

**Welcome to the Wilmette Children’s Theatre at the Wilmette Park District.**

Welcome to the Wilmette Children’s Theatre at the Wilmette Park District, where the magic of theater comes alive for children in the North Shore community! With over 40 years of experience, our program has been dedicated to nurturing and harnessing the wonderful attributes that are found with children participating in theater. From building confidence and creativity to fostering teamwork and self-expression, our theater program offers a transformative experience for children in first through eighth grade.

At WCT, we believe that every child has a unique voice and story to share. We provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where young actors can explore their talents and discover their true potential. From acting and singing to dancing and stagecraft, our program offers a comprehensive theater education that hones their skills and ignites their passion for the performing arts.

One of the many things that sets our theatre program apart, is our professional theatre staff. Our resident artists are accomplished theatre professionals who continue to work within professional theatre and film nationwide. Under the direction of Wendy Avon, our young actors become equipped with not only a love of the theater, but experience that they carry with them through High School and college.

**Yearly Productions and Programs with WCT**

- WCT Main Stage Productions (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Fall & Spring Show
- Annual Nutcracker Production (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade), co-produced with the Dance Department
- WCT Mini’s Production (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) Winter Production
- WCT Improve Troupe
- WCT Alumni Productions (High School & in the spring we cast 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade actors)
- Theatre Classes: Play in a Box, Little Improv, Theatrical Studies and Scene Study
- Also available, private acting, voice & dance lessons

Whether your child is a seasoned performer or just starting their theatrical journey, the Wilmette Children’s Theatre offers a welcoming space for all. We believe that theater is not only about the final performance but also about the invaluable life skills and friendships formed along the way. Join us at the Wilmette Children’s Theatre and witness the transformative power of theater firsthand. Together, let’s create magical moments, unforgettable performances, and a lifelong love for the performing arts.

## 2023- 2024 Wilmette Children's Theatre Season

### **Wilmette Children's Theatre Main Company Productions**

Open to actors in grades 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>

2 productions a year: Fall (Addams Family) & Spring (Mean Girls)

- Actors audition for the shows in August and December (we cast around 50 actors)  
If cast, there is a production fee that actors will pay (usually between \$300 and \$350, based on license fees for the production as well as staffing costs).
- The production fees also includes the following:
  - Actors Script
  - 8-10 weeks of professional instruction (theatre, voice & dance)
  - 3-6 performances
  - Access to professional photos of the production
  - A digital copy of the show
  - A show T-shirt & pizza party for the cast at the end of the last performance
- Rehearsals will take place over a 3 months' time frame (schedules found below)  
Not all actors are called to every rehearsal. Actors are encouraged to keep their schedule open and know that they cannot miss any of the tech rehearsals or shows. It is a true commitment for the season.

#### **The Addams Family**

##### **Auditions:**

Saturday August 26 2pm Auditions for Addams Family

Monday August 28 4:30pm Callbacks for Addams Family

*Please Note: Not everyone will be called back, and if you aren't called back you are still in consideration for casting.*

Wednesday August 30 Addams Family Casting Announced

##### **Rehearsals:**

Wednesday September 6 6pm Parent Meeting

Wednesday September 6 6:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal

Wednesday Rehearsals 6:30-8pm: Thursday Rehearsals 6:30-8pm: Saturday Rehearsals 1-5pm

Music Rehearsals Choreography Rehearsals Staging Rehearsal

9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14

\*Tuesday October 10 6:30-8pm Staging Rehearsal

Tech Monday October 16-Thursday October 19 5:30-8:30pm

##### **Shows:**

SHOW #1 Friday October 20 7pm SHOW #2 Saturday October 21 2pm

SHOW #3 Sunday October 22 2pm SHOW #4 Friday October 27 7pm

SHOW #5 Saturday October 28 2pm SHOW #6 Sunday October 29 2pm

#### **Mean Girls**

##### **Auditions:**

Saturday December 2 3-6pm Auditions for Mean Girls

Wednesday December 13 5-7pm Callbacks for Mean Girls

*Please Note: Not everyone will be called back, and if you aren't called back you are still in consideration for casting.*

Friday December 15 Mean Girls Casting Announced

##### **Rehearsals:**

Saturday February 10 12:30pm Parent Meeting & 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal from 1-4:30pm

Wednesday Rehearsals 6:30-8pm: Thursday Rehearsals 6:30-8pm: Saturday Rehearsals 1-5pm

Music Rehearsals Choreography Rehearsals Staging Rehearsal

2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/3 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 4/4 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 4/6

\*Tuesday April 2 6:30-8pm Staging Rehearsal

Tech Monday April 8-Thursday April 11 5:30-8:30pm

##### **Shows:**

SHOW #1 Friday April 12 7pm SHOW #2 Saturday April 13 2pm

SHOW #3 Sunday April 14 2pm SHOW #4 Friday April 19 7pm

SHOW #5 Saturday April 20 2pm SHOW #6 Sunday April 21 2pm

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**Wilmette Children's Theatre Mini's Production**

Open to actor's in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

1 productions a year:

Winter Show (Disney's Finding Nemo Kids)

- Actors audition for the show in November (we cast around 50 actors)
- If cast, there is a production fee that actors will pay (usually between \$300 and \$325, based on license fees for the production as well as staffing costs).
- The production fees also includes the following:
  - Actors Script
  - 8-10 weeks of professional instruction (theatre, voice & dance)
  - 3-6 performances
  - Access to professional photos of the production
  - A digital copy of the show
  - A show T-shirt
  - Pizza Party for the cast at the end of the last performance
- Rehearsals will take place over a 3 months' time frame (schedules found below)  
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**Wilmette Children's Theatre Mini's Production**

Open to actor's ages/ grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

**Disney's Finding Nemo KIDS**

**Auditions:**

Saturday November 11	2-5pm	Auditions for WCT Mini Production
Monday November 13	10am	Mini Casting Emailed Out

**Rehearsals:**

Saturday December 16	12:30pm	Parent Meeting
Saturday December 16	1-2:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Staging Rehearsal
Wednesday December 20	4:30-6pm	Music Rehearsal
Thursday December 21	4:30-6pm	Choreography Rehearsal

<u>Wednesday Rehearsals 4:30-6pm</u>	<u>Thursday Rehearsals 4:30-6pm:</u>	<u>Saturday Rehearsals 1-2:30pm</u>
Music Rehearsals	Choreography Rehearsals	Staging Rehearsal
1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31	1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1	1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3 * Note 1-3pm on 2/3

**Shows:**

Tech Monday February 5-	Thursday February 8	5-7:30pm
SHOW #1	Friday February 9	7pm
SHOW #2	Saturday February 10	11am
SHOW #3	Sunday February 11	11am
SHOW #4	Friday February 16	7pm
SHOW #5	Saturday February 17	11am
SHOW #6	Sunday February 18	11am
	Cast Party	12:30pm

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### **Wilmette Children's Theatre Alumni Productions / Student Directed Plays**

One of the highlights of our program is the special alumni production/ student directed plays, exclusively designed for high school students. This unique opportunity allows our alumni to further enhance their theatrical abilities and deepen their connection to the theater community. This program is open to alumni who have previously participated in the 2021-2023 WCT season. Directors will meet monthly starting in September to learn all aspects of the directing process. In February, young actors are invited to audition for short one act plays that will be directed by the alumni, and performed in May.

### **Wilmette Children's Theatre Improv Troupe**

Mini Improv Troupe Ages 8-11

Improv Troupe Ages 11-15

We are searching for the silly, zany and the fearless to join our Wilmette Theatre Troupes! This year long program teaches students the art of improv, including timing, confidence and content, all while having fun as a team. Students re asked to perform a one-minute contemporary and or original monologue to audition on October 16.

Auditions for this will take place on Monday October 16 from 5:15-7:15pm

### **Wilmette's Annual Nutcracker Productions**

Perform in the beloved, magical Nutcracker! This has been a community tradition on the North Shore; if your child loves the theatre and the magic of the holiday season, then this is the perfect chance for them to shine in this elegant production.

Audition for featured actors will be in August and class information will be available in the Fall 2 class offerings.