



### **Showstoppers: Additional Information**

Congratulations on joining such an exciting program! Building on the success of Annie Jr, we have an exciting second year of Showstoppers planned!

This year we permanently relocate our program to Memorial Hall so that we can get experience in the theatre, and the huge space, from Day 1!

As the performance team at the studio, you will be involved in much more than just our final performance of Shrek Jr! Please read this email carefully to ensure you are aware of the commitments involved in this program.

### **Important Performance Dates**

#### **Youth Showstoppers**

November 12, 2022: Memorial Hall 100th Anniversary  
November 26, 2022: Flamborough Santa Claus Parade  
December 17, 2022: CBY Winter Concert  
May 27, 2023: Waterdown Farmers' Market Opening Ceremony  
June 5- 8, 2023: Shrek Jr Tech Week  
June 16, 2023: Shrek Jr Dress Rehearsal  
June 17-18, 2023: Shrek Jr  
June 24, 2023: CBY End of Year Concert  
July 1-3, 2023 (date TBD): Waterdown Ribfest

#### **Junior Showstoppers**

November 26, 2022: Flamborough Santa Claus Parade  
December 18, 2022: CBY Winter Concert  
May 27, 2023: Waterdown Farmers' Market Opening Ceremony  
June 5-9, 2023: Shrek Jr Tech Week  
June 10-11 2023: Shrek Jr  
June 25, 2023: CBY End of Year Concert  
July 1-3, 2023 (TBD): Waterdown Ribfest

*For both programs, any additional community performance dates (such as at festivals and retirement homes) will be communicated as soon as we know about them.*



## **Annual Commitment**

The Showstoppers Program runs from September to June. We do ask for a full commitment to the entire year. Once the show is cast (mid-fall), it is critically important that you commit to the production until June as you will be a very important member of a team!

## **Volunteering**

There is an enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work that goes into producing a musical. Based on our experiences with Annie Jr, we have determined that in order to equitably share the load of mounting this production, each family will be required to **volunteer a minimum of ten hours** towards the Showstoppers activities and productions this 2022-2023 season.

Volunteer tasks range from show-day jobs like taking tickets at the door and helping out backstage, to production tasks like moving chairs from the studio to the theatre and back, building sets, sourcing props and costume items, set painting, marketing, chaperoning community events, volunteering at our scholarship fundraisers, helping us pull off the Santa Claus Parade, and more! In the first few weeks of the Showstoppers program, you will be asked to fill out a form indicating your areas of strength and interest so that we can work together to find the most fun and productive task for you and your family.

Any family member can contribute to the required hours. We've even had grandparents and cousins pitch in! Family members or Showstopper students in need of high school volunteer hours can use these hours towards their required total. Spread out over the year, the hours go by quickly. Thank you for understanding that it takes a village to get these kids performing in amazing musical experiences, and with your support, we are proud to bring these experiences to Waterdown.



### **Attendance and Promptness**

Attendance is paramount to the success of this program. While we do not want you to attend if you are sick, we do expect you to attend all other sessions. If you are unable to attend a session, you must email [info@cbymusic.com](mailto:info@cbymusic.com) to let us know.

Once the show is cast and rehearsals are running, any student who misses more than three rehearsals may be asked to reduce their role in the production, depending on the circumstances. Understandably, it is very difficult to properly rehearse a show without committed team members present. This year, we have much more packed into our schedule than ever before, making every week an important week!

With the exception of students who are in both Junior Acting for Film and Junior Showstoppers (who will have approximately 5-10 minutes to travel from the studio to the theatre, have a quick snack and get settled), it is important that all students arrive on time for all sessions. Again, if you know in advance that you will be late, please email [info@cbymusic.com](mailto:info@cbymusic.com) to let us know.

The Youth Showstoppers program will also be featuring visits from guest artists from the Broadway and Stratford stages (and more!), and these sessions (during your regularly scheduled time) are also important to attend.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.



### **Additional Fees**

We aim to keep fees for this program as low as is feasible given the high costs of producing quality musicals. However, there are a few fees or expenses to be aware of:

1. **Showstoppers Community Performance Uniform:** this will consist of a t-shirt and a jacket to be worn at community performance events, depending on the weather. You will be responsible for providing your own black pants. The cost for the t-shirt and jacket combined should come in around \$100 (we are still working with vendors to bring costs down as much as possible). The items will be designed so that they can be re-used in future years.
2. **Shrek T-Shirt:** in the spring, students will receive a commemorative Shrek T-shirt to be worn at promotional events (such as the Farmer's Market), which they can even have signed by their cast mates at the end of the production if they wish! We anticipate the cost of this shirt will be about \$25.
3. **Costume Items:** we do not charge for costumes at this time, as CBY keeps all of the costumes we build for the production, and we are able to rent from other companies as well. However, we will require students to provide their own show shoes as well as certain costume components such as pants, undershirts, makeup, etc. The specific items that each student will need will be communicated in the early spring so that you have time to source them. Again, we aim to keep costs low and encourage you to borrow or visit thrift shops for these items, especially if they are not items your child is likely to use again.
4. **Lost Script Fee:** each student receives their own Shrek Jr script to keep, for free! They may personalize it if they wish. If a student loses their script, the replacement fee is \$15.



### **Covid- 19 Protocols and Vaccination Status**

Please ensure you've carefully read the Covid-19 policies in our updated Studio Agreement and you follow them consistently throughout the year, unless specifically notified of a change.

We follow best industry practices when it comes to producing shows. The close, team nature of theatre performance, as well as the very act of singing and projecting the speaking voice, make musical theatre, in particular, a hotspot for potential contagion and we continue to uphold policies and procedures to limit any Covid-19 related incidents in our program. As you will have seen in our Studio Agreement, masks are optional at this time (so long as you meet the conditions specified in the Studio Agreement), however those who choose to wear masks will be fully supported in doing so.

We still do require that every student aged 12 and older be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Please bear in mind that Showstoppers is a full-year commitment. Therefore, any student who turns 12 during the course of the 2022-2023 school year will need to be fully vaccinated in order to stay in the program. We do expect an annual commitment, especially once the show is cast and in rehearsal, so please keep this important point in mind.

Thank you for your careful attention to this information. We are excited to get started!

Participation in Showstoppers requires this document to be agreed to from all parents at the time of registration. Please indicate your acceptance of this document by checking the corresponding box at the end registration of the form.