

CentreStage ROLLESTON

Newsies Jr Audition Pack

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for CentreStage Rolleston's production of *Newsies JR*.

We are seeking talented, animated and enthusiastic performers to light up our stage. This audition pack will provide you with all of the information you will need to give you the best chance at your audition so please take time to read all the information carefully.

Please note before you continue, this is a junior production. The age range for this show is 12 years - 18 years old!

The Production Team

Director: Craig Bingham (He/Him)

Musical Director: Lex Dean (He/ Him)

Choreographer: Shannon Nuttall (She/ Her)

Production Manager: Nickie Tabukovu (She/ Her)

Performance Dates

Newsies JR will be performed in October 2024 for 4 performances on the following dates:

Friday 4th October 7pm-8pm

Saturday 5th October 2pm-3pm

Saturday 5th October 7pm-8pm

Sunday 6th October 2pm-3pm

Synopsis

Disney's *Newsies JR*. is a 60-minute version of the 2012 Broadway musical, based on the 1992 film. Inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City, *Newsies JR*. features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein.

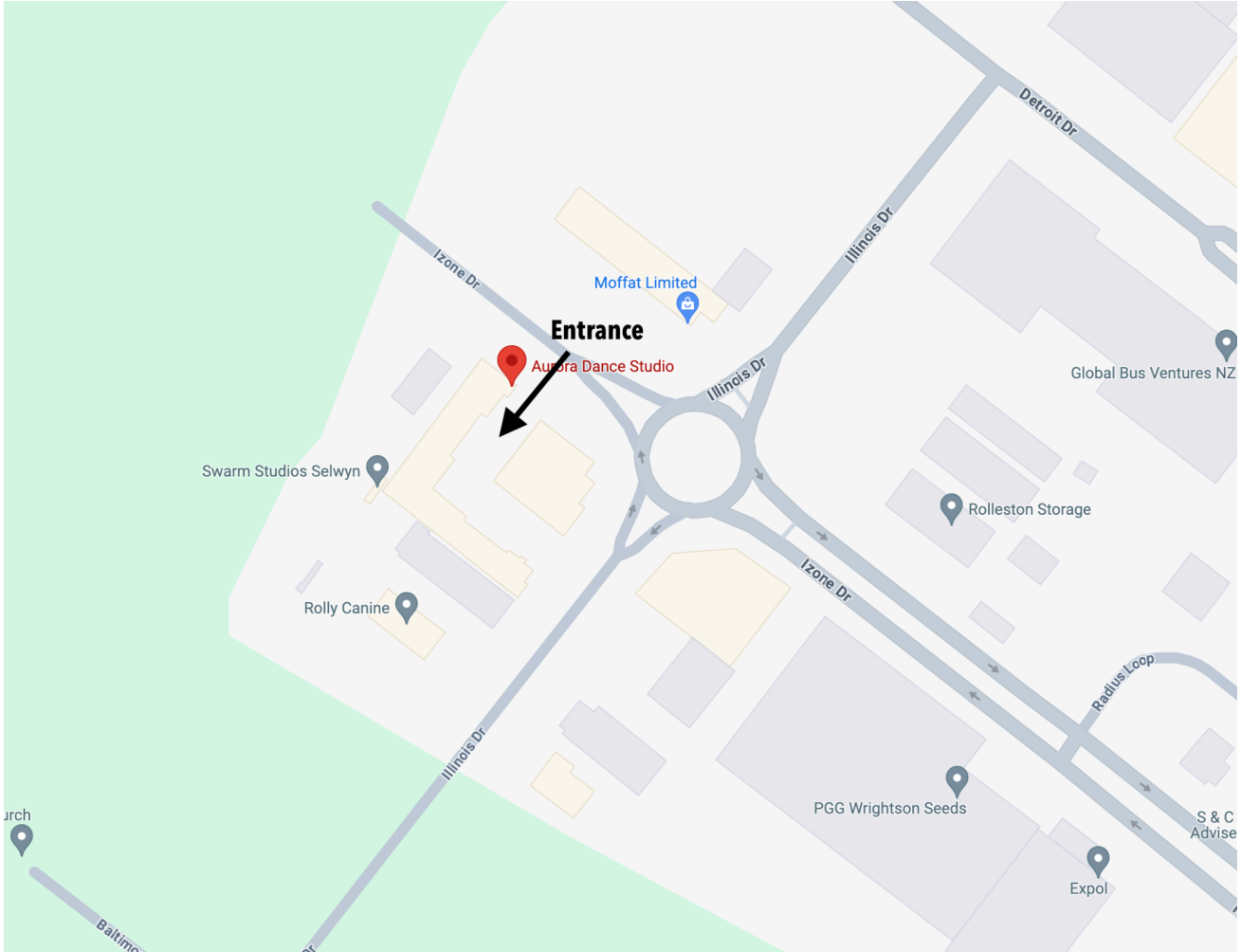
When powerful newspaper publishers raise prices at the newsboys' expense, the charismatic Jack Kelly rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's right.

Including the now-classic songs "[Carrying the Banner](#)," "[Seize the Day](#)," and "[Santa Fe](#)," *Newsies JR*. is a timeless story full of spirit and heart.

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Venue

Auditions will be held at **Aurora Dance Studio, 13/35 Illinois Drive.**



Follow the CentreStage flags to the correct entrance.

Audition dates and times

Saturday 22nd June 3pm-5pm
Sunday 23rd June 10am-12pm
Sunday 23rd June 2pm-4pm

Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your audition. The auditions will be around 2 hours long. These will be group auditions and will include singing, acting and dancing.

*Please note that we will be taking a photo to accompany your application.
You must be 12-18 years old on the date of the auditions.*

Song Selection

We tend to find what we're looking for during our group sessions, but sometimes we'd like to see more from individual performers. If you are considering a lead role, please also have a 30 second song (clip) prepared as we may ask you to perform this on the day.

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Choose a song to sing that you know well and that best suits your voice and be confident in your choice. Bring a backing track where appropriate or sing *a capella*, it's up to you. Be aware that the musical director may ask you to sing with the piano in order to find out your vocal range.

If you do not get a callback during your session this is not indicative of whether you'll get a lead role or not.

Booking an Audition

To book your audition please go to our website: www.centrestagerolleston.org.nz

- Please fill in the online audition form ensuring that you fill in ALL of the required fields. Choose your preferred audition time then click 'BOOK MY AUDITION'
- We will contact you via email within a few days to confirm your audition day/time.
- Make sure you pop it in your calendar.

Notification of Audition Outcome

Applicants will be notified by phone after the selection process is complete. You should expect to hear back from someone within the week following your auditions.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals will be at Rolleston College on:

Tuesday 7-9pm

Thursdays 7-9pm

Sundays 4-7pm, these will extend to 3-7pm, but this will be scheduled ahead of time.

The first rehearsal, introduction and parent briefing, which will include the distribution of scripts, will be on **21st July 2024 from 4-7pm** at Rolleston College.

Subsequent weekly rehearsals will begin that week.

In the week or so leading up to opening night, please be aware that we will be adding in daily rehearsals which will run during the first week of the holidays and will be in the afternoon/evening, including a Technical Rehearsal, to ensure that we are ready for an audience. Please ensure that your schedule is free to accommodate for this.

Performing Fees

Every person who performs onstage in any CentreStage Rolleston production must pay a Show Levy which allows you to be fully involved with the show. The Show Levy for Newsies JR is \$90.00 which includes a CentreStage Rolleston, show-specific T-shirt.

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Cast Expectations

**Being involved in this production is a definite commitment.
Each cast member must be present for all rehearsals when required.**

If cast in the show, you agree not to accept any other theatre commitments without prior permission of the Production Team. If you have any commitments that may clash with the production please note this in your audition application.

While talent is our primary consideration when casting, a high level of dedication is required for the show. Final choices for all roles will be made with this in mind.

It is the job of the Director and the rest of the Production Team to decide who fits best in each role. The Production Team will always try and cast a show in the best way possible for the overall quality of the show. Although disappointment in roles is inherent in the world of theatre, actors must learn that theatre is a TEAM activity, and that the art of working on a show, no matter the role, is the entire point of participation. Casting a production is like putting together a puzzle – all the pieces must fit to make a good cast, and the Production Team takes casting very seriously.

If for any reason you are unable to attend a rehearsal, you are required to contact the Production Manager with at least 24 hours notice if possible. Participation in this production requires a huge commitment of both time and professionalism to ensure a production of the highest possible quality, therefore, please do not audition if you are not able to fully commit to the rehearsal schedule.

The rehearsal schedule will be carefully managed to make the most effective use of each performer's time. You will only be called when you are required and while we make every attempt to minimise waiting times during rehearsals, performers are required to be mindful of and show courtesy to performers who are rehearsing and taking direction while you wait for your scene/turn.

Scripts and scores for the show will be provided following the completion of a successful audition.

All on-stage roles are on an unpaid basis.

If you have any questions at all regarding the audition process, please contact:

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