

## “Into the Woods” Audition Information

Date: Sunday, April 11th from 12-6:30pm

Reserve your audition spot through the website

Location: Bright Lights Theatre/Sunshine Dance (35 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights)

Audition Fee: \$10 (cash or check) to be paid at audition

Audition Form (please print, fill out, and bring to your audition)

## How Do Auditions Work?

- Please choose two song options to sing for your audition (see audition document).
- Each actor will sing one at a time with the instrumental version of the track on the audition day.
- Choose songs that feel most appropriate for your personality and vocal range.
- Find your own voice, make your own choices, and choose your own phrasing of music and lyrics – DON'T copy how the voices sound on the tracks. Make it your own!
- While being memorized is not required, it is highly recommended. We want to see the actors connect out towards “the audience” and perform rather than reading off the paper. The more prepared you are, the more fun you will have with the audition process.
- Please make sure to practice with the appropriate version of the track when rehearsing at home - we have provided both a vocal track and an instrumental track for each song, but you will be auditioning with the instrumental track.

## How Does Casting Work? What Are We Looking For?

- After the initial auditions we will hold callbacks. Actors will be called back for specific roles and be required to prepare specific material (songs and scene work, dependent on role). All callback material will be posted on our website after initial auditions.
- We are looking for very specific qualities for each character (personality, vocal range, physical appearance, height, voice type, dance abilities, etc...). Sometimes the most talented students are simply not the right fit for a specific role in a show based on the above criteria. Just because you don't receive a callback, does not mean you didn't have a great audition!
- We will be casting 35 - 40 actors ranging in age from 9-21 yrs old.

## How Does Payment Work?

- Full payment of \$600 (\$500 tuition + \$75 costume rental fee + \$25 cast t-shirt) will be due by April 25th (before callbacks). If you are not cast in the show, you

will receive a full refund after the cast list is posted.

- We require this payment up front as our casting is based on actors that complement each other for certain roles. We encourage all actors to be open to being cast as any role!

## When Do Rehearsals Take Place? How Do They Run?

- Actors will only be called for their specific scenes/musical numbers. This is meant to allow actors to have more "summer" time outside of rehearsal. If you are cast, and would like to attend rehearsal each day (for fun or due to parent's work schedule) you are more than welcome to attend even when not called for rehearsal.

- Attendance is mandatory for each rehearsal (when called) as we have a short amount of time to rehearse!

*\*We do allow some absences if approved prior to callbacks.*

- The rehearsal schedules (on website) give the general time and dates of rehearsals, tech, dress, and performances. Specified rehearsal schedules will be sent out at the end of each week (Friday evening) with the following week's schedule.

- All rehearsals, tech, dress rehearsals, and performances will take place at Bright Lights Theatre (35 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights, IL)

## Into the Woods & Into the Woods Jr.

This year, in order to give more actors a chance to be on stage, we will be producing both Into the Woods and Into the Woods Jr! These will be two separate productions! All 11-15 yr old actors are eligible to be in both shows. These actors may be called back for both productions. We are so excited to be able to offer this awesome opportunity to our students!