



Presents



Audition Packet

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, October 20th, 2009, 6:30pm

Wednesday, October 28th, 2009

Monday, November 9th, 2009, 2:45pm

Tuesday, November 10th, 2009, 2:45pm

Thursday, November 12th, 2009, 2:45pm

Friday, November 13th, 2009, 2:45pm

Friday, November 20th, 2009, 5:00pm

Thursday, December 17th, 2009, 6:00pm

Friday, January 8th, 2010

March 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th & 27th 2010

Parent Information Meeting

Audition Packets Due in School Office

Auditions – 4th & 5th Graders

Auditions – 2nd & 3rd Graders

Auditions – Make-Up Auditions (all Grades)

Auditions – Call Backs (all Grades)

Cast/Crew List Posted at school & Emailed

Mandatory Parent/Cast & Crew Meeting-MPR

Rehearsals Begin – **ALL CAST**

Performances

All children auditioning for the show and/or who wish to serve on a crew must return the attached forms to the school office by **Wednesday, October 28th, 2009**.

1st Graders will not audition, but will be selected by lottery, *if there are any spots available after the auditions*. All interested 1st Graders must turn in an audition packet by October 28th.

If you have any questions, you can email us at avchildrenstheater@gmail.com or call Staci Hansen (589-0969).

*We are looking forward to continuing the legacy that Barbara Mehner gave to us all...
A wonderful play full of talented children!!!*

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Audition Requirements

Due to the large number of students auditioning, we have a few important guidelines that must be followed in order to keep auditions running smoothly.

- 1) **ALL applicants, including 1st Graders** must complete the following: The parent volunteer form and the Audition Application (with photo!) each signed by a parent. These must be turned into the office by **Wed. OCT. 28th**. This will allow us to organize the auditions ahead of time so that they can go more smoothly. **Be sure to check the part you want to read for.**
- 2) **2nd through 5th Graders** – On the day of your audition, report to the outside lunch area as soon as you're dismissed from school. You'll be checked in and given an audition number. You must stay in the lunch area until you're called for your audition. You may only leave the area to use a restroom, with permission. You will not be allowed on the playground in the library or computer lab. Parents are encouraged to wait with you in the lunch area, ***but will not be permitted to watch auditions.***
- 3) Bring a drink, an after-school snack, a book, homework, a deck of cards or some other **quiet** form of entertainment and a sweatshirt or jacket. The lunch area is a protected area, but can get cold in the late afternoon.
- 4) Bring all sample script sheets. Be prepared to read one of the parts from the attached sample scripts. (Choose your favorite character!) ***It MUST be the same part you checked on the information sheet you turned in.*** You don't need to memorize the lines, but it's best if you've rehearsed them several times so you're familiar with your part. You will not need to follow stage directions for your audition. **NO MAKE-UP, COSTUMES OR PROPS ARE ALLOWED.**
- 5) Be prepared to sing a one-minute song that will demonstrate your singing ability. Choose a song that you are very familiar with and that is commonly known. Simple songs are best –children's songs, nursery rhymes, songs that you have learned in your music class, or familiar ballads are good choices. Do not sing a pop song from the radio. If we are not familiar with your song choice, we may ask you to sing "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." **NO TAPED MUSIC IS ALLOWED.** You'll be reading and singing at the same audition. You won't be auditioning twice.
- 6) After your audition: If your parents aren't at school, be prepared to phone them to come pick you up immediately. If you're a YMCA student, you must return to the YMCA immediately after your audition.

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Audition Application – Arroyo Vista Children’s Theater

Please attach a photo of yourself with tape or glue (not staples), no larger than 4”x6”.
Sorry...photo cannot be returned.

TUITION REQUIREMENT

Arroyo Vista Children’s theater is self-supporting and gets no financial assistance from the PTA or school district. Each participant is required to pay a tuition fee, similar to athletic organizations such as AYSO.

1st – 5th Grade Cast member: \$100/child
4th-5th Grade Stage Crew: \$30/child

The tuition fee includes a play t-shirt for all cast and crew.

TUITION HELPS PAY FOR:

- ◇ Costumes* & Props
- ◇ After-school snacks
- ◇ Stage-building materials
- ◇ Posters
- ◇ Music audio CD’s
- ◇ Play programs
- ◇ Sound & lighting equipment
- ◇ Script & music royalties
- ◇ ...and lots, lots more!

I understand there is a Tuition Requirement associated with Arroyo Vista Children’s Theater. If my child is selected to participate, I will need to meet my tuition obligation before a script or music can be issued.

Parent Signature

Date

**Costumes remain the property of Arroyo Vista Children’s Theater for future productions.*

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please list 3 people we can reach in an emergency if you are unavailable:

Name _____ Phone # _____ Relationship _____

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Parent Volunteer Form – Arroyo Vista Children’s Theater



*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart.” – Elizabeth Andrew*



Arroyo Vista Children’s Theater is run by unpaid parent volunteers. This means the enormous task of putting on our yearly play must be shared by each parent. **All parents of Cast Members MUST volunteer as Play Night Supervisors for 2 performances in addition to volunteering in at least one other area below.** After completing this form, sign the back side of this sheet.

Thank you for volunteering!

Play Night Supervisors - ALL FAMILIES:

- Supervise Cast Members in an assigned holding room, keeping order and making sure rules are followed. Parents, grandparents, relatives and older siblings are allowed to fulfill this requirement; however, **NO ONE** under the age of 18 will be allowed to supervise. Must be available for 2 play performances from half-hour before to one-hour after the performance.

Please choose **ALL** areas below that you would be available to volunteer for. After casting is done, we will assign you to the area where you are most needed. If you are willing to help in more than one of the areas below, please make a note of it. This will allow the Volunteer Coordinator to effectively schedule our volunteer parents..

Coordinator Position:

- I am interested in being a Team Coordinator – (i.e. Makeup, Goodie Grams, Concessions, T-shirts, Snacks, Ticket Sales, etc.)

After-School/Saturday Availability:

- At all rehearsals that my child’s character is scheduled to attend
- Once a week on a regular basis
- Twice a week on a regular basis
- Whenever needed
- All rehearsals for the week before and the week of the first performances
- Saturday rehearsals
- In the evenings during Jan and Feb on a regular basis (no children are permitted at these evening workshops – Sets and Prop work - painting/gluing/glittering/building)

Performance Availability:

- At 3 of the 6 play nights (one-hour before until one-hour after the performance, and during the show – this is in addition to the TWO nights required for Play Night Supervisor)

Costumes:

- I would be willing to sew my own child’s costume if a pattern & fabric were provided.
- I would be willing to help with sewing costumes for at least one group of characters.

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Other:

I am available to help in another way (please let us know—we are open to new ideas!)

I have a special talent/interest in the following area(s):

- Sewing/Costumes
- Acting Coach
- Simple Choreography/Dance
- Music/Singing
- Publicity
- Programs
- Set Design/Construction
- Lights/Sound
- Other _____

In addition to my other selected volunteer position(s) I would like to also help with make-up during performances.

----- Please Sign ----- Please Sign ----- Please Sign -----Please Sign-----

I have selected ALL areas above that I am interested in and available to help with; in addition to my two REQUIRED “Play Night Supervisor” performances. If my child is selected to participate, I plan to volunteer in an area(s) that I have selected above.

(You will only be required to volunteer if your child is selected to participate in this year’s production.)

Student’s Name (Please Print)

Parent’s Name & Phone # (Please Print)

Parent’s Signature

Script #1

Character Descriptions:

PHINEOUS TROUT – A TV reporter who announces the winners of the Golden Ticket contest. He is always professional and enthusiastic, but sometimes sarcastic.

VERUCA SALT – A wealthy, class-conscious, spoiled brat who always gets her way.

MR. SALT – Veruca's wealthy and over-indulgent father.

PHINEOUS TROUT: Ladies and Gentlemen, the worldwide rush for Wonka bars is getting bigger by the minute. It seems a second Golden Ticket has been found. We're off to our live remote in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where things are suddenly "sweet" for Miss Veronica Salt!

VERUCA: That's Veruca, you imbecile!

PHINEOUS TROUT: (*purposefully ignoring VERUCA.*) So, Mr. Salt, I understand you "sweetened" Veronica's chances with a little assistance?

VERUCA: I said VERUCA! VERUCA, VERUCA, VERUCA!

MR. SALT: Yes, sir, I did. As soon as my little girl told me that she simply had to have one of those Golden Tickets, I bought hundreds of thousands of Wonka bars. I'm in the nut business, peanuts, cashews, but mainly Brazil nuts. If it's nuts you want, I got 'em! Folks go nuts for our nuts. Check us out at www-we're-nuts-dot-com!

VERUCA: This is about ME, Daddy! They want to know about MY ticket – not your macadamias!

MR. SALT: Right you are, dear. Right you are! Call us at one, eight hundred, we're nuts! Major credit cards accepted –

PHINEOUS TROUT: The ticket, Mr. Salt?

MR. SALT: Right. So I bought hundreds of thousands of Wonka bars and had my factory girls stop shelling Brazil nuts and start shelling wrappers.

VERUCA: Daddy, that hideous reporter said my name wrong, on LIVE TELEVISION! Can't you get him fired?!

MR. SALT: For you, dear, *anything*... anyway...after days of shelling chocolate, one of my factory gals finally found the blasted Golden Ticket. I let her take the lucky piece of chocolate home to her 17 kids...

PHINEOUS TROUT: (*sarcastically*) How generous!

VERUCA: Daddy, now he's being SARCASTIC! I want him fired. FIRED! You hear me? Fired, fired, FIRED!

PHINEOUS TROUT: This is Phineous Trout, where it seems the sweet is rapidly turning sour.

MR. SALT: With nuts! Don't forget the nuts!

PHINEOUS TROUT: Seems you can't have the chocolate without the nuts. Good luck, Veronica!

VERUCA: It's VerooooooooooooooooKA!

PHINEOUS TROUT: So after one day there are only three Golden Tickets left. Stay tuned for continuous coverage of this extraordinary contest. Let's hope that just one deserving kid is among the five! Trout, out!

Script #2

Character Descriptions:

WILLY WONKA – *The mysterious chocolate factory owner who is both mischievous and charismatic. Funny and serious, he changes between the two on a dime.*

MIKE TEAVEE – *A bratty, loud & obnoxious boy who is addicted to TV, video games, & the Internet.*

MS. TEAVEE – *Mike's perfectly put together but ditsy mother.*

WONKA: Right, now everybody must wear their protective gear. Good. Please place the goggles over your eyes. Fantastic. And welcome to the Choco-Vision Room.

MS. TEAVEE: What is this place? Some sort of television studio for making Wonka commercials?

WONKA: Wrong. You are all familiar with how television works?

MIKE: Yeah. Big deal. What's this thing do? It couldn't be better than TV!

WONKA: I'm sorry, I'm a bit deaf in that ear.

MIKE: I said, what's this thing do? Can I watch my favorite show on it?

WONKA: Sorry, I'm a bit deaf in that ear as well.

MS. TEAVEE: What's the Loompy-Doompy doing?

WONKA: Well, you see, television gave me a wonderful idea. If you can send a picture via television, why not a candy bar?

MIKE: A candy bar? That's impossible!

WONKA: It's *very* possible! Imagine sitting at home watching TV and suddenly you see a commercial – “Try a Wonka bar, try it now!” – And poof, there it is! A simple touch of that switch RIGHT THERE – but – it's not been properly tested, therefore NOBODY should touch it!

MIKE: Hey, watch me! I'm gonna be the first person to be sent by television!

(MIKE jumps in front of the camera, takes a step forward, and shrinks. He has been transformed into a tiny boy – with a very high-pitched chipmunk-like voice.)

MS. TEAVEE: He's shrunk! He's shrunk!

WONKA: Oh, dear, I do hope some part of him is not left behind! We've never sent a person before...

MS. TEAVEE: *(wailing at the sight of Mike, now shrunk)* Oooooooh!

MIKE: Dude, look at me! I'm the first person ever to be sent by television!

WONKA: Mike, I asked you not to touch! *(WONKA grabs Mike by the shirt)*

MIKE: Hey! I wanna do it again and again! Let go of me! Let go of me! I wanna be on TV!

WONKA: Great. He's completely unharmed!

MS. TEAVEE: Unharmed! He's barely six inches tall!

WONKA: Yes, well that is a problem. But small boys can be very springy and stretchy. Ah! The taffy-pulling machine! That should work well.

MS. TEAVEE: T-t-taffy pull - How far do you think he'll stretch?

WONKA: Who knows, maybe miles!

(MS. TEAVEE wails in distress)

Media Release Form

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Please answer the following and sign below. Failure to answer a question will result in a “No” answer.

Yes No

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| 1. | I give permission to AVCT to use my child’s name in printed material (ie: Posted Cast List, Play Program). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | I give permission to AVCT to use my child’s picture in printed material (ie: Play Program, Posters). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | I give permission to AVCT to use my child’s name on the AVCT website. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | I give permission to AVCT to use my child’s picture on the AVCT website. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Child’s Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____