

New Mexico Young Actors

New Mexico Young Actors Inc. (NMYA) is a New Mexico non-profit 501(c)3 organization that develops future talent by producing children's plays and musicals with students ages 9 - 18 in all leading roles. As a drama school since 1979, we have the professional expertise to educate and develop an appreciation for the arts for young audiences in our community.

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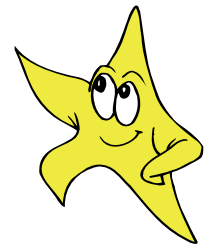
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Parent Guide



*A helpful guide
for enjoying a semester
with NMYA*

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Welcome to New Mexico Young Actors



Each semester, NMYA produces two large shows—one is performed at the KiMo Theatre and the other is a Touring Show in which the cast travels to various locations around New Mexico (mostly Albuquerque and surrounding communities.) Most of our audiences consist of school children, so actors must be able to perform during school hours.

Class Placement

Drama I — All new NMYA students enroll in Drama I. This class teaches acting/stage fundamentals and prepares students for future public performances with NMYA as Drama II, III and Advanced students. Drama I culminates with a presentation for friends and family.

Drama II, Drama III, and Advanced classes are for all NMYA students who have successfully completed Drama I. These students are typically divided by age groups, although the director may recommend a different class depending on individual circumstances. Drama II, III, and Advanced students are cast in one of the two publicly-performed shows.

Class Schedule

The Drama I class schedule typically does not change during the semester.

Drama II, III, and Advanced classes meet regularly approximately the first two weeks of each semester until auditions are held. After auditions, your child's schedule will be dependent on which show he is cast in. Towards the end of the semester as the shows come to a close, your child's schedule will return to the original Drama II, III, and Advanced schedules for the remaining couple of weeks.

Casting

Drama I students each receive a role in a performance for which they rehearse during their regular class time. The performance is usually held at Christ the Ray of Hope church and is free and open to the public.

Drama II, III, and Advanced students each audition and are cast in various roles for one of two publicly-performed shows. Actors are asked to notify the director of any schedule conflicts prior to auditions, but all final casting decisions remain with the director. For more information, please request a copy of the "Auditions: Frequently Asked Questions" sheet.

Once your child is cast, please refer to one of the individual brochures, "Touring Shows" or "Theater Productions" for more pertinent

information.

Commitment to roles

Public performances are scheduled months in advance. The theaters and schools booking the performances expect high-quality, professional children's theater. Therefore, it is vital for actors to meet their commitments to NMYA and their fellow cast members. Regular rehearsal attendance and prompt notification of schedule conflicts is imperative.

Parents' Roles in NMYA

Parents play a very important role in NMYA. Each semester a brief parent meeting is held shortly after auditions to inform parents of details regarding their child's particular show. Additionally, NMYA relies on parent volunteers to accomplish various tasks within the organization. To that end, NMYA STARS (Supporters of Theater Arts Reaching Students) was developed to organize parent and community volunteers into a cohesive network. No amount of help is too small, and anyone is welcome. For more information, please see our NMYA STARS Brochure.