

2024-25 Youth Frequently Asked Questions

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DO YOU EXPECT MY YOUTH TO BE AT EVERY REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE?

With regards to rehearsals, it is our firm expectation that your Youth will be available and on time when called to rehearse and perform.

ARE REHEARSALS EVERY DAY?

Youth in the show may be asked to rehearse Monday through Saturday, beginning December 30, 2024, including some longer onstage rehearsals and evening dress rehearsals. However, not all actors will be called for the entirety of every rehearsal.

Youth will rehearse/perform **up to a maximum of 20 hours per week (and a maximum of 8 hours on a given day)**, in accordance with Manitoba Employment Standards. The exact hours will be set forth in the show's production schedule and may be subject to change.

HOW MANY PERFORMANCES ARE THERE EACH WEEK?

Typically, we do eight performances per week, with no performances on Mondays. Youth can expect to perform in every performance, eight times per week. In addition to evening shows, the schedule includes matinees on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and a special student matinee to be determined.

Please note that the expected length of *Waitress* is **2 hours and 30 minutes** – so evening performances will end no sooner than **10:00pm**.

DO WE GET REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES AHEAD OF TIME?

When your Youth is being offered a role, you will receive a general overview of the rehearsal and performance schedule.

The detailed Daily Rehearsal Schedule is drawn up at the end of each rehearsal day, based on input from the Director, Stage Manager, Choreographer, Music Director and Designers. The Stage Manager will e-mail the Daily Schedule to the Actors and Parents/Guardians as soon as it is prepared, usually the evening before the next day's rehearsal.

WILL MTC COVER OUR TRAVEL EXPENSES?

MTC does not reimburse any travel or parking expenses related to your Youth attending rehearsals or performances. We appreciate the parents and Youth who participate in our shows, but we do not have the budget to pay for travel expenses.

DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR COSTUMES, EQUIPMENT, OR REHEARSAL MATERIALS?

No, MTC will provide the Youth costumes in this show. Our professional Wardrobe craftspeople will measure your Youth and will custom-build costumes, including sourcing show footwear, undergarments, and any other costume requirements. All we ask is that you bring a designated pair of indoor shoes for your Youth to wear during rehearsal until the show shoes are ready.

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DOES MY YOUTH GET PAID TO BE IN THE SHOW?

Youth who are cast in the show will receive a fee for their participation - the exact amount will be included in the offer to participate.

CAN I STAY AND WATCH MY YOUTH IN REHEARSALS?

Parents, guardians, and outside guests are not permitted in the rehearsal hall during working hours. While your Youth is in rehearsal, they will be supervised by an experienced Youth Supervisor who will notify you if any issues come up.

If any opportunities should arise for parents and guardians to observe some of the rehearsal process, we will notify you of the date and time!

WILL MY YOUTH MISS SCHOOL?

Yes, your youth will miss some school hours. We expect rehearsal hours to be minimal on school days, but there are matinee performances on certain weekdays.

At time of casting, we will ask parents to speak to your Youth's school and teachers to ensure the school is aware (and supportive) of their participation in the show. MTC will also ask you to provide us with a letter from the school indicating their support. Outside of school commitments, there may be other personal or social events that your Youth may have to miss in order to be in the show, so it is a good idea to thoroughly discuss the time commitment with your Youth and family as well.

WHEN WILL I FIND OUT IF MY YOUTH HAS BEEN CAST?

The casting process is a complicated job for our Creative Team and may take up to one month after auditions conclude – after this time, everyone who auditions will be notified one way or the other.

WHO DO I TALK TO IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Leslie Watson, MTC's Company Manager will be happy to answer your questions, and can be reached at auditions@royalmtc.ca