



Centerstage Children's Theater is excited to announce that our Spring 2024 production will be Matilda, Jr! Please read all of the following information carefully to ensure that you have all the important details of this production.

There will be SEVEN casts offered. Each cast will follow the same script, but may have variations with blocking, choreography, and props, as well as different rehearsal locations and times. Please carefully select the cast that will work best for you. All children who are registered will be cast in the show. Casts are kept small to ensure that each child gets maximum stage time.

Each cast will have a Meet and Greet day prior to auditions. This date is a chance for parents to fill out paperwork, meet the staff, ask questions and for the actors to get to know each other.

Meet and greet Dates/Times:

Red Cast and **Orange Cast** will meet in Champlin on January 20 from 1:00 – 2:00

Yellow Cast and **Purple Cast** will meet in Champlin on January 20 from 2:00 – 3:00

Green Cast will meet in Champlin on January 20 from 3:00 – 4:00

Teal Cast and **Blue Cast** will meet at Nowthen on January 22 from 6:30 – 7:30

Cast Specific Information:

RED CAST: (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Friday mornings in Osseo from 10:30 – 12:30 on the following dates:

- January 26 (Auditions)
- February 2, 9, 16, 22 (THURSDAY)
- March 8, 15, 22
- April 5, 12, 19, 26

- May 3, 10, 31
- June 3 12:00 – 4:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- June 7 12:00 Show
- June 9 7:00 Show
- June 14 7:00 Show

ORANGE CAST: (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Friday afternoons in Osseo from 12:30 – 2:30 on the following dates:

- January 26 (Auditions)
- February 2, 9, 16, 22 (THURSDAY)
- March 8, 15, 22
- April 5, 12, 19, 26
- May 3, 10, 31
- June 4 12:00 – 4:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- June 8 7:00 Show
- June 9 3:00 Show
- June 14 12:00 Show

PURPLE CAST: Grades K-8 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings in CHAMPLIN from 2:00 – 4:00 on the following dates:

- January 28 (Auditions)
- February 4, 11, 18
- March 10, 16 (Saturday) 17, 24
- April 7, 14, 21, 28
- May 5, 19
- June 2
- June 5 5:30 – 9:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- June 8 11:00 Show
- June 13 7:00 Show
- June 15 3:00 Show

YELLOW CAST: Grades K-8 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings in CHAMPLIN from 4:00 – 6:00 on the following dates:

- January 28 (Auditions)
- February 4, 11, 18
- March 10, 16 (Saturday) 17, 24
- April 7, 14, 21, 28
- May 5, 19
- June 2
- June 4 5:30 – 9:00 (Tech Rehearsal)

- June 7 7:00 Show
- June 8 3:00 Show
- June 15 11:00 Show

GREEN CAST: Grades 6-12 (Performing at Elision Playhouse – Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings in CHAMPLIN from 6:00 – 8:00 on the following dates:

- January 28 (Auditions)
- February 4, 11, 18
- March 10, 16 (Saturday) 17, 24
- April 7, 14, 21, 28
- May 5, 19
- June 2
- June 3 5:30 – 9:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- June 6 7:00 Show
- June 9 12:00 Show
- June 15 7:00 Show

TEAL CAST (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 (Performing at Nowthen Alliance Church)

Rehearsals will be held on MONDAY mornings at NOWTHEN from 12:00 – 2:00 on the following dates:

- January 29 (Auditions)
- February 5, 12, 19
- March 4, 11, 18, 25
- April 8, 15, 22, 29
- May 6
- May 14 9:00 – 1:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- May 17 12:00 Show
- May 18 11:00 Show
- May 18 7:00 Show

Blue Cast (Grades 3-12 - Performing at Nowthen Alliance Church)

Rehearsals will be held on MONDAY evenings at NOWTHEN from 6:00 – 8:00 on the following dates:

- January 29 (Auditions)
- February 5, 12, 19
- March 4, 11, 18, 25
- April 8, 15, 22, 29
- May 6
- May 14 5:00 – 9:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- May 15 7:00 Show
- May 17 7:00 Show
- May 18 3:00 Show

Teambuilding Information:

March 23 will be team building day for all ELISION CASTS at the Champlin Ice Forum

Red Cast 1:00 – 2:00

Orange Cast 2:00 – 3:00

Yellow Cast 3:00 – 4:00

Green Cast 4:00 – 5:00

Purple Cast 5:00 – 6:00

April 6th will be team building day for all NOWTHEN Casts at Nowthen Alliance Church

Teal Cast 2:00 – 3:00

Blue Cast 3:00 – 4:00

Rehearsal Locations:

All **Osseo rehearsals** will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 710 E Broadway, Osseo, MN 55369

All **Nowthen rehearsals** will be held at Nowthen Alliance Church at 19653 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

All **Champlin rehearsals** will be held at the Champlin Ice Forum at 12165 Ensign Ave N, Champlin, MN 55316

TEAL AND BLUE PERFORMANCES and TECH REHEARSALS will be held at Nowthen Alliance Church 19653 Nowthen Blvd NW, Oak Grove, MN 55303

RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN and PURPLE Casts will have **TECH REHEARSALS and PERFORMANCES** at Elision Playhouse 6105 N 42nd Ave, Crystal, MN 55422

Program Cost:

The program cost is \$250 per student. This can be split into 2 payments (\$125 due at registration, \$125 due at auditions) and can be paid via Venmo (@tanya-Bagwell) Paypal (Tanya_bagwell@comcast.net) or personal check (Centerstage Children's Theater – Mailed to Tanya Bagwell 10598 Colorado Avenue N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443). This cost covers rental for rehearsal space, performance space, licensing, sets, props, scripts, t-shirts etc. Each actor is responsible for their own costume, and a suggestion sheet will be provided after auditions with ideas of how to make or purchase inexpensively. **Due to keeping the program small, this cost is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Additional Information:

For each rehearsal, we ask that you send your actor with a bag containing their script, a full water bottle, a pencil and a highlighter.

Being a part of a show is a commitment. Due to smaller casts, no parts are double cast, and there are no understudies. Each actor is responsible for his/her part, and we will need every actor to put on our production. With a limited rehearsal schedule, we do not have time to reteach each scene multiple times. Each actor is allowed **ONE REHEARSAL CONFLICT** and

we will need to be aware of what that conflict is before auditions. Videos will be made of choreography taught during rehearsals, and it is expected that an actor who misses a rehearsal will watch the videos and come to the next rehearsal prepared. Tech rehearsals and performances are **mandatory**.

It takes a LOT of work to put on a production. Every actor is encouraged to have a parent that can volunteer in some capacity. We will need people to collect tickets, design programs, run sound/lights/projections, record our show, help build sets, help backstage and so much more! While we do not require parents to volunteer, we would like each parent to help in at least one area.

Centerstage Children's Theater is a faith-based company. We believe that all people are given abilities and talent from God, and we help to showcase some of these gifts on stage. Rehearsals will end in prayer (no child is ever forced to pray if they don't want to) and sometimes scripture may be shared. No religion or theology is taught, and everyone is welcome in our program, regardless of their beliefs.

If you have questions, please reach out at tanya.bagwell@gmail.com