

INVITATION TO *A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM*

MYPT will perform Shakespeare this year! Regrettably, the COVID restrictions on singing in indoor venues prevented us from planning to produce a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta this summer. We will, though, be performing a delightful comedy by an English author – Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*! We hope anyone who will be in fourth grade through high school in the fall and would enjoy being part of MYPT's first Shakespearean production will join us this summer!

Tryouts The tryouts for speaking parts will be held at the Music Hall on Thursday evening, June 3, at 6:30 pm and on Saturday morning, June 5, at 9:00 am. You may attend either session; you do not need to go to both. Those who try out will be given dialogues for their readings and do not need to prepare or memorize materials beforehand. There will be no musical audition. Anyone not wishing to try out for a speaking part may simply come to general registration.

General Registration General registration will take place on Thursday, June 10, at 6:00 pm prior to the 6:30 pm rehearsal and on Saturday, June 12, at 8:30 am prior to the 9:00 am rehearsal. Both those who have tried out and those who have not will need to complete and return registration materials.

Schedule For June, the rehearsal schedule will be Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings, 9:00-11:00 a.m., starting on Thursday, June 10. Starting in July and continuing for the rest of the summer, rehearsal times may be extended up to an additional hour each day. Typically, only cast members with principal roles need to attend rehearsal for the additional hour. The director may on occasion request some or all of the other cast members to stay for some part of the additional hour, especially in mid- to late August approaching the performance dates. Scheduling additional rehearsal times or days is not usually needed, although this could occur if the director finds it to be necessary.

Technical/dress rehearsals: Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 8-9, at 6:00 pm
Performances: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10-11, at 7:30 pm
A third show may be added Sunday, Sept. 12, at 3:00 pm
if circumstances allow

The shows may be performed either with live audiences or live-streamed, depending on public health and vaccination data and state guidelines.

Registration Required registration materials will be available at the tryouts and at general registration. The participation fee is \$100 for one cast member or \$150 for two or more cast members from the same immediate family.

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Please note the English spelling of theatre

The changing COVID situation presents an ongoing challenge, so please plan to be flexible and patient. We trust, though, that the summer at MYPT will be a lot of fun and a chance for everyone to meet and work together. We look forward to having you join us this year!

Sincerely,

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