

Creative Edge School of Arts Presents...



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This year our *Mainstage Musical Theatre Program* is set to be bigger and better than ever! With *Moana Jr* - the one-hour musical based on the Disney film – Performing in May 2022; and *Newsies* – the full-length Broadway show – Hitting the stage in March 2022! Below you will find information about the 2 productions and how you can be a part of them.



### **Moana Jr - May 2022**

Open to ages 10-16, no audition required to sign up! Class runs every Tuesdays with Rachel and Sam. Performers will sing, act and dance in this stage adaptation of the now classic Disney Film.

Program fees: TBA



### **Newsies the Musical - March 2022**

Ages 13-Adult (yes even adults can join!)

By audition and/or with previous dance experience. [See Audition Day Info pages]

Program cost: Will be dependent on casting and more information will come.

This full-length musical will rehearse from September-March. The class is broken up into 4 groups, each with different rehearsal days, times, fees and requirements:

Newsie Dance Ensemble: Ages 13-17. Previous dance experience required.

Dancers will rehearse on Tuesdays and/or Fridays, with occasional Thursdays nearing show time, and learn choreography for the show's biggest numbers.

Featured Newsie Ensemble: Ages 14-17. By signing audition [See Audition pages]

Students may be cast in featured roles which will include acting, singing and choreography, and will rehearse on any-and-all of the 3 rehearsal days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Leads: Ages 15-20. By audition [see specific lead role audition requirements]

Actors may be cast in 1 of 5 lead roles and will rehearse on any-and-all of the 3 rehearsal days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) including extra solo rehearsal time as well as occasional rehearsals with adult ensemble

NEW! Adult Ensemble: Ages 18+

By singing audition. Actors ages 18-80 are required for this production's ensemble and will perform several parts throughout the show from Nuns to Lounge singers, Barbers to Newspaper Tycoons. The adult ensemble rehearses on Thursdays and possibly occasional Tuesdays (depending on role) and will include mainly acting with some singing and basic choreography. No previous experience necessary! Adult's will perform on a volunteer basis and no program fee is required.



## General Audition

Date: Tuesday, June 22nd

Time: between 6:45pm and 8:45 (contact us to sign-up and we'll give you a specific 5 min window for your audition)

Location: Creative Edge School of Arts, 300-3033 Immel St, Abbotsford

### Audition Requirements:

#### **Featured Ensemble**

Ages 13-17. Will play various Newsies including Albert, Buttons, Elmer, Finch, Henry, Ike, Jo Jo, Mike, Mush, Race Track, and more! The Newsies are a tough but loveable rag-tag group of orphans and runaways, who aren't afraid to fight for what they believe in

Prepare a short section (1 min or less) of a song of your choice. Preferably from a Musical, but any pop song is fine too. Something that showcases your voice and personality!

#### **Lead Roles**

Please note character descriptions and audition songs required. You do not need to have lyrics memorized. Please also prepare a short (1-2 min) contemporary Monologue of your choosing (off-book if possible)

#### *Jack Kelly*

The charismatic leader of the Manhattan newsies, is an orphaned dreamer and artist who yearns to get out of the crowded streets of New York and make a better life for himself out West. Though living on the streets has given him a tough-guy exterior, Jack has a big heart and can demonstrate a sweet vulnerability. Must have strong Tenor voice and great physicality.

Age: 15 to 20  
Vocal range: Bb2 to A4

**Audition Song:** *Santa Fe (from 0:24 sec to 1:45)*

## *Crutchie*

A dedicated newsie with a bum leg that's painful, but helps sell more papers. Though he walks with the assistance of a crutch, Crutchie doesn't let it define him; when in a jam, Jack Kelly's best friend relies on a goofy- sweet sense of humor and optimistic resilience. Crutchie is the heart of the resistance.

Age: 13 to 17  
Vocal range: C3 to A4

**Audition Song:** *Carrying the Banner (from 0:15 sec to 1:11 – sing all parts)*

## *Davey*

A straight-laced and bright kid who starts selling newspapers to help his family earn a living, but becomes swept up in the fervor of the strike. A leader in his own right who is learning to use his voice to uplift others, Davey is the brains of the resistance.

Age: 15 to 20  
Vocal range: D3 to A4

**Audition Song:** *Seize the Day (from start to 1:00)*

## *Katherine Plumber*

An ambitious young reporter, works hard to make a name for herself as a legitimate journalist in a time when women aren't taken seriously. Quick, funny, and resourceful, she boldly captures the voice of a new generation rising in her coverage of the newsies' strike. While she generally has no time for cocky, streetwise young men, she makes an exception for Jack Kelly. Though she only has a brief dance solo in "King of New York," Katherine should have a great contemporary pop voice with a high belt – diction is key.

Age: 15 to 20  
Vocal range: A3 to F5

**Audition Song:** *Watch What Happens (from start to 1:22)*

## **Adult Ensemble**

Ages 18+ (on or before December 2021). Will play various roles throughout the show - from Nuns to Lounge singers, Barbers to Newspaper Tycoons

Prepare a short section (1 min or less) of a song of your choice. Preferably from a Musical, but any pop song is fine too. Something that showcases your voice and personality!

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Thanks for your interest in Creative Edge's Mainstage Program and we look forward to seeing you all back ON STAGE next year!

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