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We are thrilled to announce that this year's musical will be Annie Jr! With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

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BAMtheatre is excited to announce its residency performing arts program at Notre Dame school in Clarendon Hills! As a local educational performing arts organization, BAM has been offering professional training and education in the performing arts since 2001, providing countless opportunities for youth to shine onstage. Renowned for its commitment to education, BAM has become a premier performing arts program in the western suburbs, attracting over 2000 students annually. With a wide range of classes, productions, and enriching opportunities, BAM is dedicated to shaping the next generation of performers.

By participating in performing arts, students have the chance to nurture their creativity, build confidence, foster collaboration, and develop effective communication skills. BAM's unique approach to performing arts training focuses on creating well-rounded individuals who excel in critical thinking, empathy, and emotional intelligence, equipping them to become outstanding global citizens. We are excited to share these engaging and educational performing arts experiences with the Notre Dame community!

# This year, BAM will offer After School Musical Theatre Enrichment in addition to the School Musical!

After School Musical Theatre Enrichment is an introductory theatre experience open to students in grades K - 5 at Notre Dame School. The program will include 10 weeks of instruction, and meet in the Fall on Tuesdays from 3:15 - 4:15 pm. There will be an informal performance after the final class for family and friends to attend. Read more about this program and get the dates for the Fall session here.



We are incredibly excited to expand BAM's residency at Notre Dame and also produce the school musical! The musical will be open to Grades 1 - 8.

### **Important Dates:**

#### Monday, January 8 - Musical Title Announced!

Listen to the morning announcements to hear what musical we will be doing this year!

#### Wednesday, January 10 - Registration Opens

Please see page 5 for information.

#### Sunday, January 28, 10:30am - Open House Interest Meeting (Library)

Join us to learn all about this year's musical! We will discuss the rehearsal schedule, performance week, optional parent volunteer opportunities, and more! Audition packets will also be available, and we will talk through the audition process. Come with your questions!

Wednesday, January 31 - All-School Audition Workshop (School Gym)
12:30 - 1pm Grades 5 - 8
1:00 - 1:30pm Grades 1 - 4

All students will participate in an Audition Workshop to learn the audition song and dance!

#### Wednesday, February 21, 5 - 7:30pm - Auditions (French Room)

Registered students will be provided a smaller window of time for their audition (communicated via email the week prior). Students will come in a small group and sing through the audition song and perform the dance.

#### Friday, February 23, 3 - 5:30pm - Callbacks (French Room)

Sometimes the directing team needs to see a bit more before making the final casting decisions. Some students will be invited to callbacks and be asked to sing and read more material from the show. Callback lists will be emailed out after auditions. The Cast List will be communicated via email no later than Monday, February 26!

### Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 - 6:30pm Parent & Cast Meeting

All cast members and their parents are invited to join us for an informational meeting at 6:30pm. We will talk all things ND MUSICAL prior to the first cast rehearsal. Rehearsal will commence immediately following the meeting, with pick-up at 7:30pm.



Rehearsals will take place Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30pm, and Fridays from 3 - 5:30pm. The rehearsal schedule will be broken down, meaning the full cast may not be called to each rehearsal, or for the full duration of each rehearsal. The breakdown of the rehearsal schedule will be available prior to the Parent & Cast Meeting on February 28. All regular rehearsals will take place at ND. Tech Week & Performances will take place at Montini High School.

#### **Rehearsal Schedule:**

Wednesday, February 28, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, March 1, 3 - 5:30pm
Wednesday, March 6, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, March 8, 3 - 5:30pm
Monday, March 11, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, March 13, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, March 15, 3 - 5:30pm
Monday, March 18, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Friday, March 22, 3 - 5:30pm
Monday, March 25, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Monday, April 8, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, April 10, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Friday, April 12, 3 - 5:30pm Monday, April 15, 5:30 - 7:30pm Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 - 7:30pm Friday, April 19, 3 - 5:30pm

#### **Tech Week & Performances:**

Mon, April 22 - Tech Rehearsal 4:30 - 8:30pm Wed, April 24 - Tech Rehearsal 3:30 - 6pm Friday, April 26 - Final Dress 12:30 - 4:30pm Saturday, April 27 - Performance @ 7:30pm Sunday, April 28 - Performance @ 1:00pm Sunday, April 28 - Performance @ 5:00pm; Strike to Follow

(Students should be available up to 2 hours prior to each performance time. Specific call times will be determined later.)



# **Program Expectations:**

We value all members of the cast, and want them to get the most out of this experience! Attendance is required at all rehearsals and performances that are listed on the initial calendar distributed on or before the first day of rehearsal. A limited number of approved conflicts will be accepted for each student. Conflict dates must be detailed on the student's audition form.

# **Stage Crew:**

Students in 6th - 8th grade who are interested in the work that goes on behind the scenes are welcome to sign up for Stage Crew. The crew program will provide students with experience in sets & props, costumes, management, lights & sound, and more! Stage Crew will meet on select rehearsal dates (TBD).

# **Parent Volunteer Opportunities:**

Like any amazing school program, we love to extend the opportunity to participate beyond the students and invite the parents to take an active role in shaping this experience! Parent volunteer opportunities in a variety of capacities will be available throughout the program. There is no requirement to volunteer - we welcome as little or as much volunteering that you would like to and are available to contribute.





Students in Grades 1 - 8 are eligible to participate in this year's spring musical for cast, and Students in Grades 6 - 8 are eligible to participate for crew.

Students will pay a program fee of \$295 for cast, and \$195 for crew. The program fee will cover all materials, rehearsal and performance participation, a show shirt, and costuming for cast. Please note that some costuming pieces (e.g. - undergarments, shoes, base costume items) will be expected to be provided by the student. Production mementos such as Professional Photography, Video Recordings, and Program Ads are optional additional purchases not included in tuition. The Cast Party will also be an additional cost per guest attending, and will be open to all cast & crew members as well as their family members.

Payment plans can be arranged by emailing info@bamtheatre.com. For families registering more than one child, you may use the promo code ND-SIBLNG during checkout for a sibling discount of \$25 per child. Students may register and pay tuition by scanning the QR code below.

# **Tuition Policy:**

At BAMtheatre, we pride ourselves on offering high quality classes and programs. We base our staffing and program budgets on the number of students enrolled in each program. Tuition for BAM programs is non-refundable. Part of BAMtheatre's mission is to make performing arts education accessible to everyone who wishes to participate in our programs. We believe no child should be turned away because of financial hardship and scholarships are available. Please contact info@bamtheatre.com for more information.

