

POLKA DOT PANTOMIMES
& THE THAMESIDE THEATRE, GRAYS
PRESENTS



Do you want to be part of our next spectacular pantomime being staged at the Thameside Theatre, Grays? Perhaps you'd like to perform alongside our professional cast. We promise to bring you everything you'd expect from a professional pantomime... and more! Dazzling costumes, fabulous scenery and some truly magical surprises are just a few of the things you can expect when you take part.

For the run of performances there will be professional principal actors and three casts of children's chorus. The three children's casts will alternate performances between 4th December 2024 and 5th January 2025 which will include some school performances. Please note children will not be required to perform in the Prank performances from 3rd – 5th January, 2025. This is your chance to perform in front of thousands of people – an amazing experience you won't want to miss. This year we are looking for an all singing, all dancing chorus of young people who are full of personality and can move well.

Auditions will take place on the following dates at the Thameside Theatre, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX

Seniors (those that will be in school years 7 to 13 from September) – Monday 1st July from 5.30pm – 8pm
Juniors (those that will be in school years 4 to 6 from September) – Tuesday 2nd July from 5.30pm – 8pm

Parents will be asked to sign their child in and return to collect them at the end of the audition – registration will open at 5.15pm both days. You must be there ready to start at 5.30pm. **NO PARENTS** will be allowed into the auditions whilst auditions are taking place.

To audition, you must fill in the enclosed form and bring it with you on the day. The form will also require you to attach ONE recent photograph – passport style is great. Please note that you will not need to bring any audition material with you on the day as it will be provided by Polka Dot. This ensures that everyone is auditioned fairly from the same material.

During the audition we will play some games and teach everyone a short dance routine. It is important to try your best and show us lots of personality – that is more important to us than watching perfect dancers with bored faces. We are looking for potential and ambition so just try your best and don't panic – we are here to help.

If you have any questions or require additional information about the audition please contact us on 01775 712359 or email us at admin@polkadotpantomimes.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you.....and **GOOD LUCK!**

AUDITION NOTES

Please keep this sheet attached to the audition form and bring it with you to the auditions

Should my child be selected from the auditions, I am aware of the following information:

I am required to pay a one off fee of £50 to cover the administration and contribution towards insurance that is necessary for performers. This payment must be made by **1st August 2024**.

Female identifying - required to purchase one pair of dance shoes for the show, together with two pairs of tights and a nude leotard. These will remain my child's property after the show has finished.

Male Identifying – required to purchase one pair of dance shoes for the show, together with two pairs of white tights and two plain white t-shirts. These will remain my child's property after the show has finished.

I will be required to chaperone for six performances and one rehearsal during the production. I understand that I will need to become a registered licensed chaperone which will require me to attend an appointment with the local Child Welfare Officer.

I am aware that my child will need time off school for some of the shows. I will make my child's school aware of this. I will provide Polka Dot with a copy of the letter of permission from my child's school by **1 August 2024**.

I am aware that my child will be required for rehearsals on the following dates and I shall ensure that my child can attend. Please note it is compulsory that children attend ALL rehearsals.

I also give permission for my child to be photographed during the audition and the photos to be used for promotional purposes.

SAT 16 NOV 10AM-6PM
SUN 17 NOV 10AM-6PM

SAT 23 NOV 10AM-6PM
SUN 24 NOV 10AM-6PM

MON 25 NOV 5.30PM-8.30PM (COSTUME FITTINGS)
THUR 28 NOV 5.30PM-8.30PM
FRI 29 NOV 5.30PM-8.30PM
SAT 30 NOV 10AM-6PM
SUN 1 DEC 10AM-6PM

TUES 3 DEC	1PM-5PM	TEAM BLUE ONLY
TUES 3 DEC	5PM-9PM	TEAM RED ONLY
WED 4 DEC	1PM-9PM	TEAM YELLOW ONLY FOLLOWING WITH OPENING 6PM SHOW

SIGNED: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN OF: _____



AUDITION APPLICATION FORM
THAMESIDE THEATRE, GRAYS – SNOW WHITE 2024/2025

NAME:

ADDRESS:

SCHOOL ATTENDING FROM SEPTEMBER:

DATE OF BIRTH:

SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER 2024:

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS:

HEIGHT (IN CM ONLY):

Please write a few words (no more than 100) about yourself and attach 1 passport photo below. **Please ensure photo is stapled to this page to avoid being lost**

***PLEASE DETACH PAGE ONE AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**

***PLEASE STAPLE PAGES 2 AND 3 TOGETHER AND BRING TO THE AUDITION**