

SNOW WHITE

THE FAIREST PANTOMIME IN THE LAND

Chelmsford Theatre 29 Nov 2024 to 5 Jan 2025

Young Panto Company

Audition notes for parents/ carers/ auditionees.

Important: Please read carefully before the audition and only attend if you are happy with the following notes.

We are inviting young people from Chelmsford and the surrounding areas to audition to join our professional cast on stage for this year's spectacular production of **Snow White**. The theatre is well known for its traditional pantomimes, playing to huge audiences across the festive season.

If you love acting, singing and dancing and think that it would be great fun to be in the panto, then come along and audition for us. Previous theatre experience is not essential. Our group audition will take place on Sunday 23 June 2024, 1pm to 3.30pm (Registration 1pm to 1.30pm,) where our young auditionees will have an exciting workshop style audition by a member of our pantomime creative team.

Those auditioning must be between 11 and 16 (but still in GCSE Year 11 in December 2024) and must be available throughout the whole period, from Monday 18 November 2024 to Sunday 5 January 2025, for rehearsals and performances. There may be an additional rehearsal day prior to 18 November, weekend day only.

Applications forms must be filled in online via our website, chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk/about-us/young-panto-company. Audition places are limited so early booking is essential.

Rehearsals for the Young Panto Company: Rehearsals start on 18 November 2024 and all auditionees must be available throughout the whole period of rehearsals, 18 to 29 November 2024 inclusive. Rehearsals will be with the professional cast but won't be held every day and will be either after school or weekends until the technical rehearsal on Wednesday 27 November.

Performances for the Young Panto Company: Once the production has opened on 29 November each team (two teams in all) will perform twice on alternate days from 29 November 2024 to 5 January 2025, when the production closes (32 performances for each team). All successful auditionees will be put into teams at the audition and confirmed performance dates given out. Everyone will be expected to attend all listed performances unless otherwise agreed with the

If selected, auditionees will need permission from school for absence during the run of Snow White. Consequently, parents should speak to Head Teachers before the audition to ensure that they are willing to allow absence from school should their child be successful. This is especially important if the child is in Year 10 or 11 this Christmas, as being absent for mock exams may be an issue for the school.

Each young person will receive a nominal sum towards expenses during the run of the pantomime, plus a ticket to see the other team perform on a date to be confirmed.

Licensed Chaperones: We will be asking parents of ALL children taking part in the pantomime to share equally the task of chaperoning the children. If you don't feel that you will be able to commit to being at the theatre for a certain number of performances/rehearsals as a chaperone then, unfortunately, your child won't be able to take part.

If parents are not already Registered Chaperones, they will need to register as soon as possible after the audition with their local authority. This will involve completing an application form for an Enhanced DBS Certificate in the first instance, followed by an application form to become a Licensed Chaperone and attending a short evening training session. A minimum of two chaperones are needed for rehearsals and one Licensed Chaperone only for performances (there are only 5 children in each team for performances). Each Licensed Chaperone will receive two complimentary tickets for the production.

Costumes: All costumes are provided.

License: All children will need a Performance Licence to take part in a public performance. A full Licence Application Pack will be sent to successful candidates following the audition.

Audition: The auditions will take place in the Chelmsford Theatre Studio, Fairfield Road, Chelmsford. CM1 1JG.

All auditionees: We will let you know at registration what time we intend to finish, as it isn't yet possible to confirm an exact finish time until completed application forms are received. Unfortunately, parents won't be able to remain in the audition room for the audition.

Please bring drinks (bottled water only please) as the audition room may get hot. There will be a short break in the auditions and snacks may be consumed.

All auditionees will be told on the day of the audition whether or not they have been selected.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE AUDITION PLEASE COMPLETE AN AUDITION FORM VIA OUR WEBSITE BY 1 JUNE 2024.