



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to invite your child in grades K-12 to participate in this year's VIRTUAL district musical, *Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.* I am dedicated to providing a unique experience in an after-school virtual environment. All rehearsals will take place virtually. Your children will not only learn singing, dancing and acting, but they will also learn valuable life skills, including goal setting, responsibility and teamwork. The entire production team is so excited to be able to create a magical theatre experience this spring.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this year's musical, please read through the details of this letter thoroughly as it is a different process than normal.

#### **SHOW INFORMATION:**

- Approximately 10 students per grade level will be "cast" in the production. ***Unfortunately not every student who auditions will be able to be a part of the production.*** We accommodate as many students as possible.
- Rehearsals will be per grade level. This will allow for each child who is cast to shine bright with solo moments.
- Each grade level will be assigned a song and the corresponding dialogue that goes along with that song.
- Exceptional students will be placed in select ensembles and be assigned an additional song
- This show will NOT have any lead roles that travel from each scene or song.
- The rehearsal schedule will be the SAME for the entire nine week process \*\*\*See schedule below\*\*\*
- The production team will watch the audition videos the week of February 22nd. A cast list will go up Friday February 26th and can be found at [www.hobokenschools.org](http://www.hobokenschools.org) under the "The Arts" link/Theatre Department
- Rehearsals will be March 1st-April 16th (6 weeks). We will be OFF April 5th-9th for spring break.
- Filming will be April 19th-May 7th (3 weeks)

#### **Schoolhouse Rocks Live Jr will stream**

- June 4th @ 7pm, June 5th @ 2pm & June 6th @ 2pm (ticket information will be provided at a later date)
- The show will not be live. It will be edited together into a movie format and streamed virtually through your own electronic devices.

#### **AUDITIONS:**

- To register your child for auditions please use the following google link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUurKygUtKkTdRmVdFR9ugumgF5vVIOpnS5njdfLwoMvUXUQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628>
- **Deadline is Friday February 19th, 2021. NO late entries will be accepted.**
- Directions for the vocal audition can be found in this link: <https://youtu.be/BYD6R5NpXa8> The links to the audition track songs are below. Please choose the track that best fits your vocal range. (low, middle, or high)  
High: <https://youtu.be/QzTgnF7OKr8>  
Middle: <https://youtu.be/epHobsNYhoU>  
Low: <https://youtu.be/rUwM5r8jhak>
- The lyrics for the song are:  
*This land is your land this land is my land  
From California to the New York island  
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters  
This land was made for you and me*
- A link to the dance audition is here: <https://youtu.be/JITUif1T0jg> the music used is <https://youtu.be/MGS-yB4pE6Q>
- Have your child rehearse these pieces, record them on two separate videos, and place the videos in the appropriate areas on the google audition form.
- Every student who wishes to be considered for the district musical must submit TWO videos.

### **HOW TO RECORD VIDEOS FOR AUDITIONS:**

- All audition videos must be submitted as a YouTube link uploaded as “unlisted.” This will provide the best quality videos. The video must be “unlisted” so that it is not searchable.
- **How to upload unlisted videos to YouTube instructions**
  - Record the videos on your phones or other devices
  - Upload them onto your computer
  - Log into Youtube
  - Click the camera icon on the top right
  - Click upload video
  - Drag and drop the video from your computer files to upload
  - LABEL the video with your child's name, school, and grade level
  - Click “yes, its made for kids”
  - Click next button on button right
  - Click “unlisted”
  - Click save
  - Copy and paste the video link into the “audition registration google form”

### **SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO SHOOT VIDEOS:**

- Use a fixed point of view for your camera with you being the main focus. You can use phones to record.
- Shoot straight on, leaving the camera in one location.
- Do not pan or move the camera.
- Record your audition piece in a clearly defined interior space.
- Record your audition piece in front of a non-distracting background.
- Before recording your audition, film a test and play it back to make sure the sound quality is clear.
- Perform the first few lines of your piece, then watch and listen to it on playback.
- The camera should be set at a distance to frame your face and body clearly.

### **REHEARSAL SCHEDULE PER GRADE:**

*Please look this schedule over closely. All rehearsals will take place in your home. If your child can not be at a computer for virtual rehearsals at these times for their grade level then please do NOT register them for auditions. This is a set schedule for 9 weeks. You must be available March 1st-May 7th.*

**Kindergarten: Monday 4-5pm & Thursday 5-6pm**

**1st Grade: Monday 5-6pm & Tuesday 4-5pm**

**2nd Grade: Tuesday 5-6pm & Wednesday 4-5pm**

**3rd Grade: Monday 5-6pm, Wednesday 5-6pm, & Thursday 4-5pm**

**4th Grade: Monday 5-6pm, Tuesday 5-6pm, & Friday 4-5pm**

**5th grade: Tuesday 5-6pm, Thursday 4-5pm, & Friday 5-6pm**

**Hoboken Middle School: Monday 7-8pm, Tuesday 6-7pm, & Wednesday 5-6pm**

**Hoboken High School: Monday 6-7pm, Thursday 5-6pm, & Thursday 7-8pm**

**“Select Ensemble”: (will be chosen based on auditions): Tuesday 5-6pm, Wednesday 7-8pm, & Thursday 5-6pm**

It is imperative that each cast member watches our choreography videos that will be posted on google classroom before each dance rehearsal. A step-by-step video will be uploaded and it is the responsibility of the parent and cast member to ensure these videos are reviewed before weekly rehearsals.

I understand that this is a lot of information in a completely new format. If you have any further questions please email me. I look forward to creating this production with your children.

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