

## **Summer Theater Week at Camden Opera House, July 6-11**

Theater training program by Missoula Children's Theatre, culminating in public performance of "The Emperor's New Clothes" on the Camden Opera House stage! How does the program unfold? A two-person MCT tour team drives their Red Truck to town, loaded with a set, lights, costumes, and props - everything it takes to put on a play, except the cast. The team will hold an audition session the first morning and cast our 50-60 local students. The show is rehearsed throughout Theater Week, followed by a performance at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 11.

### **PLEASE READ THRU THESE THEATER WEEK POLICIES BEFORE REGISTERING**

**Age:** Participants must be entering first through 12th grades in order to participate.

**Cost:** \$150 per child for the week, \$100 per additional sibling, paid in full at time of registration. In the event of cancellation, \$50 of each registration is nonrefundable.

**Audition:** The MCT group audition is a 2-hour process; all children interested in being cast must attend. No preparation is needed. The team of Tour Actor/Directors guide the children through the audition process with easy-to-follow instructions on basic movement, lines and song. At the end of the session, the cast will be announced and each cast member will receive a rehearsal schedule for the week.

**Schedule:** Theater Week rehearsals run 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. each day, in two 2-hour sessions with a short snack break (15 minutes) in-between. Although **not all cast members are needed at every rehearsal session**, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week, and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their roles. **Parents/guardians need to be able to bring/pickup their children according to their scheduled rehearsals** (heads up that children in the younger group will go home at noon Monday and not return until Wednesday morning). Children age 6 to 10 must be accompanied by an authorized adult during drop-off and pick-up.

**Conduct:** This is professional theater training. Parents should carefully consider their children's interest and ability to exhibit well-disciplined behavior in a learning environment before registering. As the goal is for participants to fully benefit from this enriching theater arts immersion, discipline problems will not be tolerated. Seriously disruptive behavior will result in a verbal warning first, then a call to parent(s) with an opportunity to resolve the problem. If the disruptive behavior persists, the child may be withdrawn from the program, at the discretion of the MCT team and/or opera house staff. No refunds will be given for withdrawal in this circumstance.

**Clothing/Costumes:** Participants should dress comfortably in clothes that permit freedom of movement and closed-toe shoes (sneakers are best). Most of the costume pieces required for the performance will be provided. However, participants may be required to have their own shoes and some basic items such as jeans, tights, leotards, or T-shirts.

**Casting:** The Missoula Children's Theatre Tour Actor/Directors will be responsible for auditioning, casting and directing the show. Casting decisions are made solely at the directors' discretion. With many students auditioning for a limited number of roles, children may not get the roles they want; please impress on them that part of the theater experience is doing their best with the roles they are given.

**Personal Belongings:** The Camden Opera House is not responsible for any lost or stolen articles. Loose items will be gathered during the week with final attempts to find owners on Saturday. Unless

authorized by the MCT team, cell phone use is PROHIBITED; phones are to be turned off during attendance.

**Lunch:** Participants must bring their own lunches. They will eat on the third floor, accompanied by staff members. Those not in the following rehearsal will wait for their pick-up on-site.

**Registration** opens at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, on our website; click the button that will appear then under the Summer Theater Week event. FMI: email [kbrown@camdenmaine.gov](mailto:kbrown@camdenmaine.gov) or call (207) 236-3154.