New York All Stars Fall/Winter Musical Yonkers Program Information





Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the New York All Stars program—a venture that embodies the culmination of my lifelong passions and is, in every sense, a dream realized.

Founded in November of 2013 in Woodlawn, New York All Stars began its journey with a modest Saturday morning class while I pursued my graduate studies in Educational Theatre.

Over the past decade, New York All Stars has evolved, underpinned by a curriculum that is unique to this program. Beyond an array of enriching fitness and performing arts classes, we have proudly produced several musicals and student showcases across NYC and Westchester County. Our students have graced stages at iconic venues such as Radio City Music Hall, Citifield, the Barclay's Center, and within the vibrant heart of Manhattan's Theatre District. Our most committed performers have also represented us at prestigious events like the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta and the National Performing Arts Festival at Disney World.

The pandemic posed significant challenges for us, but with resilience, the unwavering support of our community partners, and the encouragement from parents like you, we are delighted to announce that New York All Stars is once again thriving. We now boast two operational locations, designed to offer greater convenience and accessibility.

We invite you to enroll your child at the location that best suits your family's needs. Your support empowers us to continue nurturing young talents and dreams, ensuring that the magic of performing arts remains an accessible reality for many.

Thank you once again for considering New York All Stars as a place for your child to grow, learn, and shine. We look forward to welcoming you and your aspiring star to our family.

Warmest regards,

Katy Cocovinis

Katy Cocovinis Founder, New York All Stars "Preparing tomorrow's leaders through fitness and performing arts"

About our performing arts program

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being." <u>Thornton Wilder</u>

At New York All Stars, we believe that theatre promotes essential life skills and should be available and accessible to all kids. When your child registers with New York All Stars, they are guaranteed a role in the show. Actors will be considered for all roles regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, disability, or physical appearance. We aim to set them up for success by giving them the role in which they will have the best opportunity to shine in the performance. Students will audition for role placement during the first few weeks of classes. After registering, you will receive materials for them to prepare at home.

Details

Rehearsal Dates: *Fridays September 13th-January 17th

*No rehearsal on: 10/4, 11/29, 12/27, 1/3

Rehearsal Groups

This production includes students in grades K-8th, but for the majority of rehearsals, they will be grouped by grade. Each group rotates between vocal, acting and choreography studios. Actors will typically rehearse with their age group and/or ensemble. The K-1st graders will rehearse for one hour per week and 2nd-4th and 5-8th graders will rehearse for 1.5 hours per week between the hours of 3:30-6:00pm on Fridays. The exact rehearsal schedule will be determined based on casting. Please communicate any potential conflicts upon registering.

Locations

Rehearsals will be held at Aisling Irish Center, located at 990 McLean Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704.

Tech Week and Performances will be held at Whippoorwill Hall at North Castle Library - 19 Whippoorwill Rd. E., Armonk, NY.

Tech Week: There will be at least two dress rehearsals on stage during the week of January 27th from 4:30-7:30pm. On January 29th, we will offer a full day camp-style rehearsal from 9:00am-4:00pm. If your child cannot attend due to Lunar New Celebrations, they will be excused, but please let us know in advance of ANY conflicts during the week of January 27th. Detailed schedule to follow. Tech week rehearsals are mandatory!

Performances

Actors are guaranteed at least two performances between: Friday, January 27th and Sunday, February 2nd.

Fees

2nd - 4th Grade & 5th - 8th Grade

\$465

The full payment is the best value, but we also offer a monthly payment plan for your convenience. Please e-mail us for details. **Tuition is due upon registering**

K-2nd Grade Children's Chorus

\$345

The full payment is the best value, but we also offer a monthly payment plan for your convenience. Please e-mail us for details. **Tuition is due upon registering**

We are committed to offering high quality enrichment programming that is affordable.

Tuition increases this school year reflect a <u>16 week class schedule</u> instead of a <u>12 week class</u>

<u>schedule</u> in order to better prepare students for performance.

Payment Policies

- 1. Tuition must be paid to complete your registration and begin classes. Tuition is non-refundable. The only instance in which tuition will be refunded is if New York All Stars cancels a class for the semester due to low enrollment in a specific class, program or age group.
- 2. Tuition is not pro-rated, refunded or credited when there is a scheduled closure OR when classes are canceled due to inclement weather or other circumstances beyond our control including but not limited to: a public health emergency, a safety or mechanical issue, natural disaster, etc.
- 3. If New York All Stars must cancel a class due to instructor illness, every effort will be made to make up the class. If there are more than two cancelations in a single semester and the class(es) cannot be made up, a credit will be applied to your family's account for future use.
- 4. Families on monthly payment plans must have a credit card on file. Your card will be charged on the 25th of each month for the upcoming month's tuition. Please note monthly tuition is an option for fulfilling the entire semester's tuition commitment. It is not a month-to-month enrollment option. You are responsible for the full amount of tuition.
- 5. There shall be a \$35 fee automatically assessed for any returned or declined transaction.
- 6. Students with an outstanding balance on their account are not allowed to attend classes, rehearsals or performances.

New York All Stars Program Policies

Class Guidelines: Your tuition guarantees you the opportunity to train and rehearse with New York All Stars. Adhering to the guidelines below guarantees your child's right to perform. Students with excessive absences and/or who are not prepared for the performance within two weeks of the show, may be at risk of removal or replacement in the show. A successful production requires commitment from all members to the following guidelines.

- 1. **Be Prepared:** Students should be prepared and on time for every scheduled rehearsal or event. This includes proper attire, hair away from the face, water and **script!** Additional materials may be required depending on the class.
- 2. **Attendance**: Please communicate in advance if your child will be late or miss a class. You can log an expected absence in your Parent Portal the link is available on our website: www.newyorkallstars.org Excessive absences may result in removal or replacement in a role.
- 3. Classes are drop-off, except for invited performances. Parents who are more than 15 minutes late for pick-up may be subject to a \$15 late pick up fee to cover the cost of our staff's overtime.
- 4. What to wear: Comfortable athletic or dance wear and jazz shoes. Preferably slip on in black or tan.
- 5. **During classes:** No food, No Gum, No Phones (unless the device is used for instruction/music/research under the supervision of a teacher)
- 6. **No side-coaching:** Parents should try to avoid coaching children during classes or performances. Our staff will provide guidance for how to help your child practice at home.
- 7. **At Home Practice:** We provide extensive resources and guidance for what can be practiced at home, including a required app and deadlines for memorizing material. Kids will likely need support at home with learning lines and accessing practice materials.
- 7. **NYAS** is an *inclusive program* and will always make an effort to accommodate students with learning and behavioral differences or physical conditions, however we require clear communication of your child's condition and needs. Please clarify any special needs, upon registration to ensure we are properly prepared to instruct your child. All members must be able to commit to our Community Standards as described below:

Our Community Standards: In committing to New York All Stars, parents, caregivers and student participants must agree to our COMMUNITY STANDARDS: At New York All Stars, we are committed to developing lifelong skills in leadership, teamwork and wellness. We agree to treat each other with kindness and respect. We acknowledge the hard work and dedication that it takes to offer an exemplary program. Upon joining, each student, their family, and caregivers agree to a high standard of community. There is zero tolerance for abusive language, action or behavior toward any student, parent or employee. Behavior that is consistently disruptive and cannot be managed in class may result in removal from the program without a refund. Parents: should you have a concern, issue or complaint to address, please do so respectfully and away from the presence of other families. We are here to help and take your concerns seriously. Please e-mail your concern or a request for a phone call or meeting with an administrator and/or teacher. Failure to commit to our Community Standards by any student or members of their family may result in immediate dismissal from the program without a refund.

Ready to Register?

- Visit our website at: www.newyorkallstars.org
- Click the link for the parent portal to create an account.
- Register for ANNIE JR. and select the correct location and age group.
- Complete your registration payment.
- Keep an eye on your e-mail for further details.



Questions?

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