

Sample one-week workshop schedule for younger students

Our goal is to structure the workshops so that there are always new activities being presented, particularly with our younger participants. We strive to maintain a fun balance between acting, singing and dance, while introducing and giving lots of hands-on experience with technical elements, such as costumes, properties, sets, lighting, sound and special effects. Students are given many performance opportunities on stage, including our morning “memorization contests” as well as our final concert at the end of each day, to aid with increasing confidence, and with familiarity with the show and the stage for the final performance. We also intersperse lots of fun games, snack times, and movie times to keep the day interesting and fun. Auditions are kept very relaxing, and non-pressured, with lots of support and encouragement from staff and fellow cast members for a job well done. And everyone receives a feature role in the production – at least one of their top five role choices.

First Day of Workshop (Monday)

- 9:00 -- Registration and welcomes; Get to know you games
- 9:30 -- Introduction of the workshop, read through script and sing music
- 10:15 -- Snack break
- 10:30 -- Vocal auditions! Vocal warm-up and learn two songs from the show, then each student has a chance to perform onstage with a microphone
- 11:20 -- Learn acting auditions! Acting warm-up and workshop, then division into groups to learn sections of dialogue from the show, or improvisation for non-readers, then performance on stage
- 11:45 -- Role preference sheets – explain the roles and students fill out sheets to let us know which roles they would most like to play
- 12:00 -- LUNCH
- 12:30 -- Watch a short section of the film from the show, or work on constructing props
- 1:00 -- Announcement of the roles! Everyone highlight their scripts
- 1:30 -- Dance warm-up – learn a dance from the show with our choreographer
- 2:00 -- Snack break
- 2:15 -- Costume workshop! Meet with our costume mistress who will describe and show the costume design for the show – start to try on costumes!
- 2:45 -- Final concert of the day – perform our songs, dances, scenes for family and friends who have arrived for pick-up time
- 3:00 -- Home time!

Second Day (Tuesday)

- 9:00 -- Welcome! Vocal and physical warm-ups
- 9:15 -- Memorization contest! A chance to show off on stage what you learned yesterday, without your script! Prizes awarded for best energy and memorization (by the end of the workshop, everyone wins!)
- 9:30 -- Learn a song from the show from our music director
- 10:00 -- Theatre game time!
- 10:15 -- Snack break
- 10:30 -- Learn a dance from the show with our choreographer
- 11:00 -- Split into groups with our various staff members to work on smaller scenes/songs/dances
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- 12:00 -- LUNCH!
- 12:30 -- Costume time!
- 1:00 -- Theatre tech time! Work on props and sets, or learn about sound, lighting and special effects for the show
- 1:30 -- MOVIE TIME!!! Watch a short section of the film from the show while staff members work with various soloists on their songs/scenes/dances
- 2:00 -- Snack break
- 2:15 -- Learn a song from the show with our music director, or block a scene from the show with our artistic director
- 2:45 -- Final concert on stage!
- 3:00 -- Home time!