liaison *The In-School Liaison is the individual responsible for coordinating the residencies.*

Name: _____

Title

First

Last

Liaison's Phone Number

Liaison's email address

Participating Classroom Teacher

Name: _____

Title

First

Last

Teacher's Phone Number

Teacher's email address

Section II. SCHEDULE AND FACILITY INFORMATION

Number of students who would participate in program (*we recommend 20–25 students.*): _____

Ratio of Male to Female students: _____

Grade(s) of students who would participate in the program: _____

Do you have students with special needs? If so, please explain. _____

Are there ELL children? If so, what languages do they speak? _____

SCHEDULE

Please provide multiple options for days and times to help with the coordination of residency schedules.

Which days and times can the sessions take place? (At least 2 days per week must be provided.)

Please list any days when the program CANNOT take place due to holidays, breaks, testing, field trips, etc.

PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF THE SCHOOL CALENDAR WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION.

FACILITY

The residency sessions should take place in a large classroom or an open room.

The In-School Performance should take place in an auditorium, multipurpose room or gym.

Facility available for sessions: _____

Type of Flooring per facility: Wood-Sprung Linoleum Tile Concrete

Piano/keyboard available? Yes No

DVD player available? Yes No

Sound system available? Yes No

Facility available for In-School Performance: _____

Type of Flooring per facility: Wood-Sprung Linoleum Tile Concrete

Piano/keyboard available? Yes No

Sound system available? Yes No

Theatrical lighting available? Yes No

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Section III. ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please provide a detailed answer to each of these questions. If you require more space, feel free to use additional paper.

What is unique about your school, your students, and/or your community that makes the Mercer Musical Theater Program the right program for you?

In what ways will the Mercer Musical Theater Program supplement the existing arts curriculum in your school?

What specific goals and/or outcomes would you like your students to accomplish as a result of participating in the Mercer Musical Theater Program?

Please describe the qualifications of the participating classroom teacher(s) who will be present at all residency sessions and program events (Kickoff, In-School Performance, Final Performance).

The Mercer Musical Theater Program requires time, effort, and collaboration from the school faculty participating in the program and from the school's leadership team. What steps will your school take to ensure the success of the program? How will the school's administration support the program?

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Section IV. SIGNATURE PAGE

My principal has reviewed and approved this application.

Principal: _____

Signature: _____

School Team member signatures:

Please have all School Team members review and sign the application.

School Liaison: _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 1: _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 2 (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 3 (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Email the completed application and school calendar to kconner@njpac.org.

Please list the name of the school and "Mercer Musical" in the subject line.

Thank you for your interest!

Section V. APPLICATION COMPLETION

I certify that the information entered in this application is true and complete.

I also understand that an application is not complete until I receive a confirmation of receipt from NJPAC.

Signature of School Representative: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

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