



Welcome To ESCAPE's SHREK!

Office information: Please call 661-360-6769 or visit our website at www.escapetheatre.org for info. Office hours can vary, and email is a great choice too. ***The ESCAPE Studio is located at -26639 Valley Center Dr., Suite 109, around the backside.***

Rehearsal days: Monday evenings for ensemble, and Wednesday evenings for Lead roles.

Performances will be January 28-31, at The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center. Production week begins Sat. January 23. You must be available for all mandatory dates beginning on Mon. January 11, as well as all shows. Check your schedules now and block off January 11-31 on your family calendar. Production week the Lead roles begin at 2:45 pm, and ensemble begins at 5:15 or after. **See our "All Possible Dates"** calendar for all possible dates needed during the next 4 ½ months.

Ensemble: All students who register for ESCAPE are **assured a role in the ensemble** and are given the opportunity to audition for a lead role, if interested. The ensemble is what holds our group together and makes the big production numbers so amazing! Please see Rehearsal Schedule #1 for dates/times for Audition Prep, Auditions, and Callbacks. We will put important dances, lyrics, and voice memos on our website so the kids & teens can practice whenever they want. **The password to view any videos in September-January will be "Gingy".** Please encourage your kids to practice songs & dances 2-3 times a week, and always on Mondays.

Each family is asked to volunteer for ONE production committee. We have a variety of committees that may interest you: *Tickets, Stage Crew, Concessions, Chaperones, Spot Light Operators, Flowers & Telegrams, Security Dads, Raffle, and Name Badges.* Parent Committees will sign up online on Mon. Nov. 16. **We DO need each family to participate** for a successful production!

Tickets will go on sale Mon. December 7th online. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get your tickets on this specific day, as tickets will go on sale to the public on Tues., Dec. 8th. We expect to sell 3,000 tickets the first day. Ticket prices are \$28 for Adults, and \$23 for seniors over 65, and children age 3-17.

Costumes: A detailed ***Ensemble Costume sheet*** will be sent home with all Cast-members on Mon. September 21. Please read it carefully so you know what ***WE provide***, and what ***YOU provide***. This is an

easy show for most groups. **Costume Check day** for ALL cast-members is **Sun., November 8th between 11 am and 7 pm at the studio.** Please mark your calendars now. Sign up times will open on Mon. November 2, online. For any costume questions- call or text **Cissi or Leesa**. Their phone numbers will be on the costume sheets. All costumes must be complete & approved no later than Mon. December 14. All **Lead roles** will have costume rental fees as well. More information after casting is complete.

Production Costs & Fundraisers: To produce this show will cost **just over \$365,000.** We cannot make it on Registration & Ticket sales alone. As a non-profit corporation we carefully budget every line item and do our best to keep our costs low to benefit our families. Participating in our FUN-raisers such as *Krispy Kreme, Chick Fil-A night, extra classes or a Master Class* is very much appreciated! Every \$\$ helps out! If you have a **Matching Gift program with your employer**, please consider donating to ESCAPE. ***Since we are a non-profit organization- Donations are tax deductible!***

Valet Drop-off: We want to make sure our students are safe when you drop them off on our front step. Please **DRIVE SLOWLY** in our parking lot, and use the valet drop off. Please **park for Pick-up**, and walk up to the back door to get your younger children if they are in A or B group. Please remember the **ONE WAY drop off**, so that all cars can move the same direction in an orderly fashion on busy Monday and Wednesday nights. **C and D group kids** can walk to their parents' car, or their own cars. Thank you for driving slowly.

NEW Parent Meetings: Since ESCAPE began; we have had Parent Meetings for ***new families.*** New parents must attend one short, **20 min meeting at Paperwork night, and on January 11.** There will be important information about the show, our staff, production week, theatre etiquette, parent volunteer committees, production week, and learning how it all comes together with our big ESCAPE family.

Splitting the cast in TWO groups/Friend Request: Our ensemble will be split into **TWO** casts, and each ensemble performs in **4 shows.** Friend requests will be turned in on Mon. October 12, and the form will be emailed. Please drop off your request form at rehearsal that evening. Siblings will always be together. ***Our D boys will be in 4 ensemble shows.***

Thank you for ESCAPING with us for SHREK!