

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

Mainstage Series

NOTICE

TO: All parents of youth auditioning for *Hansel & Gretel*

FROM: Rachel Elizabeth, Program Director, Dare to Dream Theatre Inc

Hello! We enthusiastically welcome you and your family to Dare to Dream!

Like all organizations that serve youth, we are heavily dependent on the involvement of the parents whose youth we serve. We need your skills, time, talents, enthusiasm, patience, knowledge, willingness to learn & sense of humor!

If your youth is cast as an actor in Hansel & Gretel you will be asked to assist thru the run of the production in the following areas:

- *Set construction (assistance is needed with construction, painting, and sewing)
- *Costumes (all costumes will be sewn for the cast.)
- *Props (Assistance may be needed in locating props and organizing them before the show)
- *Dressing/Make-up (Assistance will be needed in dressing and costume rooms at tech and performance)
- *Ushering (8 volunteers will be needed for each performance to greet, take tickets, pass out playbills, and sell refreshments)
- * Parent Patrol (when the ensemble is at rehearsal and during performances adults are needed to supervise and make sure kids are where they need to be)

Parents will weekly receive updates outlining the production goals, deadlines, and progress by e-mail. Family, friends, & other interested volunteers are welcome to work on the show alongside the parents while under the guidance of the costume and set designers. Hours worked above and beyond requirement will earn tickets to the show.

Each household is requested to volunteer 2-3 hours/week during the rehearsal process and run of the production. Areas may be set up on site so that the crew can work while the actors are in rehearsal. Some jobs may be completed at home. Volunteers are needed and encouraged to expand their skills into non-traditional areas.

In addition, each actor and a respective parent are required to assist with the show strike on after the final performance. Jobs are available for all age levels and abilities from cleaning, clearing, sorting, packing, dismantling, etc. Cast and crew are required to work the entire time until the performance space is cleared and cleaned out.

“Many hands make light work”. And many hands transform work into fun-filled cherished memories! We hope your experience with Dare to Dream is an enjoyable one.

Working together through theatre, (please sign and return)

Rachel Elizabeth
Program Director

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____