



## Welcome To ESCAPE- ANNIE!

**Office information:** Please call 661-360-6769 or visit our website at [www.escapetheatre.org](http://www.escapetheatre.org) for info. Office hours can vary, and email is a great choice too. **The ESCAPE Studio is located at -26639 Valley Center Dr., Suite 109, around the backside.**

**Rehearsal days:** Monday evenings for ensemble, and Wednesday evenings for Lead roles.

**Performances will be January/February, 2025 at The Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center. Production week begins on Thurs. eve, January 23 at the theatre, and continues January 27. You must be available those 5 days, as well as all shows on Thurs, Fri., Sat., & Sun. Please check your schedules now and block off January 8- Feb. 2 on your calendar. Lead roles begin at 3 pm, and ensemble begins at 5:20 or after. **See your "All possible Dates"** handout for all important dates.**

**Ensemble:** All students who register for ESCAPE are **assured a role in the ensemble** and are given the opportunity to audition for a lead role, if interested. The ensemble is what holds our group together and makes the big production numbers so amazing! Please see Rehearsal Schedule #1 for dates/times for Audition Prep, Auditions, and Callbacks. We will put important dances, lyrics, and songs on our website so the kids & teens can practice whenever they want. **The password to view any videos in September-January will be "Grace"** Please encourage your kids to prepare and practice songs/dances 2-3 times a week, and always Mondays.

**Each family is asked to volunteer for ONE production committee.** We have a variety of committees that may interest you: *Tickets, Stage Crew Dads, Concessions, Chaperone Moms, Spot Light Operators, Flowers & Telegrams, Security Dads, Raffle, and Name Badges.* Parent Committees will sign up online on November 18. **We DO need each family to participate** for a successful production!

**Tickets will go on sale Mon. December 9 online.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to get your tickets on this specific day, as tickets will go on sale to the public on Tues., December 10. We will sell at least 2,800 tickets the first day. Ticket prices are the same as Oliver. Adults are \$27 and child/seniors are \$22.

**Costumes:** A detailed ***Ensemble Costume sheet*** will be sent home with all Cast-members on Mon. Sept. 30. Please read it carefully so you know what ***WE provide***, and what ***YOU provide***. Many costume

pieces can easily be found in *Thrift stores* or your own closets for this show. **Costume Check day** for ALL cast-members is **Sun., November 17 between 12-8 pm at the studio.** Mark your calendars now. Sign up times will be 2 weeks prior, online. For any costume questions- call or text **Cissi or Leesa.** Their phone numbers will be on the costume handouts. All costumes must be complete and approved before December 16, so January is NOT stressful. All **Lead roles** will have costume rental fees as well.

**Production Costs & Fundraisers:** To produce this show will cost **just over \$295,000.** We cannot make it on Registration & Ticket sales alone. As a non-profit corporation we carefully budget every line item and do our best to keep our costs low to benefit our families. Participating in our FUN-raisers such as *Krispy Kreme, Chick Fil-A night, extra classes or a Master Class* is very much appreciated! Every \$\$ helps out! If you have a **Matching Gift program with your employer,** please consider donating to ESCAPE. ***Since we are a non-profit organization- Donations are tax deductible!***

**Valet Drop-off:** We want to make sure our students are safe when you drop them off on our front step. Please **DRIVE SLOWLY** in our parking lot, and use the valet drop off on your RIGHT SIDE. Please **park for Pick-up,** and walk up to the back door to get your younger children if they are in A or B group. Please remember the **ONE WAY drop off,** so that all cars can move the same direction in an orderly fashion on busy Monday and Wednesday nights. **C and D group kids** can walk to their parents' car, or their own cars.

**NEW Parent Meetings:** Since ESCAPE began; we have had Parent Meetings for "***new families***". We will have **3 Parent meetings on September 16,** at 6:00, 7:00 and 8:00. New families should attend one **short, 20 min meeting.** There will be important information about the show, our staff, production week, costumes, parent committees, & special events. ***Thank you for attending in Studio B for just 20 minutes.*** We also plan to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Meeting **before** we go into the theatre, in May.

**Splitting the cast in TWO groups/Friend Request:** Our ensemble will be split into **TWO** casts, and each ensemble performs in 4 shows. Friend requests will be turned in- in mid-October, and the form will be emailed. Please drop off your form at rehearsal that evening. Siblings will automatically be together. **D group boys** will just be in Red or Blue cast, not both.

***Thank you for ESCAPING with us for Annie!***