



The Decatur Park District
Newsies Jr.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Guardian Email: _____

Performer Email: _____

T-Shirt Size (Circle One):

- Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large
- Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XLarge Adult XXLarge

Please list any and all conflicts

Past Theater Experience

Show	Role	Show	Role
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

List the level of training you have had in the following areas

Dance _____ Gymnastics/ Tumbling/ Acrobatics _____ Cheer _____
 Chorus _____ Voice Lessons _____ Musical Instruments _____

Roles Desired: _____

Carpooling with: _____



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Emergency Information:

Primary Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Participants Physician/ Hospital: _____

Insurance Company and Policy Number: _____

Participants Special Needs:

Waiver & Release of All Claims and Assumptions of Risk

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program, including transportation services and vehicle operations, when provided. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program against the Decatur Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as "Decatur Park District"). Photo Disclaimer: I understand that my child/ward or I may be photographed or videotaped while participating in a Decatur Park District program. I give permission for photos and videotapes of my child/ward or me to be used to promote the Park District. Such photos and videotapes will remain the property of the Decatur Park District. I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Decatur Park District from any and all claims for injuries, damages, or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this program/activity. I have read and fully understand the above waiver and release of all claims and assumption of risk.

Signature (18 years or older or Parent/Guardian) _____ Date _____

NOTE: The Decatur Park District does not carry medical or accident insurance for its participants. The cost of such insurance would make programs cost prohibitive. We suggest that you look at your own insurance policy to be sure you are adequately covered. The Park District assumes no responsibility for personal injuries or loss of personal property.

Payment Info:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Participant Name: _____

Participant Info: Male Female Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: (Mr. Mrs.): _____ Email: _____

Check one: Cash Check Credit Card Amount Paid _____

Visa MasterCard Discover American Express Card #: _____ CVV#: _____

Exp.: _____ Signature: _____



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Participants Name: _____

- I understand that this is an audition process, and I will be given a role selected by the Artsitic Team. By accepting my role, I am committing to attend my scheduled rehearsals and all performances, and will work respectfully with the artistic team, other performers, crew memebers, and volunteers within the production. Any breach of this agreement may result in disqualification from future productions.

- The Arts at Decatur Park District Cultural Arts Team have the right to interpret and adapt the characters in our production, which includes but is not limited to a character's: costume, hair, & make-up, songs sung, lines read, blocking, choreography, prop, and scenic pieces used, and wireless mic distrubtion.

- To ensure an effective an productive rehearsal process, each participant involved in Newsies Jr. will be permitted to a total of two conflicts. An exception to this guideline will be made by the Cultural Arts Staff in an individual basis.

- Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal. Please go to the sign in board. Check in daily and let the Staff know you are here. Performers may not be called to every rehearsal, so please check the Scene / Song breakdown sheet for the days you are to attend.

- All tech rehearsal and performances are mandatory. Please schedule all other appointments around these dates and times. Absence from tech rehearsals or performances may result in removal from some scenes.

- The Cultural Arts Team recognizes the importance of personal hygiene, so all participants must provide their own (closed toe) shows, undergarnments, and basic stage makeup, as well as apply deodarant before rehearsals and performances. Please circle back with the Costume Manager if yuo have any questions.

- All participants are required to pay their production fee or establish a payment arrangment.

- Bullying and profanity will not be tolerated. This must be reported to the Cultural Arts Staff immediately.

- I understand that I must follow all Decatur Park District Rules which follow both C.D.C. & I.D.P.H. guidelines reagarding COVID19 : Mask Wearing, Social Distancing, and Hand sanitization. As of now, no requirements are active.

Please understand that this participation contract exists to provide a ppositive experience for all those involved and associated with the production. If you ever have any questions, please contact the Cultural Arts Team at dpdartsandrec@gmail.com or call 217-619-8042. This contract must be turned in by the first rehearsal on Saturday, Janurary 21. I acknowledge the above mentioned guide-lines.

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Performer Signature

Date



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If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Cultural Arts Team.

Please mark which areas you are interested in:

- Tech Crew: Assisting in the creation of the set.
- Costumes: Assist with the creation and try on process of costumes.
- Usher: Direct Patrons to seats before performances.
- Cast Party: Assist with the planning and execution of the cast party that will take place on March 19. Donations are also welcomed.

Other, please list: _____

Volunteers Names: _____

Volunteers Email: _____

*An Email with a digital signup form will also be sent out in the first few weeks of rehearsals.

We appreciate your time and dedication to our department and look forward to bringing the production to life in the weeks to come. Please return this form to the Cultural Arts Team. If you have any questions please feel free to email the Cultural Arts Team at dpdartsandrec@gmail.com.

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Jack Kelly – A fiercely loyal and charismatic orphan who dreams of a life out west and boldly leads the Manhattan newsies

Cruthchie – A dedicated newsie and Jack Kelly's ever optimistic best friend

Katherine – An ambitious young reporter who works hard to make a name for herself; courageously using her voice to cover the newsie strike

Darcy – Katherine's trustworthy photographer

Morris and Oscar Delancey – toughs who work for the New York World, known to use their fist to make a point

Wiesel – a disgruntled manager of distribution for the World, often called Weasel by the newsies.

Les – Davey's cheeky younger sibling who is inspired by the freedom of the newsies and loves their independent lifestyle

Davey – Les's straight-laced, bright older sibling who acts as the brains behind the newsies' strike

Joseph Pulitzer – a pompous businessman and Katherine's no nonsense father; does not sympathize with the strikers, but comes to respect Jack

Bunsen – Pulitzer's bookkeeper, helps come up with the idea to raise newsies price per paper

Seitz – an editor who advises Pulitzer, but ultimately admires the kids' newspaper

Hannah – Pulitzer's secretary who quietly looks out for the newsies

Snyder – the crooked and sinister warden of the Refuge

Medda Larkin – A big voiced saloon singer and star of the Bowery who offers her theater as a safe haven for the newsies

Pat – the stage manager of Medda's theater

Spot Conlon – the proud leader of the Brooklyn Newsies with an intimidating reputation

Dorothy and Bill – Katherine's friends whose parents own the New York Tribune and New York Journal, they help the newsies print the Newsies Banner

Governor Teddy Roosevelt – a well respected, lifelong public servant whom Jack admires

Other roles include - Young Newsies Race Albert, Muriel, Nancy, Specs, Pigtales, Hazel, Buttons, Tommy, Romeo, Jo Jo, Scabs, and other newsie children.

All who audition for a role for Newsies Jr, will receive a role. The Decatur Park District believes that there are no small roles, only small actors! Performers and their families will be asked to accept the assigned role, if not done by the 12/1/2022, we reserve the right to recast that specific role.

Date: Saturday, January 21

Time: **Called:**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Both full casts
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Journal Cast

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Journal Cast

Working on:
Company music
Carrying the Banner (and Reprise)
Choreography
Block Pages 11 – 17/ Run choreo
and blocking

Date: Sunday, January 22

Time: **Called:**
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. The Tribune Cast
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Tribune Cast

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Both Cast Jack and Crutchie

Working on:
Carrying the Banner Choreography
Block Pages 11 – 17/ Run choreo
and blocking
Learning Prologue music and Santa
Fe/ Letter from the Refuge and
blocking

Date: Saturday, January 28

Time: **Called:**
12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Both Cast Katherine

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Both Casts Pulitzer, Bunsen, Seitz,
Hannah, Katherine, Jack, and Snyder
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The Journal Cast

Working on:
Watch What Happens Music and
Blocking
Blocking scene 2 and Scene 11

Block 33 – 36, Learn Choreo The
World Will Know, Run
Pages 1 – 21

Date: Sunday, January 29

Time: **Called:**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Tribune Cast

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Both Cast Medda and Dancers
Katherine, Jack, Les, Davey
Crutchie, and Pat

Working on:
Block 33 – 36, Learn Choreo The
World Will Know, Run
Pages 1 – 21
Learn Music and Choreo for Just a
Pretty Face and blocking for
scene 3 & 4 and scene 10

Date: Saturday, February 4

Time: **Called:**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Journal Cast Newsies

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Tribune Cast Newsies

Working on:
Block page 42 – 46, and 52 – 53 and
Choreo for Seize the Day. Clean if time
Block page 42 – 46, and 52 – 53 and
Choreo for Seize the Day. Clean if time

Date: Sunday, February 5

Time: **Called:**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. The Journal Cast Newsies
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Tribune Cast Newsies

Working on:
Finish Company Music
Block page 42 – 46, and 52 – 53 and
Choreo for Seize the Day. Clean if time

Date: Saturday, February 11

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast Newsies
The Tribune Cast Newsies

Working on:
Choreo and Block page 79 - 91
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Date: Sunday, February 12

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast Newsies
The Tribune Cast Newsies

Working on:
Choreo and Block page 91 - 108
Choreo and Block page 91 - 108

Date: Saturday, February 18

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and Tribune Principals
The Tribune Cast and Journal Principals

Working On:
Putting together 1st half of the show
Putting together 1st half of the show

Date: Sunday, February 19

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and Tribune Principals
The Tribune Cast and Journal Principals

Working On:
Putting together 2nd half of the show
Putting together 2nd half of the show

Date: Saturday, February 25

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and Tribune Principals
The Tribune Cast and Journal Principals

Working On:
Cleaning 1st half of the show
Cleaning 1st half of the show

Date: Sunday, February 26

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and Tribune Principals
The Tribune Cast and Journal Principals

Working On:
Cleaning 2nd half of the show
Cleaning 2nd half of the show

Date: Saturday, March 4

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and Tribune Principals

Working On:
Run and clean show

Date: Saturday, March 5

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Called: The Tribune Cast and Journal Principals

Working On:
Run and clean show

Date: Saturday, March 11

Location: TBD

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Working On: Running the show on stage.

Called: The Journal Cast and The Tribune Cast Principals

Date: Sunday, March 12

Location: TBD

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Working On: Running the show on stage.

Called: The Tribune Cast and The Journal Cast Principals

Date: Monday, March 13
Location: TBD
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and The Tribune Cast Principals

Date: Tuesday, March 14
Location: TBD
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Called: The Tribune Cast and The Journal Cast Principals

Date: Wednesday, March 15
Location: TBD
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Called: The Journal Cast and The Tribune Cast Principals

Date: Thursday, March 16
Location: TBD
Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Called: The Tribune Cast and The Journal Cast Principals

Date: Friday, March 17
Location: TBD
Time: Call time 6:30. Show begins at 7.
Called: The Journal Cast

Date: Saturday, March 18
Location: TBD
Time: Call time 1:30. Show begins at 2.
Called: The Journal Cast

Date: Saturday, March 18
Location: TBD
Time: Call time 6:30. Show begins at 7.
Called: The Tribune Cast

Date: Saturday, March 18
Location: TBD
Time: Call time 1:30. Show begins at 2.
Called: The Tribune Cast