



Wizard of Oz

Welcome To ESCAPE

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-26639 Valley Center Dr. #109**

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

Performances will be February 1-4, 2024 at The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center. Production week begins on Thurs. Jan. 25, and then continues January 29-31. You must be available those 4 days, as well as shows on Thurs, Fri., Sat., & Sun. No absences in the month of January. Please check your schedules now and block off January 8-February 4th on your calendar. Fliers will begin at 1 pm some days, Lead roles at 3:30, and ensemble begins at 5:30 or after. **See your "All possible Dates"** handout for all rehearsals and performances.

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 songs on our website so the kids & teens can practice whenever they want. **The password to view any videos in September-January will be "Rainbow"** so please encourage your kids to prepare and practice at least twice a week!

Each family is asked to volunteer for ONE production committee. We have a variety of committees that may interest you: *Tickets, Stage Crew Dads, Concessions, Chaperones, Spot Light Operators, Flowers & Telegrams, Security Dads, Name Badges & Fly Operators. Parent Committees* will sign up online on Nov. 13. We DO need each family to participate for a successful production!

Tickets will go on sale Mon. December 4 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., December 5. *We will sell at least 2,500 tickets the first night.* Ticket prices are TBD.

Costumes: A detailed ***Ensemble Costume sheet*** will be sent home with all Cast-members on Monday, September 25. Please read it carefully so you know what ***WE provide***, and what ***YOU provide***. Many costume pieces can easily be found in Thrift stores or

your own closets. **Costume Check day** for ALL cast-members is **Sunday, October 29, between 12-7 pm at the studio.** **Please mark your calendars now.** Sign up times will be 2 weeks prior, online. For any costume questions- call or text **Cissi or Leesa**. Their phone numbers will be on the costume handouts. All costumes must be complete and approved by the end of November, so we can all enjoy the Holidays! **Lead roles will also have costume rental fees.**

Production Costs & Fundraisers: To produce this show will cost **just over \$285,000**. 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 on your RIGHT SIDE. 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.

NEW Parent Meetings: Since ESCAPE began; we have had Parent Meetings for our ***"new families"***. We will have **3 NEW Parent meetings on September 11**, at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00. New families should attend one **short, 20 min meeting**. There will be important information about the show, our staff, production week, costumes, parent committees, & special events. *Thank you for attending in Studio B for just 20 minutes!* The 2nd Parent Meeting will be on **Mon. January 8**. (same times) before we go into the theatre.

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 23, and the form will be emailed. Please drop off your form at rehearsal that evening. All siblings will automatically be together. D group boys will just be in Red or Blue cast, not both.

Thank you for ESCAPING with us "Over the Rainbow", and joining The Wizard of Oz!