**Parent & Student Guide**

**Miss Kathey’s Academy for the Performing Arts**

Welcome to Miss Kathey’s Academy for the Performing Arts (MKA), where our monthly **Intense Musical Theater Workshop** provides comprehensive training in acting, voice, and dance—the ultimate **TRIPLE THREAT**. At MKA, we produce fun, family-friendly entertainment while focusing on respect, self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-esteem. Through core classes, students learn essential techniques and skills in musical theater. Our program also incorporates all aspects of production and performance, culminating in a Broadway-style show titled **Christmas Is...**

**Core Features:**

* **Broadway-Style Production:** "Christmas Is…" will be performed in November and December.
* **Rotating and Specialty Classes:** Designed for advanced students.
* **Travel Team Opportunities**
* **Concerts:**
	+ **Michigan/Ohio:** November 21-23
	+ **Orlando, FL:** December 4-6 (live videotaped program for ON DEMAND viewing)
	+ **St. Louis, MO:** December 12-14

**Student Groups by Age:**

* **KIDS:** 5-8 years
* **TWEENS:** 9-12 years
* **TEENS:** 13-18 years
* **20s:** 19-29 years

**Tuition & Fees**

* **2025 Tuition:** $400
	+ **Discount:** 10% ($360) if paid in full by the March rehearsal.
	+ **Family Discount:** $400 for the first child, $375 for the second and third, $350 for the fourth (+).
	+ **Credit Card Payments:** You are responsible for adding a 3% processing fee to your total.
	+ **Zelle:** 407.304.0555
* **Calvary Orlando Members:** $100 costume rental fee due by the April rehearsal.
* **Additional Fees:**
	+ **Music Notebook:** $25 (includes all printed music for the show).
	+ **Rehearsal T-shirts:** $20 (Adult), $15 (Youth).
	+ **Fundraiser:** Participation in the fundraiser is required; alternatively, a $100 costume rental fee must be provided to cover costs for new costumes.

**Refund Policy:**

* No refunds for tuition, missed classes, registration, ticket, production, or costume fees.
* No pro-rated fees for missed classes. Make-up classes will be offered for inclement weather cancellations.

**Class & Rehearsal Locations**

* **Detroit:** Faith Christian Assembly, 25201 W Outer Dr, Melvindale, MI 48122 (Second Friday, 6:00-9:00 PM – Teens & Roaring 20s only; All MKA Saturday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM).
* **St. Louis:** Grace Church, 2695 Creve Coeur Mill Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043 (Third Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM).
* **Orlando:** Calvary Orlando, 1199 Clay St, Winter Park, FL 32789 (Fourth Saturday, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM).

**Rehearsal Materials:**

* Music will be provided via Dropbox or WeTransfer in PDF/MP3/MP4 formats.
* Parents are responsible for downloading and printing materials.
* Music notebooks can be purchased for $25 (includes all printed music for the show).

**Workshop Activities** **Morning:** Students are divided into groups for classes:

1. **Musical Theater Dance & Stage Movement:** Learn Broadway-style choreography, blocking, and transitions.
2. **Drama & Acting:** Study acting techniques, theater terminology, improvisation, audition preparation, and stage makeup.
3. **Musical Theater Voice:** Develop vocal techniques, music theory knowledge, and audition confidence.

**Lunch Break:** Includes games and Christian character-building discussions.

**Afternoon:** Rehearsal of songs and show material.

**What to Bring:**

* Music notebooks
* Sack lunch
* Several bottles of water (no soda, energy drinks, or sugary beverages)

**Dress Code:**

* Comfortable dance clothing.
* Miss Kathey’s T-shirt recommended. ($20 Adult/$15 Youth)
* Closed-toed shoes with backs (no flip-flops or clogs).
* Character, tap, jazz, or ballet shoes as required.

**Policies & Expectations**

* **Cell Phones:** Must remain off during rehearsals.
* **Attendance:** Students must attend all scheduled dress rehearsals and performances. Two or more absences may result in dismissal.
* **Health & Safety:** Do not send sick children to rehearsal. Masks may be worn during rehearsals but not during live performances.

**Parent Involvement** Parents are integral to MKA’s success. Responsibilities include:

* Ensuring attendance at all scheduled rehearsals and performances.
* Notifying staff of absences due to illness or emergencies.
* Participating in parent committees and volunteering during shows.
* Providing necessary personal items (e.g., shoes, tights, makeup).

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

* Publicity & Advertising
* Backstage & Technical Support
* Props & Sets
* Makeup
* Fundraising
* House Management
* Programs
* Costumes

**Code of Conduct**

* Respect for teachers, staff, parents, and peers is mandatory.
* Proper language and behavior are expected.
* Care for property and equipment; damages must be repaired or replaced.
* No drugs, alcohol, smoking, or self-harm behaviors.
* Appropriate conduct and content on social media.
* Full attention to directors during rehearsals.

**Dress Code:**

* Modest and appropriate attire is required.
* No excessively tight or revealing clothing. Midriffs must be covered.
* Tattoos and unnatural hair colors are not permitted on stage.
* For Performances:
	+ Girls: Skin-toned tights, leotards with clear straps, and appropriate makeup (specific guidelines provided).
	+ Boys: Black jazz shoes and bicycle shorts under costumes.

**Performance Commitments**

* Students must participate in all dress rehearsals and performances.
* Encouraged to sell a minimum of 20 tickets for live or ON DEMAND shows. Sales can be credited through direct purchases or by name reference during online ticket purchases.

***Thank you for being part of Miss Kathey’s Academy.***

***Let’s create unforgettable performances together!***