



## 2020-2021 Application

Add a little magic to your classroom through Disney Musicals in Schools!

Disney Musicals in Schools is an outreach initiative that develops sustainable musical theater programs for eligible Cuyahoga and Lorain County elementary schools.

Four schools will be selected to participate in the 2020-2021 program, **free of charge**. Any Cuyahoga or Lorain County public elementary school, including public charter schools, with a student poverty level of 50% or higher (according to the Ohio Department of Education's 2013 Typology Report) is eligible to apply.

### Application deadline: MARCH 20, 2020

#### The goals of Disney Musicals in Schools are to:

1. Create sustainable musical theatre programs in public elementary schools.
2. Provide school faculty with the training and tools necessary to support student performance and production, and to empower them to do so.
3. Develop a critical awareness and appreciation of the arts within the school.
4. Develop a strong community, including students, parents, faculty, staff, and neighbors.
5. Expose students and school faculty to the wide spectrum of skills that are developed when producing a piece of musical theatre, including critical thinking, problem solving, ensemble building, communication, self-confidence, and interpersonal skills.

Disney Musicals in Schools presents a special opportunity to introduce the collaborative art of musical theater to your school, strengthen your arts programming, and develop partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and the greater community.

Please note: Recipient schools will receive various levels of support over a period of three years. Since the goal of the program is to build sustainable theater programs, applications from schools that have participated in the program in the last five years will not be considered.

Complete the following application (typed and signed) by March 20, 2020, and submit scanned via email to [hannah.twining@playhousesquare.org](mailto:hannah.twining@playhousesquare.org) or via postal mail at:

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Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2108

## Disney Musicals in Schools

### Program Overview:

Playhouse Square will select four Cuyahoga or Lorain County public elementary (including charter) schools to participate in this year's Disney Musicals in Schools program. To qualify, schools must have student poverty level of 50% or higher, according to the Ohio Department of Education's 2013 Typology Report.

Selected schools will receive:

- **Free** performance rights (valid for one year) to a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical of their choosing (available shows include *101 Dalmatians*, *Aladdin*, *The Aristocats*, *The Jungle Book*, *The Lion King*, *Frozen* and *Winnie the Pooh*)
- **Free** ShowKit materials, including a director's guide, student scripts, accompaniment and rehearsal CDs, a choreography DVD, and cross-curricular activities.
- **Free** in-school support from a team of two Playhouse Square Teaching Artists (during a 90-minute school visit each week over 17 weeks).
  - The Teaching Artists will serve as production and creative advisors who will train and empower the School Team to eventually run the program themselves.
  - The Teaching Artists will guide the School Team through both production management (developing a rehearsal schedule, running auditions, and addressing technical and physical production requirements) and the creative execution of the show (direction, choreography, acting, and design). They will also advise the School Team on school and community engagement opportunities.
  - Disney KIDS Musicals are designed to be produced on any budget. Playhouse Square Teaching Artists will work with selected School Teams to create a production within the budget the school is able to allocate to this project.
- Lastly, the selected schools will participate in a culminating Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration. At this event, each school will share one musical selection from its production at Playhouse Square.

Selected schools will be expected to:

- Produce a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical involving 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders both on and off stage.
- Identify a School Team comprising **at least three** teachers and staff members who will partner with the Playhouse Square Teaching Artists and oversee and manage the program from beginning to end. The selected School Team will receive on-site support from a team of two Playhouse Square Teaching Artists who will visit the school for a 90-minute rehearsal once each week for 17 weeks. The School Team will run an additional 90-minute rehearsal once each week (those same 17 weeks) without the presences of the Teaching Artists.
- Commit to a full semester of rehearsal /production in an after-school setting (see timeline).
- Host a site visit for the selection team during the application process.
- Provide space, time, materials, and resources for students and the School Team to rehearse and prepare for the musical production.
- Provide opportunities for the whole school, parents, and larger community to be connected to the production.
- Hold a minimum of one public performance of the musical.
- Participate in the culminating Student Share event at Playhouse Square. Playhouse Square will provide transportation reimbursement for participating schools.

### Disney Musicals in Schools Timeline:

February 18, 2020	Applications open to all eligible elementary schools
March 20, 2020	Applications due
March 23, 2020 – April 20, 2020	Finalist school site visits
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of May	All applicants notified of status
Late September 2021	Selected school orientation
October 19 - February 26, 2021	Rehearsals and onsite support from Teaching Artists
Week of March 1, 2021	School performances
March 8, 2021	Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration, Playhouse Square

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Project contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students who would participate in program (*we recommend 30-60 students onstage. If you would like to include more than 60 students, we can discuss how they may be involved in an off-stage capacity*): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) of students who would participate in the program: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of your school's arts teaching staff:

(*If your school does not have any full or part time arts faculty, leave blank*)

Theater: \_\_\_\_\_ Full or part time: \_\_\_\_\_

Dance: \_\_\_\_\_ Full or part time: \_\_\_\_\_

Music: \_\_\_\_\_ Full or part time: \_\_\_\_\_

Visual art: \_\_\_\_\_ Full or part time: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your school have an auditorium or similar space? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, does the auditorium have:

A theatrical lighting system \_\_\_\_\_

A sound system \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent seats \_\_\_\_\_

Is the auditorium shared with another school? \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL TEAM INFORMATION**

Proposed School Team Members: Please commit 3-5 teachers who will be present at all rehearsals.

Teacher 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Content Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Content Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Content Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 4 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Content Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 5 (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Content Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the qualifications of each school team member who will be present at all rehearsals:

## PROGRAMMING

How many hours per week will you commit to rehearsal time? (*We require a minimum of 3 hours per week, 1.5 of which will be with the Playhouse Square Teaching Artists*): \_\_\_\_\_

Which days and times could be used for rehearsal?

How will your school make adjustments so that students, teachers, and space will be available at the same time for 90 minutes twice a week?

Do you offer any after school programming in your school? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please list the programming below:

Do you produce a formal piece of musical theater every year? \_\_\_\_\_

## QUESTIONS

*Please provide a detailed answer to each of these questions. If you require more space, feel free to use additional paper. In addition, if you have media files that would allow our team to have a better understanding of the how the arts are at work in your school please send those along with your application. (Examples would include short videos, photos, music clips or student art work)*

How would you use Disney Musicals in Schools to develop an ongoing tradition of musical theater at your school?

Why is it important for your students to have access to the performing arts?

Disney Musicals in Schools requires time, effort, and collaboration from the school faculty participating in the program, and from the school's leadership team. What steps will your School Team take to ensure the success of the program? How will the school's administration support the program?

How would you use Disney Musicals in Schools to fulfill the learning goals in your school? How would you use the program to support your current arts programs or enhance your non-arts curriculum?

Describe the culture of communication and collaboration in your school.

What is unique about your school, your students, or your community that makes Disney Musicals in Schools the right program for you?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?



**SIGNATURE PAGE**

**My principal has reviewed and approved this application.**

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Team member signatures:**

Please have all School Team members review and sign the application.

Teacher 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 4 (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher 5 (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_