

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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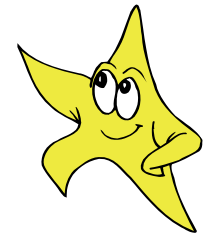
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NMYA Theater Productions



A Helpful Guide

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Congratulations! Your young actor has been cast in a theater production for NMYA.

Every season, NMYA produces two theater productions—one is performed in the Fall and the other in the Spring. The theater productions are usually musicals and are currently being performed in Albuquerque's historic KiMo Theatre. The performance runs Wednesday through Sunday allowing both large school groups as well as individuals to enjoy the show. These performances offer a very positive live theater experience for children.

Preparing for the Show

By now, your young actor knows his or her role in the upcoming theater production. The next few months will be spent learning and memorizing lines and stage movements.

Each child is given a copy of the script. He should take a pencil and the script to each rehearsal as many stage notes are written in the script. The director will give your actor a deadline to be "off script." This is the point at which your child should have all his lines and cues memorized. It might be helpful for your child to highlight each of his lines for quick reference.

Any assistance you can give your child to help him memorize his lines is greatly appreciated.

It is very important to the success of the show for all actors to be present at the re-

hearsals and notify the director as soon as possible if a conflict arises.

Prior to the beginning of the theater run, the director will provide a letter of explanation for your student to give to his teacher/school. The absences and make-up work remain the responsibility of the student. It has been our experience that there is rarely any opposition by the schools as they are aware of the excellent educational opportunity this provides many students around the state of New Mexico.

Let the Show Begin!

The week of the show is a very busy, exciting time—especially if this is your child's first experience performing at the KiMo Theatre.

Here is a typical week:

Monday and Tuesday: In the evening, your child will have a dress rehearsal at the KiMo Theatre. At the designated call time, your child is to be dropped off on the west side of the building at the "blue door." A parent volunteer stands guard at the blue door to let your child in as soon as he rings the doorbell. You will pick up your child at this same door at the designated pick-up time. Parents are not allowed in the theater on these evenings unless they are a scheduled backstage volunteer.

Wednesday through Friday: You will drop your child off in the morning at the designated call time at the 'blue door.' It is suggested that you send a water bottle and a snack and/or sack

lunch with your child depending on the day's performance schedule. There are no vending machines in the theater and the children do not leave the theater during the day.

Saturday and Sunday: Usually there are fewer performances on the weekend, so a lunch is not necessary. Please refer to your current show's schedule for the most accurate information.

Parents' Role

Parent volunteers are a vital part of the KiMo Theatre productions. Prior to the show, the director relies on volunteers to assist with the transportation and set-up of the set. During the shows, volunteers assist backstage with make-up, props, costume changes, and other stage help. Additionally, the KiMo Theatre has strict operating procedures which require a minimum number of ushers at each performance before the doors are open to the public. NMYA relies on parents to fill these volunteer positions. It is a very rewarding service you can provide both to NMYA and the community as it allows us to present children's theater at an affordable price. Please see the NMYA STARS brochure for more information.

After the Show

A cast party is generally held during the weekend of the show. It is hosted by a cast-member's family. Unless other arrangements are made by the host family, it is a potluck.