



## Cole Drama Club 2018 Musical Production Information & Participation Contracts

Director & Choreographer: Bethany Verret

Music Director: Jennifer Armstrong

Advisor & Technical Director: Danielle Salisbury

**Performances: Friday, May 4th at 7pm and Saturday, May 5th at 4pm  
East Greenwich High School**

### **REGISTRATION**

Any Cole Middle School student is welcome to participate in the drama club. However, **registration for the play is limited to 50 cast members and 30 crew members** due to space and supervision constraints, and the number of cast needed for this particular show. **Registration will be on Friday, January 12th during school lunches.** Registration forms can be found in the main office or on our website: [www.coledramaclub.weebly.com](http://www.coledramaclub.weebly.com) The fee to participate as a cast member of Into the Woods, Jr. is \$85.00 and includes your script, music CD, and exclusive club t-shirt. The participation fee for crew is \$35.00 (includes t-shirt). Please consider your schedule carefully because the participation fee is non-refundable after the cast list is published (2/2/18). Scholarships are available to those who require financial assistance. Please contact Principal Meyer for more information about financial aid.

### **AUDITIONS**

A full synopsis of the story, list of characters and songs, as well as audition information can be found online at <https://www.mtishows.com/into-the-woods-jr> After you register you will receive a copy of the musical CD and audition materials so that you can prepare for the role you wish to audition for. You only need to sing at your audition if you are interested in singing role. If you would prefer a speaking role or to be part of the ensemble, there is no need to prepare a song for auditions.

On **Thursday, January 18th** after school there will be an **Informational meeting & Audition Workshop** open to all interested students. The workshop will help you prepare for auditions and begin to get familiar with the musical. This will also be a fun opportunity to get to know other drama club members.

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**Auditions will be held on Monday 1/29 & Tuesday, 1/30 from 2:30 - 6pm** at Cole Middle School. Registered students will be assigned an audition slot on ONE of those two days. You must be registered in order to audition. Please note that If the audition panel needs more information to make a decision, you may be asked for a “call back” on Thursday, Feb. 1st. The cast list will be emailed to you by Friday, Feb. 2nd.

Please note that unlike professional theater auditions, every child who registers for the play will be cast in the show. **Each cast member will have a time to shine on stage whether they are in the ensemble or have a lead role.** We encourage you to learn the importance of “ensemble acting” - that everyone is important. The audition schedule will be posted after all registrations are complete. More information and audition tips can be found on the Cole Drama Club website [www.coledramaclub.weebly.com](http://www.coledramaclub.weebly.com)

### **REHEARSALS**

Rehearsals will begin on February 6, 2018 and take place in the “cafetorium” at Cole from 2:30-5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 1:30-5:00 pm on Wednesdays. A complete rehearsal schedule will be sent to you in advance and will be available on the Cole Drama Club website. Please arrive to rehearsal on time, check in with the director, and remember to pack snacks and water. Actors may not be required to attend every rehearsal and occasionally there will be free time during rehearsal that you should use to do your homework or practice lines. Under NO circumstances are you to wander around the school or leave the cafetorium without permission from the director or the parent in charge. If you need to stay after school for academic reasons it is your responsibility to make sure that we know where you are and why you are absent by the time rehearsal begins. Keep in mind that rehearsals are mandatory and a strong commitment to the play is required by all cast members. Excessive absences may result in your part being recast, so please consider your other commitments and do not register for the play unless you are sure that you are able to commit to the entire program. Technical (“Tech”) and Dress Rehearsals will take place after school until 6:30pm on April 30th through May 3rd and attendance is MANDATORY.

### **STAGE CREW**

Cole Drama Club offers many opportunities for students to participate in the creation of the show. It takes all kinds of talent to bring a successful production to the stage! If you are interested in the visual arts aspect of the production (creating props and painting sets), please consider the after school Stagecraft enrichment class in January & February. Stage Crew students will be needed for costumes, makeup, sets, props, ticket sales and ushering for the performances. Please note that **there is a limited number of students that can be accommodated for Backstage Tech Crew.** The fee to participate as a crew member is \$35.00. **Crew is limited to 30 students max.**

**Design Crew:** helps create the pieces that the actors interact with and assist with set creation. These students begin work early in the production phase since they need time to brainstorm, design and create. If you are artistic, crafty and creative, then this is the job for you! Students participating in the “Art of Stagecraft” class with Mrs. Salisbury will have already begun the design process for this show but there will be more work to do!

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**Backstage Tech Crew:** Stage managers serve as the link between the directors, actors and stage crew. They need to know what is going on at all times and be focused and ready to help wherever needed. SM's begin their duties during rehearsals in order to familiarize themselves with the play.

Props handlers, set movers, curtain operator, and wardrobe assistants are also part of backstage crew and will be required to wear all black and move silently and quickly backstage.

**General Show Crew:** Sets & Props repair, Hair, Makeup, Wardrobe (organize and assist with costumes before AND after performances), Ticket sales, Ushers & programs, House manager/Runner are all free to sit in the audience and watch the performances after their pre-show duties are complete. Spot light operators (must attend a separate training session) and sound cue operator must attend all tech/dress rehearsals and be at every performance.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We need volunteers to contribute in a variety of different ways and any amount of help is much appreciated! The drama club will need assistance with rehearsals, costumes, set painting, sourcing set pieces and props (shopping or running errands), promoting the show, website maintenance, ticket sales, program ads, party planning, backstage assistants and much more!

### **Important Dates:**

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** – Registration forms will be accepted during school lunch time.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** – Informational Meeting & Audition workshop for CAST (learn music & choreography for auditions)

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, & January 30<sup>th</sup>** Auditions (you will be notified of your audition time by email)

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** Casting Callbacks (only if needed)

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Cast list emailed out to families

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** Rehearsals begin weekly until the show, with a few exceptions (you will be notified of your specific schedule, after casting but we have reserved a Tues/Wed/Thurs format from 2:30- 5:00, except for Wednesdays which will begin right after 1:25 dismissal)

**March 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - CREW begins (6 weeks)**

Tuesday CREW meetings 2:30 - 4pm on March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 24

Thursday CREW meetings 2:30 - 4pm on March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 26

**APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> (Monday) through MAY 3<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday) are Mandatory TECH WEEK Rehearsals at EGHS for all cast and backstage tech crew!**

**Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Performance #1**

**Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm - Performance #2**

If you have any questions please email [coledramaclub@gmail.com](mailto:coledramaclub@gmail.com). We suggest you check the Cole Drama Club website frequently and connect with us on Instagram (@cole\_dramaclub) and Facebook for the latest information and to help promote the show. **PLEASE consider your schedule for availability before signing up!**

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