



AUDITION INFORMATION

Windsor Light Music Theatre is thrilled to kick-off the tenth season of our Youth Performance Program. This year, we will be bringing the *headlining* musical “Newsies Jr.” to the stage!

Please read the information below to learn more about our program, our process, and our auditions.

What is the Youth Performance Program?

Since 2015, WLMT is proud to offer our “Youth Performance Program”, which is a high-quality performance training program. Beginning with auditions in September, participants will attend weekly rehearsals with a director, choreographer, and music director as we work together to produce a musical performance in April. From costumes, to props, to the final bow, our youth members will experience all of the excitement of a Broadway show, along with valuable lessons in theatre education.

What is “Newsies”?

Newsies is a musical based on the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City. It tells the story of Jack Kelly, a teenage newsboy who leads a group of young workers in a strike against a powerful newspaper publisher named Joseph Pulitzer. With the help of a young reporter named Katherine Plumber, they fight for justice and the rights of working children. The show is known for its energetic dancing, powerful music, and inspiring message about standing up for what’s right. A recording of the Broadway production of *Newsies*, starring Jeremy Jordan, is available on Disney+.

Who can audition?

Youth who are between the ages of 10 and 16 are eligible to audition. No experience is necessary! This is the perfect opportunity for experienced performers to challenge themselves and for newcomers to get creative with a fun and accepting community.

What roles are available?

A description of each character is available on our website. We encourage all performers to try out for as many roles as they'd like, regardless of age, sex, gender or race.

When are auditions?

Auditions will take place on **Saturday, September 20, 2025**. There will be two sessions. Performers ages 10-12 will audition from 9:00-12:00 and performers ages 13-16 will audition from 1:00-4:00.

Where are auditions?

Auditions will be held at the Windsor Light Music Theatre Rehearsal Hall, located at 2491 Jos St. Louis Avenue in Windsor. On audition day, you can enter through "the big blue doors", and a member of our team will check you in.

What is required of the audition?

Each performer who is auditioning for "Newsies Jr." will be assessed based on three different criteria.

- **Acting Audition** - Each performer will perform a monologue based on the readings we provide. They are welcome to prepare as many monologues as they'd like, but may only get the opportunity to perform one (time dependent).
- **Dance Audition** - All performers will learn a short dance sequence on the day of their audition, which they will practice and perform in groups. There is nothing to prepare in advance for this portion of the audition process.

- **Music Audition** - Each performer will sing a song of their choice based on the options we provide (below). They are welcome to prepare additional songs for multiple characters, but may only get the opportunity to perform one (time dependent).

The following are the Audition Songs for each character:

Jack Kelly - “Sante Fe” cut

Crutchie - “Letter from the Refuge” cut

Katherine - “Watch What Happens” cut

Davey - “Seize the Day” cut

Medda - “Just a Pretty Face” cut

Supporting Roles & Ensemble - “King of New York” cut

**Though Pulitzer is a leading role, he does not require a specialized audition cut.*

Performers auditioning for Pulitzer can sing the Ensemble cut.

How do I prepare?

With the help of a parent/guardian, all performers will fill out the online Audition Registration form. Once submitted, you will receive an email to our Audition Drive within 3 business days. This Audition Drive will contain the song choices (along with helpful “Tips from our Music Director”) and monologue choices. With these materials, you can begin to practice your audition at home to prepare yourself for audition day. Remember to add your own personal talents and flair to your audition!

Which character do I choose?

Performers will be considered for all roles they indicate on their Audition Registration! If they are auditioning for multiple lead roles, we advise them to prepare multiple solo and monologue auditions, even though they *may* only be required to perform once in the interests of time. Depending on the number of auditioners we have, we may be able to hear them perform for multiple characters as well. Their first choice of solo/monologue should be the character that best showcases their skills.

What will audition day involve?

Auditions can be a stressful and nerve-wracking experience. At WLMT, we conduct our youth auditions in a group format so everyone can feel confident, supported, and at-ease! On audition day, a member of our team will check you in, and you will have the opportunity to finalize what roles you'd like to be considered for. We will begin each session with a 15-minute information presentation to parents, then we will ask all grown ups to leave our building. Performers will be called at random to perform their music and acting audition, then we will move to our group dance auditions. This format will allow our team to get to know each of the performers and get an idea of their unique skills and abilities!

Can parents & friends watch?

No. Following our presentation at the beginning of each session, we will ask all parents, guardians, and friends to leave before we commence the auditions.

Will everyone get a role?

Due to our limited cast size, not everyone will be offered a role in "Newsies Jr.". If you do not receive a role, we hope to see you again in the future!

If you do get a role, you will be notified by email and will be required to pay the annual Youth Performance Program tuition fee by October 1, 2025.

If I get in, when are rehearsals?

Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 9:30-12:30 beginning October 4, 2025, and ending in April 2026 (dates TBD).

How can I find out more information?

Visit our website, www.windsorlight.com for more information, or email us at wlmtyouth@gmail.com if you have any additional questions.

We hope you join us as we "Seize the Day" at WLMT!