

AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT

RATS!



Auditions to cast up to 25 middle and high school students for the Fall children's show, *RATS!*, will be held at the Howell High School Freshman Campus. *RATS!* is a modern musical adaptation of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. In this version of the story a grammar school is overrun with rats. Desperate teachers and staff, with the support of the students, agree to let a mysterious young drummer rid the school of the infestation. When the principal refuses to pay the drummer his fee, the mysterious drummer uses his powers to teach the teachers and staff a lesson about tolerance and understanding. This production brings a storybook to life. The music is part musical comedy and part contemporary percussion--- think Golden Books meets "Stomp".

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Dates: October 3 and 4 (come on one of these days only)
Time: 3:30-6:00pm (arrive promptly - paperwork at 3:30, song will be taught at 4 pm)
Place: Auditorium, Howell High School Freshman Campus
1400 W. Grand River Avenue
Howell, MI

All auditionees will be asked to read, sing, dance, and learn a simple drumming rhythm. Auditionees should come dressed in gym clothes if possible.

REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

Rehearsals will be Monday through Thursday October 10 through November 23
and Monday through Friday from November 28 through December 5
All rehearsals are from 3:30-6:00pm
School Assembly performances are December 6, 7 and 8 at 10:00 and 11:30 pm
(ALL CAST AND CREW WILL NEED TO MISS SCHOOL FROM 8 AM THRU 1 PM ON THESE THREE DAYS)
Public performances are December 9 and 10 at 8 pm and December 11 at 2 pm
For More Information visit our website: <http://www.cththeatre.org>

Director: Russ Pitts (russ@wellsstreet.com)
Producers: Linda Peasley (lpeasley@umich.edu)
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RATS Character Descriptions

Note: *All characters will have to sing, dance, and learn to play a drumming rhythm. Must be comfortable wearing a mask.*

Narrator: M or F. Preferably High School Student. Tells the story and interacts with the audience. Should be kind and inviting.

School Principal: M or F. High School Student. Strong voice and physical presence. Must be capable of taking control of a situation.

Vice-Principal: M. High School Student. The disciplinarian. Not a very nice man.

Lunch Lady: F. High School Student. Kind but grumpy.

Custodian: M. Very kind but not very smart. Everyone likes him.

Teachers: 4-6 either M or F to represent Phys Ed, English, Math, Science
Preferable High School Students

Students: 6-10 M and F. Preferably Middle School Students. Need a mix of all types: quiet, rowdy, studious, athletic, shy. All students are speaking roles. Anyone with tumbling experience would be helpful.

The Rats: 6-8 M and F. All ages and sizes. The Rats must be able to move quickly and gracefully. Some dance experience would be helpful

Pied Piper: M or F any age. Must be able to play drums or able to learn to play a few more complicated rhythms. Also must be able to move well. Performance experience would be helpful.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Russ Pitts (director) at 616 822 2465 or email him at russ@wellsstreet.com