



Oshawa Little Theatre

2017-2018 Youth Group Education Program

Program Description (ages 10-17)

The Youth Group Education Program invites participants aged 10-17 to explore the many aspects of theatre development and performance at Oshawa Little Theatre.

This program gives participants the opportunity to develop a variety of skills by engaging in drama and musical theatre workshops run by experienced professionals. Participants are guided to develop confidence in the performing arts, such as acting, singing, and dancing.

Participants will also be exposed to technical and 'behind the scenes' elements which are vital to the success of any performance in theatre. These workshop areas might include: costumes, hair and makeup, prop creation, set build and design, and lighting and sound operation.

The Youth Group Education Program runs from September to May. For the first few months, students will participate in a variety of professional workshops each Saturday from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Then, they will demonstrate their experiences in a *Showcase of the Arts* for their families. There will be auditions for the Full Stage Production with a 2 week run in the Spring. All Performance Youth Group Education participants will be cast in the production. These auditions provide the opportunity for you to showcase your talents for the creative team (director, choreographer and musical director) and audition for a specific role in the production. Students will rehearse each Saturday from January to May with additional Sunday rehearsals added closer to the production date. The program has strict attendance policies for the production rehearsal period therefore a detailed schedule will be provided at the auditions so that you can verify your availability before making the commitment to the program.

Participation in the program will be \$250 (additional family members will be \$125). This cost will include all professional workshops, training for the year end production, OLT membership fee for the participant and one parent, uniform t-shirt, a headshot, and closing cast party for the participant and one guest. If the fee is a financial challenge, you may apply to the board for a sponsorship grant. Please send your email to Michael Schneider at president@oshawalittletheatre.com. Activity fee is payable on the first day of the program, which will take place on September 16th.

The significant commitment by both the youth and parents to the Youth Group results in vibrant and rewarding theatre experiences. All families are expected to volunteer their time and skills leading up to the show and during the run of the show. Each family is required to contribute a minimum of 15 volunteer hours. Parent and family members will be able to volunteer in all areas of the theatre: set decoration, set construction, costumes, backstage, hair and makeup, props, lighting and sound. Training will be provided: no experience necessary! This provides a great opportunity to meet new people and be a part of the production.