

A Magical Journey Thru Stages
CAST Audition Instructions

West Side Story

Directed by **John Barthelmes**

Choreographed by **Kaitlyn Zorn & Brett Gunio**

Fight Choreography by **Holly Hessel**

Music Direction by **J. P. Simpson**

Orchestra Direction by **Amanda Meldrum**

CAST AUDITIONS:

By appointment only

Friday, March 2, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 3, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

For an audition appointment, email Auditions@MJTStages.com with name, age, grade level, phone #, preferred date, and which hour you are most available 6PM - 7PM, 7PM - 8PM or 8PM - 9PM. OR call 585-935-7173 and leave a message. You will receive email/call with your appointment time.

CALLBACKS (if called):

Sunday, March 5, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

CAST:

Calling Singers, Dancers, Actors in Grades 9 - 12 -- serious performers willing to work as part of a team to share their talents, refine their skills, and create a high quality show. Performers of all ethnic and racial backgrounds are encouraged to attend. Please consider your commitment to the show prior to your audition, as we obviously can't promise lead roles to everyone. Every role, ensemble roles included, will be exciting and fun, as well as a valuable experience.

BRING:

- Completed Audition Form and Conflicts Sheet
- A headshot or school picture, which will not be returned
- Shoes you can dance in
- A resume, if available
- Sheet music (no CD's) for your audition song (sheet music is available in local music stores and online). An accompanist will be provided.

PREPARE:

- ONE song of your choice, in your best style. Sing to your strengths.
- Okay to have your selection be from 'West Side Story'
- You will be asked to read a scene -- no preparation needed
- You will be asked to dance -- no preparation needed

REHEARSALS:

Dates Vary -- see Conflict Calendar (you may not be called for all rehearsals). Must attend all Mandatory Rehearsals.

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PERFORMANCES:

May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 (Must be available for all performances!)

COMMITMENT:

- \$175 Commitment Fee for musical theater training to develop your talent in singing, movement and character development in a supportive, nurturing environment culminating in full performances. Includes costume fee. Discount for siblings. A limited number of partial scholarships available.
- \$50 Program Ad from a favorite business, restaurant, studio, etc. or Buy-out \$50.
- Attend all rehearsals to which you are called.
- Families are asked to contribute volunteer hours in a variety of production areas to help make the show a success.

THE MUSICAL:

The world's greatest love story takes to the streets in this landmark Broadway musical. It's exciting, sophisticated score by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim is often considered Broadway's finest -- its songs part of the nation's musical heritage.

Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* is transported to modern-day New York City, as two young idealistic lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the "American" Jets and the Puerto Rican Sharks. Their struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence and prejudice is one of the most innovative, heart-wrenching and relevant musical dramas of our time.

LOCATION:

Auditions, rehearsals and performances are held at:
Stages

875 E. Main Street
Third Floor, Auditorium Center
Rochester, NY 14605

Parking located behind the building (enter from College Ave). Tell the attendant you are attending a Stages' audition.

QUESTIONS:

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Hope to see you at the audition!