

To the parents of auditioning children,

For those of you CVFT veterans, it's good to have you back! For those of you first-timers, welcome! We know that theater can provide important developmental experiences for children, and one of our goals is to make that happen here at CVFT. This audition process itself can be a learning and growing experience and we hope that you and your child will find it to be so.

This audition is for a high quality theatrical performance. Children participating, just as the adults, are expected to take on the roles and responsibilities of actors. Though we are sure they will learn many things about theater while rehearsing and performing with us, our productions are not theater camps.

The F in CVFT stands for Family. Since 1995, this organization has been built on the involvement of families in theatrical productions. Please understand that this is a consideration at auditions. Children auditioning by themselves will be at a disadvantage to those children who have family members auditioning or have committed to an offstage role in this production. If we do cast your child in the production, we will expect family members to participate. It's a family commitment.

To be clear, here are the expectations:

1. Your child is required to perform in ALL scheduled performances.
2. Your child will need to be responsible for his/her entrances and exits, memorization of lines and songs, and remembering blocking.
3. Children under 10 years of age will need to have a parent in attendance during all rehearsals unless you have made arrangements with the stage managers. The production team must remain focused on the theatrical production and will not be able to supervise your child. If your child is not on stage, we are not watching him/her. Parents of children ten years or older who are able to supervise themselves will not be expected to attend all rehearsals. However, you will be notified and expected to attend rehearsals if your child shows that they need your supervision.
4. During rehearsals, your child is expected to sit quietly in the theater to wait for his/her turn on stage. The wait will often be long. Make sure your child has something quiet to keep them occupied.
5. When not on stage, your child will need to stay in the room or area reserved for them. No running, yelling, or wandering to other areas of the facility will be allowed.
6. Cast/crew members are expected to show respect to everyone involved in the production, adults and other children included. Bullying, harassment or meanness will not be tolerated. Younger cast members will cheerfully follow any directions given them by adult members of cast or crew.
7. Your child may be re-cast if he/she is disruptive. This may also apply to rehearsals missed without contacting the stage manager.
8. Eating and drinking are allowed only in particular spaces allotted for this. Cast members should never eat/drink in the theater and never in costume.
9. The family is responsible to insure that their child has cleaned up after him/herself, is responsible for his/her costume and all his/her personal belongings. There will not be a CVFT person assigned to do this for them.

We at CVFT take very seriously the word "Family" that appears in our name and mission statement. We also know that not all parents choose to be on stage with their children. For them, we provide opportunities to usher, work concessions, help pick up the theater, sew costumes, build sets or any number of other things. These opportunities are listed on the audition form, and if your child is cast will be further coordinated with you by the stage manager or the producer.

Again, we know the magic that theater experiences can bring to your family. Many CVFT alumni have gone on to make theater a part of their future. We appreciate your working with us to help open up new horizons for you and your children.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_