



PERFORM AUSTRALIA
LAUNCHING PASSION-DRIVEN ACTORS

“Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.”

MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM Term 2 and 3 2020 INFORMATION PACK

| IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| Information sessions | Watch parent website video for additional information: http://www.perform.edu.au/canberra-kids-musical-theatre.html |
| Enrolments due | Friday 24 th April 2020 |
| Class commencement date | Saturday 2nd May 2020 |
| Dress Rehearsal | Friday 11th or Saturday 12 th September depending on your cast |
| Performance weekend | 12 th and 13 th September 2020 |

Contact information:

Perform Australia Office - Ph. 1300 908 905

Show Director – Amy Orman

Admin assistants - Jamie-Leigh Temby / Leonie Hendriks – youngtalent@perform.edu.au

Thank you for expressing interest in our 'Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.' program!

THE PRODUCTION TEAM

Director – Amy Orman

Musical Director – TBA

Stage Manager – Tijana Kovac

All Perform Australia's teachers and trainers hold a current Working With Vulnerable People card.

VENUE

The classes/rehearsals will be held at Perform Australia Studio - 11 Whyalla St, Fyshwick.

COSTS

The tuition fee covers:

- 3 hours tuition in singing, dancing and acting per week
- Script/music book
- Team t-shirt
- Costume, props and set
- Performance rights

It may be that we ask you to provide something from home to add to the costume, e.g. shoes or own trousers, but in most instances, we will cover the costs of the bulk of the costumes. You will also need some natural makeup for the show - but you can use what you have at home or purchase inexpensively from Kmart, Priceline etc.

Fees must be paid by Week 1 of each term.

| Payment options | | |
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| Option 1 | Musical only | \$360 per term x 2 terms |
| Option 2 | Regular Perform Australia class + Musical | \$310 for musical x 2 terms plus regular class fee |
| Option 3 | Musical only, sibling discount | \$360 for first child, \$310 for second child, \$200 for third and following children x 2 terms |
| Option 4 | Musical + regular Perform Australia classes for multiple children + sibling discount | Speak with Jamie-Leigh for calculation - phone 1300 908 905. |

CONDITIONS OF JOINING THIS PROJECT

Students who join this class must:

- Be between 9 and 15 years of age
- Be interested in singing, dancing and acting
- Be able to attend all performances at Perform Australia Theatre - scheduled for September 12th - 13th and a dress rehearsal on either the 11th OR 12th September (as required)
- **Be able to commit to classes for two terms (Term 2 and Term 3, 2020)** in Fyshwick
- Be willing to do what their teachers ask, and be on their best behaviour
- Be prepared to learn their lines by the due date (the director will tell you when)
- Be prepared to make mistakes and try again
- Be prepared to assist younger students if necessary
- Practice their songs between classes
- Tell family and friends about the show and invite them to it
- Remember to bring their script every week!

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents:

- Will have to help their children memorise their lines or lyrics
- Will have to support the director's casting decisions
- Will not have to make costumes (except to perhaps find the occasional item that's already at home, e.g. shoes)
- Will not have to give up weekends to build sets and props (but if you have a personal interest in these things you are very welcome to assist)
- Will have to transport kids to class
- Will have to come and see this wonderful show! - and bring some family and friends.

TRAINING DAYS

Due to huge interest in this project, we are running TWO sessions with TWO casts. This means your child will be allocated to either:

- 9.30am - 12.30pm Saturday, OR
- 1.00pm - 4.00pm Saturday.

You are able to nominate a preference.

Term Rehearsal Dates

Term 2 – Saturday 2nd May to Saturday 4th July

Term 3 – Saturday 25th July to Sunday 13th September (Performance Weekend)

Public & School Holidays

- Classes will be held on public holidays unless otherwise advised
- Please ensure your child can attend on this date and take rehearsals into consideration when planning holidays.

****You must be able to commit to all classes throughout the 2 terms - this is essential****

If your child is sick and unable to attend on a given day, you should notify the office (phone 1300 908 905).

PERFORMANCES

We anticipate having two casts and each group will have two performances.

The performances will take place at Perform Australia Theatre, 11 Whyalla St, Fyshwick.

| Group 1 (Saturday AM class) | |
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| Dress rehearsal | Saturday 12 th September 9.30am at Perform Australia Theatre then will stay for performance at 2pm. |
| Performance 1 | 2pm, Saturday 12 th September at Perform Australia Theatre |
| Performance 2 | 5pm, Saturday 13 th September at Perform Australia Theatre Arrive: 3.45pm |

| Group 2 (Saturday PM class) | |
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| Dress rehearsal | Friday 11 th September 3.45pm-7.15pm at Perform Australia Theatre |
| Performance 1 | 5pm, Saturday 12 th September at Perform Australia Theatre Arrive: 3.45pm |
| Performance 2 | 2pm Sunday 13 th September at Perform Australia Theatre Arrive: 12.45pm |

Important notes:

- Please check your child is available for **ALL rehearsals and performances for their group**
- If your child is cast in a major role, they need to be available for ALL performances, even for the other cast, in case one of the lead roles in another cast is ill.

CASTING

All children who join the cast of *Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.* must be willing to sing and dance and participate in the week-to-week tuition in singing, dancing and acting.

The Director and Musical Director will be responsible for casting roles. During weeks 1 and 2 of training, the children will participate in a range of singing, dance and acting exercises, and the director and singing teacher will then assign roles to the students based on what they observe at that time.

Not all students will have a major speaking/singing role in *Legally Blonde The Musical Jr.* However, there are many scenes which require a chorus so children who are not cast in a main role will still have ample opportunity to be on stage applying their skills in singing, dancing and acting.

We ask that parents support our casting decisions, as each decision is made based on a number of considerations, and if your child is disappointed that they didn't get the role they wanted, please encourage your child to do the best they can and enjoy the opportunity they have to be on stage in a real theatre before a real audience.

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASSES?

- Script book
- Pencil for writing director's notes in script
- Water bottle
- Snack for break time (no nuts or popcorn please)
- Jazz shoes and suitable clothing (see below)
- Please DO NOT bring any electronic devices – mobile phones must be kept in the students' bags during practice.

WHAT TO WEAR

Students need to wear black leggings, shorts or tracksuit pants to class - no jeans - and a t-shirt or singlet. (The same goes for performance time - when it comes time for the dress rehearsal and performance, students should wear a singlet and leggings/tracksuit pants for modesty when changing into costume in the change rooms.) All students will receive a Cast t-shirt which they will be able to wear each week as uniform.

Students will also need black jazz shoes for dance. (If you already have brown at home, they're fine to use, but if you are purchasing new please choose black.) They can be purchased at dancewear shops:

Showtime Costumes

19 Irving Street Phillip
6293 2077

Dare to Dance

Shop 1 Holder Pl, Holder ACT 2611
0407 138 325

Taps Dancewear

Unit 4, 30 Grattan Circuit, Wanniasa
6282 2331

Ablaze Dancewear

59 Chatterisville Avenue Conder 0413 711 534

You can also buy Jazz Shoes online.



TICKETS

Tickets to the show will cost \$25 each.

We will be running an early bird special where you can buy tickets at a lower cost. We will notify you by email when the tickets are on sale.

Legally Blonde The Musical Jr. - Synopsis

Based on the award-winning Broadway musical and the smash hit motion picture, *Legally Blonde the Musical JR.* is a fabulously fun journey of self-empowerment and expanding horizons. The show's instantly recognizable songs are filled with humour, wit and sass — leaving cast members and audiences alike seeing pink!

Legally Blonde JR. follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. When Elle's boyfriend, Warner, dumps her and heads to Harvard, claiming she's not "serious" enough, Elle takes matters into her own hands, crafting a showy song-and-dance personal essay and charming her way into law school. Befriending classmate, Emmett, and spunky hairdresser, Paulette, along the way, Elle finds that books and looks aren't mutually exclusive. As Elle begins outsmarting her peers, she realizes that law may be her natural calling after all.

Legally Blonde JR. features large, energetic dance numbers with an expandable cast of sorority sisters, law school students, hairdressers and more.

Private Singing Lessons

Would your child like private singing lessons? We offer private singing lessons in the after-school timeslot for children aged 9 and up. If you would like to enrol, please contact our office, or put an enquiry through at <http://www.perform.edu.au/act-childrens-private-lessons.html>

Music and Melodies - Preparatory Singing and Acting Skills

Sometimes younger brothers and sisters want to join in the fun. We have an ensemble singing class for 6-9-year-olds called "Music and Melodies".

In this age group, it's a great time to begin aural training and learn about pitch, tone and musical notation. Each week you'll meet and sing a range of songs from the musical theatre tradition, as well as other fun tunes for kids. Learn to apply expressive movement and gesture to the art of singing.

After age 9, kids in this class may be ready to join our musical theatre production program or take up private singing lessons with one of our tutors.

Classes are one hour long and take place at Perform Australia Headquarters, 11 Whyalla St, Fyshwick ACT.

When: Tuesdays, 4.00pm-5.00pm

Cost: \$250 per 10-week term (discount for Legally Blonde The Musical Jr. siblings available)