

Valley Musical Theatre
Cast Expectations & Agreement
2021 Cabernet Cabaret
All Together Now

Please read this information carefully. For those under the age of 18, please discuss these expectations with your parents or guardians prior to auditions. The Auditioner's signature (and parent/guardian's signature for those under the age of 18) tells us you've both read and understand these expectations.

The Following is Required in Order to Audition: a completed audition form (ONLINE) & a signed cast commitment agreement (Page 3 only).

Introduction

Valley Musical Theatre is a community theatre experience with high expectations. We work together to create a professional production while enjoying the excitement and learning experiences of a community-based, supportive endeavor. We expect that this production will be positive and of the highest quality in every way. You are asked to agree to the following expectations.

Rehearsals and Attendance

Attendance is critical and required for the success of the show. The following attendance expectations must be followed:

- Cast, crew, and parents/guardians are required to attend the mandatory safety meeting which will be held via Zoom. This meeting will address ways VMT is adapting rehearsal and performance procedures for health procedures mandated by our COVID preparedness guidelines.
- All cast members are expected to attend every rehearsal for which they are called (exceptions for health reasons below). Cast members will only be called for those rehearsals they are required to participate in.
- Performances, tech/dress rehearsals, and set load-in/strike are mandatory.
- Song rehearsals will be held at the Music Director's home studio. Address will be provided to cast members.
- Cast members must be present, prepared, and ready to rehearse at the scheduled time. Rehearsals will begin exactly on time. Parents dropping off/ picking up children for rehearsals are committed to, and responsible for, doing so on time. For children under 18, one parent/guardian should attend with their child. Since rehearsals are individual, we will try to limit each rehearsal to 20-30 minutes.
- Cast members may be asked to participate in additional group song(s) beyond their solo/duet.
- All cast members must have their piece fully memorized by November 1.
- Please bring your own water bottle, snacks to rehearsal.

Performance and Filming

We are structuring this production as a dinner theatre performance for a live audience, and we also plan to livestream the show to increase virtual attendance. Cast members will be required to sign a media release waiver for filming purposes.

Health Considerations/Coronavirus Precautions

In addition to describing measures that VMT has implemented in accordance with public health guidelines, it is also critical to convey that VMT simply cannot guarantee that all exposure to the virus will be eliminated. By participating in this production, you are acknowledging and accepting that risk.

Stage plays and musical theatre by its nature requires that actors use deep and forceful breathing to project their voice, and as such, staging that keeps all actors a minimum of six feet apart at all times is not always feasible. Whenever possible, VMT will encourage directors to rehearse in small groups/teams of people that routinely work together - but keep their distance from everyone else (IN THIS PRODUCTION REHEARSALS WILL PRIMARILY BE INDIVIDUAL). Mask wearing will be required when social distancing is not possible (scene blocking); music/vocal rehearsals performers should also be spread out.

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Each production will have an assigned Health Coordinator. This person(s) will coordinate with communicate and help implement public health guidelines, coordinate between producers, directors, and venues to implement plans. They may be asked to lead an all cast/crew meeting to review current health and cleaning procedures. They can determine, in conjunction with the venue organizer or producer if a volunteer or patron may safely enter the event space. We adapt to changing guidelines and follow state requirements established for the performing arts sector. You can view more information on our COVID and Health Guidelines page on the VMT website.

- Audition paperwork and pre-procedures have been moved to an online format.
- Auditions will be held by appointment with no more than 1 or 2 people auditioning at one time.
- In-person rehearsals held in this phase must meet current health guidelines.
- Larger, all-cast informational meetings will be held via Zoom.
- No backstage/green room guests, prior or after show.
- No lobby lines post-production
- VMT will provide at rehearsals: hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes & spray, gloves, disposable masks, no-touch thermometer
- Actors/Crew will have temperature checked upon arrival to rehearsal and answer health screening questions.
- STAY HOME if you feel sick and notify the producer/music director as soon as possible of your absence, and of any positive COVID tests so we can mitigate exposure to other participants. A negative COVID test will be required prior to returning to rehearsals.

Make-up/Hair & Costumes

Per licensing agreements, this is a cabaret or variety show of songs, and we are limited in the staging and costuming that is allowed. Performers are asked to treat this as a “black-tie” affair and dress formally. • All cast members will be responsible for all or part of their own costume. Dresses for women should be to the knee or lower. Use make-up according to your discretion as needs be for the lighting of the space. You will be given complete costuming and makeup instructions after casting.

In general – Black, navy or neutral color clothes are considered formal, and a splash of bright accent color (in a Tie/Scarf/Belt/Jewelry) is encouraged.

Behavior

In order for this to be the best experience possible for all involved VMT has the following expectations.

- Professional, respectful, and safe behavior is required at all times towards other cast members, production staff, and anyone involved with the production of this show is an expectation and requirement.
- If you have a child who is currently under the age of 18, by signing this form you are agreeing to adhere to all of these expectations yourself as well as to guide your child in their adherence to them.

Problems and/or Concerns

Please address all immediate concerns regarding this production to the Director or Producer. However, also please be aware that all members of the VMT Board and its Executive Director are available to you at any time to share concerns you may have with any aspect of this production specifically or VMT as an organization in general.

Mandatory Rehearsal and Performance Schedule:

Tech rehearsals, Performances and Strike are MANDATORY.

Tech week – November 10-12

Performances – November 13. Potential adding in November 12.

Strike – November 14.

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Your Valley Musical Theatre Contacts for this show are:

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Cast Member Agreement

I have read the expectations for this production (attached) and agree to the best of my ability to abide by them. I understand that VMT reserves the right to remove anyone from participation at any time for not meeting said expectations. I have listed my conflict dates. This information is as complete and accurate as I can make it. I understand that this contract includes attendance and participation in ALL aspects of this production: set-up, promotion, etc.

I grant Valley Musical Theatre permission to use images or video of myself, my child or ward, taken at Valley Musical Theatre rehearsals, performances, or events for parent sharing and/or publication in the media for program publicity.

Printed Name: _____

Signature:

If currently 18 or younger, a parent/guardian must agree to the following:

I have read and understand the expectations for this production and agree to MY and my child's participation.

Printed Name: _____

Signature:

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Is it OK to send text? Y/N

Email: _____ Do you check email daily? Y/N