

FOX CHASE DRAMA PROGRAM

THE ACTORS' GROUP INFORMATION GUIDE

Director- The director of the group is Joseph P. Laub, Jr.

The Actors' Group- The group was established to encourage theatrical participation between various age groups so that everyone can use their talents to put on a live stage production. Participants will be taught various aspects of theater and Performing Arts. In a time where Arts and Music are being denied to many individuals in schools, this is an alternative.

Participation- Generally, The Actors' Group is open for ages 6 years old to 18. Occasionally, the age group is changed to ages 6 years old to adult.

Location- The program is offered by the Fox Chase Recreation Center. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the facility that the group uses for rehearsals and performances, is not available. To continue to perform live theater, we will be rehearsing and performing virtually using "Zoom".

Productions- The Actors' Group normally does two productions a year.

Auditions- The director will email everyone a copy of the Virtual audition materials. The auditions will be held through Zoom. They will be held to determine the part that each actor/actress will play in the production.

Performances-The Virtual show will be single cast. The director will inform everyone interested in performing in the Virtual show by email. You can also check <http://www.theactorsgroup.org> for more information.

Program Fee- The entire fee must be paid in **FULL** by auditions. The non-refundable fee is **\$25** per person. You will need to pay by **VENMO (@tagfoxchase)**. If you do not have VENMO, please email the director at dramajoe@yahoo.com to make other arrangements.

Fundraisers- Since the COVID-19 pandemic has put an end to fundraising events, we will not be doing one until it is safe to do so. There will not be an adbook for the Virtual show. However, donations will be accepted through **VENMO (@tagfoxchase)**.

T-Shirts- No t-shirts will be offered/provided for the virtual show.

Rehearsal Schedule- The rehearsal schedule will be sent by email to all participants. There will be a ZOOM meeting prior to starting rehearsals. Most rehearsals will last about an hour to an hour and a half and will be held once a week.

Tickets- Since the show will be presented through ZOOM, no tickets will be collected. However, anyone who would like to give a donation to T.A.G., you can do so through **VENMO (@tagfoxchase)**.

Parent Meeting- At the auditions, the director will announce the date for a Zoom Parent meeting which should last 15 minutes. A rehearsal will happen right after the Parent meeting.

Parent Responsibilities- For a virtual show, all cast members should be online at the appointed rehearsal time. Parents should insure that their children/teens are present on ZOOM. There will be no blocking so all you have to do is look interested and read your part. Energy is a must!

Participant's Responsibilities- Each participant in the drama program has certain responsibilities that must be fulfilled. In order to have a successful virtual show, there are certain rules/regulations that must be followed in regards to the program. These rules are as follows:

- 1. If you have to miss a virtual rehearsal for any reason, you MUST give the Director a call. Failure to call the Director may result in your part being forfeited.**
- 2. You MUST be present ONLINE for all rehearsals, dress rehearsal and performances.**
- 3. There will be NO leaving the ZOOM rehearsal for any reason without telling the Director.**
- 4. Silence should be maintained while others are rehearsing and especially during the Dress Rehearsal and performances. Please turn your mute button on if you are not performing.**

Failure to abide by the above rules may lead to expulsion from the Drama Program with no refund and prohibit participation in future shows.

Penalties- The penalties for disregarding your responsibilities are:

1st Offense-> Person will be asked to leave the Zoom rehearsal and parents will be notified by phone or email.

2nd Offense-> Person is removed from the show.

Questions- If there are any questions about these guidelines, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (267) 984-0321.

Joseph P. Laub, Jr.

Director

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Dear Parent(s) and Potential Cast Members of our **Drama Program**:

Since we are in a virtual environment now due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the rehearsal timeframe will be shorter. I have made some major changes to the rules regarding rehearsals and performances based on our rehearsal schedule. Here are the changes:

- 1. If you miss more than TWO (2) virtual rehearsals (unless previously discussed with the director), your continuation with the program will be evaluated/reviewed by the Director and his assistant.**
- 2. You must commit to be in the dress rehearsal and in all shows. I expect you to be present at the Dress Rehearsal and at every show. There should be no reason why you would miss the dress rehearsal or a performance. The director will inform everyone when the performances will be. If you can not commit to the rehearsals or show dates, please do not audition for the show.**
- 3. Each cast member should respect their fellow performers and the part(s) they have earned. Any form of harassment or bullying in any form is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated. Bullying/harassment may result in expulsion from the production with no refund. If you have been bullied, please see one of the T.A.G. staff members.**
- 4. Respect will be given to all members involved in the production.**

Please sign below that you understand and agree to abide by these guidelines. This page **must** be signed and returned before you will be cast in the show.

Thank you,

Joseph P. Laub, Jr.

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Child Signature (If doing a children’s show): _____

Adult Signature (If your child is participating in the show): _____

Adult Signature (If an Adult show): _____