

Welcome to Acting Up's Auditions for *Tuck Everlasting*

Thank you so much for sharing your time and talent with Acting Up. We know that life offers a variety of options for young people today, and that making the decision to try and be a part of a live musical production is a big decision. Here is what you are agreeing to at a glance:

Casting

We will cast about **75** young performers, ages 6-18, for this production. Please know that we take our responsibility of casting very seriously, and we know that each young person puts their all into this process. We cast as a directing team, and take into account many variables. **If you do not get cast, please do not give up.** If you **do not want a certain role**, or are **not interested in an ensemble role**, please let us know **at auditions** so that someone else can fill that slot.

There are many opportunities to help with *Tuck Everlasting* on the production side. If you are 13 or older and are interested in stage crew, costumes, or set building, please let us know by contacting ActingUp@ActingUp.com.

Show Dates

Friday, April 3, at 7pm; Sat., April 4 at 2pm & 7pm; and Sun., April 5 at 2 pm. **If cast, you must be available for all 4 performances.**

Rehearsals/Absences/Conflicts

We will begin rehearsals on **Sunday, Jan 12. This rehearsal will also be the first parent meeting.** (Though we may need to see a couple actors on Jan. 5) Rehearsal times and days are expected to be: **Sundays 2:00 – 5:00pm, and Mondays – Thursdays 6:30 – 9:00pm.** If cast, your role(s) will dictate how many rehearsals you'll be called to attend. As we get closer to the production, more rehearsals will be full cast. Parents are welcome to observe any rehearsal.

Please list all known conflicts (including any spring vacations, school events, sports activities, etc.) on the audition form. Everyone will rehearse at least 1 day a week. **We ask that if you agree to be a part of this production, you will make rehearsals a priority!** If you add additional activities to your schedule, rehearsals should be your priority - additional conflicts should not be added for these activities. **Please be sure ALL conflicts for the rehearsal period are listed in the database (and on your printed audition sheet), including all possible & flexible conflicts.** After 3 unexcused absences you may be let go from the production at the director's discretion and/or risk not being cast in future productions.

Parent Volunteer Hours Required

Acting Up is a *volunteer*, community-based organization. None of the directors, producers, board members, set/costume designers, set construction crew, etc. get paid. In order to make this production a success, we require each actor's family to make the following "6-3-2-1-1 sweat equity" contribution. **Acceptance of a role in the show indicates you also accept the following parent volunteer commitment:**

- **6+ hours** volunteer time *prior* to show week (i.e., costumes, publicity, prop making, set construction, painting).
- **3+ rehearsals** monitoring the cast and keeping them quiet so that the directors can work (rehearsal monitoring does not count as part of your 6+ pre-show volunteer hours, it is a separate requirement).
- **2+ shows** at which you volunteer during the performances (i.e., Greenroom monitor, Ushering, Star gram selling);
- **1+ dress rehearsal** (Tues-Thurs of tech week) for training to learn what to do during the show;
- **1 adult** family member at **both load in** (Sunday evening, March 29) and **set strike** (after performance Sunday, April 5).
- **And 2 mandatory parent meetings** – The first on **Sunday, Jan 12 at 2 pm**, and another approx. 3 weeks before the show opens.

****We will be utilizing our volunteer hours tracking system for *Tuck Everlasting* to track hours volunteered per family.****

Cost

We fund our shows through the generosity of our individual and corporate patrons, grants, and ticket sales. In addition, we collect a Facility Fee to help offset a portion of the significant cost Mason City Schools charges for use of the theater during show week. There may also be some incidental costs to each actor along the way.

- **Facility Fee:** \$75 per actor (maximum \$150 per family)
- **Script Deposit.** \$10 for script (for leads only) & **\$25 refundable** deposit for those who will require a chorus book. (The deposit will be destroyed *if* the book is returned in good condition and *all* pencil marks have been erased. The script will be yours to keep and write in.)
- **Costumes.** Each actor will be responsible for their own individual make-up, shoes, and undergarments (including leotard and tights for ladies). In addition, we may ask you to use some of your own clothes as part of your costume (e.g., white shirt, leggings, etc.).
- **Concession Donations.** We will ask for food donations to stock our intermission snacks (pop and cookies).
- **Cast Party.** A small donation will be collected to cover the cast party expenses and provide gifts to the production team members.
- **Small Laundry Basket.** For storing your costumes, shoes, etc. during the show
- **Optional Purchases.** We offer optional purchases of show t-shirt, car magnet, "break-a-legs" for the playbill, etc.

Call Back List & Cast List

Callbacks are **Thursday Dec. 5 from 6:30-9:00 pm** at Acting Up Mason. Please let us know **NOW if you are unable to attend the call back date!**

We will email all those that are called back on Wednesday, Dec. 4. *Please make sure your email address(es) are on the audition form!* The Callback List may also be posted on our Facebook page (Acting Up Community Theatre) or website. Please note that not all cast members will be called back. If not needed for the entire time, you will be told which part of call backs you are needed.

The **Cast List** will be posted no later than 10 pm on **Thursday, Dec 19.** Check our Facebook page (Acting Up Community Theatre) for an announcement of when the list has been posted. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at ActingUp@ActingUp.com or call 513-494-6062.

Thank You! It is the great actors and parents that make Acting Up shine!