

FAQ Missoula Children's Theatre 2018

Beauty Lou and the County Beast

- 1. How much does it cost to audition/participate?** Through generous donations and grants, children can participate for \$5. This is paid at the audition. Our presenting sponsor is Neal Webster with Caldwell–Ontario Orthodontics, with additional contributions by Wal-Mart Foundation, The Lions Club of Caldwell, and other great sponsors and donors.
- 2. How long are auditions? Do we need to prepare?** Auditions are at Lincoln Elementary School at 1200 Grant St. in Caldwell. The doors close promptly at 4:30 pm and open when the audition is over at 6:30 pm. Auditions are fun and interactive, and your child does not need to prepare anything beforehand. After the audition, your child will be cast and will come home with a rehearsal schedule.
- 3. Where and when are the performances? How much are they?** Everyone attending the performance needs a ticket, both for the preshow and *Beauty Lou*. It costs thousands of dollars to put on this production, and ticket sales help make this experience possible for your children. Performances are at Jewett Auditorium, C of I. Enter parking lot at 20th and Fillmore. Public Performances are Week 1: Fri, Jan 26 7:00 pm & Sat, Jan 27 1:00 pm Week 2: Fri, Feb 2 7:00 pm & Sat, Feb 3 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$6, \$8, \$10 Adult and \$4, \$6, \$8 Child. Purchase tickets beforehand at caldwellfinearts.org or 459-5217. We will also sell ticket at practices.
- 4. Can I watch the auditions?** Sorry, but no. Auditions are closed. You are welcome to come back at 6:30 pm.
- 5. What if they don't make it in?** Caldwell Fine Arts is dedicated to making sure that all children who audition have the chance to appear on stage. *Beauty Lou* has a cast of around 50 because of costume limitations of the traveling company, Missoula Children's Theatre. We also offer a fun preshow before the performance. This year, we're excited to present a Cowboy Preshow with acting, singing, and dancing. All children are cast in one of the two productions. Both experiences are so much fun! The preshow participants get to keep their costume props and have a consistent rehearsal schedule.
- 6. Can we audition for both weeks?** This year, we added a second week of MCT to accommodate more children in each cast. We expect that families will choose one week that works best for them to participate, and their children will be cast in *Beauty Lou* and the preshow. If families want to participate both weeks, children who are not cast in *Beauty Lou* CAN participate in the preshow the first week and audition for *Beauty Lou* again the second week, if desired. Children who are cast in *Beauty Lou* CANNOT be cast again the second week. They can participate in the preshow, if there is extra room. We cap the preshow at 40 participants so all children can be seen on stage. The \$5 participation fee is paid both weeks.
- 7. How much time is involved?** The time commitment varies for which show your child is cast in, and which part they get. The Cowboy Preshow will rehearse T-Th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and will **not** need to miss school on Friday. You can request that your child is only cast in the preshow. Rehearsals and performances for *Beauty Lou* are between 4:00 – 8:30 pm Monday – Thursday, depending on the part, and all day Friday. ***Lead parts may be asked to stay and rehearse on Monday after the auditions. Snacks will be provided.*** Some parts may require a split rehearsal during the week, with a dinner break in between. You will receive a schedule after your child auditions. Please clear your child's schedule the entire week of the show. ***Children cannot miss any rehearsals for lessons, appointments, etc.***
- 8. Do they have to miss school?** Children cast in *Beauty Lou* are part of the performance for local schools in Jewett Auditorium on Friday, January 26 or Friday, February 2 during the school day. This also serves as their dress rehearsal on the stage. We will provide a school note. Children in the Cowboy Preshow will **not** need to miss school. If your child cannot miss school and you would prefer your child participate in the preshow, just let us know at registration.
- 9. Do we have to buy expensive costumes?** No. We provide costumes, or ask children to wear items they probably already have at home. Cowboy Preshow participants should wear a white t-shirt and jeans.
- 10. What ages can participate?** Children in grades 1 - 12 are welcome to audition, including home school students.
- 11. Can I help?** If you'd like to be part of the volunteer team and assist with this production, please let Jerrene Naillon know at audition time. We are looking for parents to help with auditions, rehearsals, ticketing, and ushering on Friday and Saturday both weeks. Volunteers receive 2 free tickets to the play.

Missoula Children's Theater Audition Announcement

Caldwell Fine Arts is casting for the MCT production of *Beauty Lou* and the Cowboy Preshow.

- Auditions are on **Monday, January 22, 2018 OR Monday, January 29 from 4:30-6:30 pm at Lincoln Elementary School** (1200 Grant Street, Caldwell). Doors close promptly, so don't be late! Parents are not allowed in auditions. No preparation is necessary. Children must stay the whole time.
- Students in grades 1- 12 can try out.
- \$5 participation fee is to be paid at audition time.
- Everyone who tries out is cast in either *Beauty Lou* or the preshow.

Public performances are **Week 1: Fri, Jan 26 7:00 pm & Sat, Jan 27 1:00 pm / Week 2: Fri, Feb 2 7:00 pm & Sat, Feb 3 1:00 pm** in Jewett Auditorium on the College of Idaho Campus (Park at 20th and Fillmore).

Students cast in *Beauty Lou* will need to miss school on for a dress rehearsal and a matinee performance for local schools the first week on Friday Jan. 26, or a Special Needs performance the second week on Feb. 2.

Preshow participants will not need to miss school. ***If you have evening obligations, or if your child cannot miss school, check the box to only be considered for the preshow.***

Practices take place after school at Lincoln Elementary between the hours of 4:00 – 8:30 pm, depending on parts. The preshow rehearses from 4:00 – 6:00 pm T-Th.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit caldwellfinearts.org, or call 459-5275. ***All seats are reserved. Purchase tickets early.*** Tickets are \$4, \$6, \$8 Child and \$6, \$8, \$10 Adult.

Email info@caldwellfinearts.org with any questions.

Audition Permission Slip and Photo Release

My child, _____, has permission to attend auditions on Jan. 22 or Jan. 29, 2018 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Lincoln Elementary. I understand that my child may rehearse from 4:00-8:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursday. Lead parts will be asked to stay after auditions on Monday. The preshow rehearses from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm T-Th. I understand that students will **not** be excused from rehearsals or performances for practices, appointments, etc., but must keep their schedule completely free for this residency week. **Students in *Beauty Lou* will also need to be available for the dress rehearsal and performances all day on Fri, Jan. 27 or Fri, Feb. 2.** I understand that parents need to arrange for transportation.

I give permission for my child to be photographed and videotaped in this production and at rehearsals. Caldwell Fine Arts and/or Missoula Children's Theatre may use such photographs of my child for any lawful purpose, including publicity, grant reporting, and advertising both in print and online without compensation or further permission.

Student Name _____

Grade (1-12) _____ School _____

Parent/ Guardian Name _____

Parent /Guardian Signature _____

Parent Home and Cell Phone Numbers _____

Parent Email Address _____

\$5 audition fee paid

Please only consider my child for the Cowboy Preshow