



The Charleston Youth Company, Inc.

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REHEARSAL STUDIO

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Dear Prospective Charleston Youth Company Member,

I want to thank you for your interest in CYC. It is an honor to know that you want to pursue this extracurricular activity and invest the time and energy it takes to reach for the stars. We want you to be the best that you can be! Many students are hoping, just like you, to become a member, so it is most important that you prepare well - your mind and your music. Know that the Staff of CYC love children and will do all in their power to make you comfortable and able to succeed. Yes, it is scary to you, but in reality it is a piece of cake to audition. Don't let your fears stop you from doing what you want! You and your parents need to read the important information below:

1. Selection process- Audition dates: Aug. 6th & 7th Vocal ONLY auditions for those attending the Master Dance Class and completed dance audition at that time; Aug. 11th & 18th Vocal & Dance. (Sign up links on website) After completing both portions of your audition you will be presented with *YELLOW TICKET* if you are accepted, a *WHITE TICKET* if we are not certain of company placement, **OR a green ticket if not accepted this year.** Selections are final. Please audition again next year if you are not selected. Every summer we offer a Master Classes in Dance and other fun Summer Experiences. These classes are open to the public and are a great way to prepare for the upcoming Company year. They are also a great way to familiarize yourself with the CYC staff and our dance, vocal and theatrical techniques. **Calls are made after final audition on Aug. 18th to inform WHITE TICKET holders which company they are selected into.**

2. Rehearsals:

Freshman Company - Wednesdays 5:30-6:30PM

Sophomore Company - Wednesdays 6:30-8:00PM

Junior Company - Mondays- 5:30-8:00 PM check master calendar on website weekly as the extra 2 or 3 Saturdays will be listed for additional choreography

Junior Elite - Tuesdays - 5:30 - 8:00pm and 1 or 2 Saturdays most months 9:00 - 1:00 (Thurs. is optional also)

Senior Company-Tuesdays & Thursdays - 5:30-8:00 PM. 1 or 2 Saturdays most months 9:00-1:00

Technical Company - Saturdays as per calendar, Meeting times increase during show months

*****See calendar on website for up-to-the-minute information on rehearsals*****

3. Financial Commitment: Year 2018-2019

Freshman Company-\$68/month (September-April total cost divided equally by 8 payments=\$544)

Sophomore Company-\$88/month (September-April total cost includes \$120-4 tickets to Winter Spectacular + 4 tickets to Spring Spectacular + \$584-Tuition divided equally by 8 payments=\$704)

Junior -\$138/month (September-April total cost includes \$390-10 tickets to Winter Spectacular+ 10 tickets to Spring Spectacular + 3 tickets to Black and White Ball + \$714-Tuition divided equally by 8 payments for a Total= \$1104)

Junior-Elite Company-\$142/month (September-April total cost includes \$390-10 tickets to Winter Spectacular+ 10 tickets to Spring Spectacular + 3 tickets to Black and White Ball + \$746-Tuition divided equally by 8 payments for a Total= \$1136)

Senior Company-\$160/month (September-April total cost includes \$540-15 tickets to Winter Spectacular+ 15 tickets to Spring Spectacular + 3 tickets to Black and White Ball + \$740-tuition/auction basket Total: \$1280).

Siblings receive a 25% discount on the younger sibling tuition and no ticket requirement for that company.

4. Mandatory Parent Meeting- Opening Meeting Saturday, August 25th 10:am – 1:00pm. Specific times for specific companies will be determined soon. Member contracts & Emergency forms will be issued via email and can be signed online. At the meeting, members will be presented with new information for the season, Board of Directors budget and other information, and Parent Advisory Board information. Freshman Co parent meeting is held the first day of rehearsal for FR. Co.

5. Payment for first month is due at Parent meeting.

Subsequent payments are due by 2nd week of each Month, and may be paid using credit or debit (including a 2.8% surcharge) inside office or electronic invoice can be sent on first of each month, personal or business checks, money orders, cash (must be in envelope with child's name-get receipt while you wait), or electronic billpay** check(see note below). (Checks can be held for payment provided they are dated with the day they can be deposited and a note is attached to the check. They will not be receipted until they can be deposited and will be held in a secure place in the office.) A fee of \$15 will be charged for all returned checks. Students whose fees are not current will not be allowed to rehearse or perform. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the Producer or Treasurer if you are having financial problems to work out a new payment plan.

Tuition Credits for ads and/or donations collected can be found in CYC handbook. Tuition credits will be posted to your account in January. Your account will be adjusted and you will receive a statement.

****Bank of America (BILL PAY) and probably some other banks make it easy by allowing you to set up ongoing payments each month. Simply enter The Charleston Youth Company, Inc. Address: 422 Wedgewood Street, Charleston, SC 29407. In comment: put your child's name.**

6. Rehearsal begins the week of September 3rd, 2018

- **JUNIOR CO REHEARSAL BEGINS Thursday (ONLY for 1st rehearsal) Sept 6th. 5:30-8:00 (Team Building) Headshots for the playbill- taken at a later date**
- **SENIOR & JUNIOR-ELITE COMPANY (including Tech for this rehearsal only) REHEARSALS BEGIN Tuesday, September 4th 5:30-8:00 PM (Team, Building) Headshots for playbill-taken at a later date**
- **FRESHMAN CO : Wednesday, Sept. 5th 5:30-6:00 Parent Meeting & rehearsal 6:00 - 6:30pm**
- **SOPHOMORE CO: Wednesday, Sept. 5th 6:30-8:00 PM team building- Headshots for playbill-taken at a later date.**

7. Shows and Important Dates: for 2018-19 SEASON

Annual Oyster Roast- Sunday, December 9, 2018- Bowen's Island

Winter Spectacular 2019

Friday, January 25 & Saturday, January 26, 2019 (Sottile Theatre, Curtain 7:00 PM & Tickets \$20.00)

Black and White Ball 2019

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (Elks Lodge, Tickets \$30) Open to the Public over the age of 21- advance tickets.

Graduating Senior Dinner- TBD (for graduating seniors and their parents only) Location TBA

Spring Spectacular 2019 – TBD (Sottile Theatre is being renovated. Location and Date will be determined)

PLEASE PLACE THESE IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS.

8. Mandatory Rehearsals: Absolutely no mandatory performances or rehearsal dates will be excused unless so agreed upon AT THE AUDITION BY THE STAFF signing off on the audition sheet. The CYC calendar is online for you to check. The 2 Saturdays and the week BEFORE all shows are *mandatory rehearsals*. The Technical Company Mandatory rehearsals are the same as above + loading the truck, loading into the Sottile Theatre, Striking the set and returning it to the warehouse, and the Sunday afternoon after each show where we finish the strike and put materials away.

9. Medical Forms: All members of CYC MUST have a Medical form on file before being allowed to rehearse or perform any work in the building or theatre we perform in. (you will get an online link)

10.Contracts: The Company is a year-long(8 month) performing and financial commitment. All company members and parents will sign a contract agreeing to this commitment for ONE YEAR (September-April). **CONTRACTS AND MEDICAL FORMS must be turned in or in electronic file at the First Student meeting.**

11. CAST Headshot PICTURES: Will be made at a later date.