



2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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. But hurry—the application deadline is **April 10, 2017**.

Selected schools will receive:

- A **free** performance license to a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical (available shows include: *101 Dalmatians*, *Aladdin*, *The Aristocats*, *Cinderella*, *The Jungle Book*, *The Lion King*, and *Winnie the Pooh*).
- **Free** ShowKit materials, including a director's guide, student scripts, cross-curricular activities, accompaniment and rehearsal CDs, and a choreography DVD.
- **Free** in-school support from Playhouse Square Teaching Artists.

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.

Complete the following application (typed and signed) and submit scanned via email to nick.traverso@playhousesquare.org or via postal mail at

DUE APRIL 10, 2017
Playhouse Square
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The goals of Disney Musicals in Schools are:

1. To develop a sustainable musical theatre program within elementary schools, thereby strengthening school arts programming.
2. To provide school faculty with the training and tools necessary to support student performance and production, and to empower them to do so.
3. To expose students and school faculty to the many benefits of musical theatre production, including the development of self-confidence, collaborative skills, speaking and reading skills, and creativity.
4. To develop a strong community, including students, parents, faculty, staff, and neighbors.
5. To develop a critical awareness and appreciation of the arts within the school and to connect the arts to curricula in many content areas.

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 Disney KIDS musical of their choosing as well as a complimentary ShowKit. The ShowKit includes materials and resources to aid teachers in producing, directing, and choreographing the show.
- 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 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).
 - The Teaching Artists will also advise on cross-curricular connections and provide guidance on involving parents, the school community, and the wider community in this project.
 - 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 selections from its production at Playhouse Square.

Disney Musicals in Schools Program Requirements:

Selected schools will be expected to:

- Produce a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical involving 3rd-5th graders both on and off stage.
- Identify a School Team comprising at least three, but no more than five, 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. The School Team will run an additional 90-minute rehearsal once each week 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 to be connected to the production.
- Involve parents and the larger community in the mounting of 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:

March 6, 2017	Applications open to all eligible elementary schools
April 10, 2017	Applications due
April 17- May 19	Finalist school site visits
1 st Week of June	All applicants notified of status
Early October, 2017	Selected school orientation
October 16 – February 23, 2018	Rehearsals and onsite support from Teaching Artists
Week of February 19, 2018	School performances
March 5, 2018	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. More students may be involved off-stage*): _____

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.

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: _____