



Parent/Performer Participation Agreement

Thank you choosing to participate in the Springfield Youth Performance Group (SYPG) production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Springfield Youth Performance Group was founded in the summer of 2005 as a non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to enriching the lives of children through the performing arts. Our mission is to encourage and cultivate the artistically talented youth in our community by giving them the opportunity to perform, thereby enhancing community awareness and appreciation for the performing arts. SYPG is unique in the special way that we strive to combine movement, live music, and visual arts. Springfield Youth Performance Group is a stepping stone for their future in the arts, paving the way for excellence.

We hope that your child has an enlightening and valuable experience during this performance season. Our goal is to provide your child with the opportunity to grow as a performer and to prepare for future artistic performance opportunities. Our performance on March 30, 2007 will be a major production on a theater stage with scenery, props, theatrical lighting, costumes and theatrical make-up. In addition, we will have excerpts from the show perform at various community events in order to raise community awareness of the arts. To accomplish this, it will take a commitment from both SYPG and our performers and their parents. Each performer has been selected for a specific part. SYPG will establish choreography and staging, fit costumes, design stage lighting and make other important production decisions based on each participant. We are an all-volunteer organization with many professionals donating their time and talents to make this production a success.

Our basic expectations for our performers and their parents are as follows:

- The performance fee of \$30 will be due by January 8, 2007. If this fee has not been paid by this date, then the performer will be replaced. This agreement must also be signed and returned by January 8, 2007.
- Each performer is expected to attend all designated rehearsals and performances. Each performer must attend rehearsals on January 8th and 15th, March 19th, 26th and 29th and the show on March 30th. We allow 2 excused absences for all other rehearsals. Please submit a Leave of Absence Form in advance to the Artistic Director. If you will be unavailable for the required rehearsals, the performance or more than 2 other rehearsals, it may be best to rethink your participation. Also, if at any time during rehearsals you feel that you or your child is overwhelmed with the time commitment; please let us know so that we may find a suitable replacement. It is very difficult to put together a quality production without 100% commitment. We will have understudies available, but that is for emergency situations.
- Volunteers are an essential part of this organization. Every parent will be asked to volunteer in some capacity, so please complete and return the volunteer form tonight.
- Each performer's family will be asked to sell tickets to the Showcase performance. We ask each family to sell 10 tickets but we do not have a minimum requirement.
- Each performer will be expected to behave appropriately at each rehearsal and performance, and to follow all directions from our SYPG volunteers. Performers should arrive on time and be prepared to begin at the scheduled start time. Performers should be picked up immediately following the ending time.
- Each performer must be respectful of our rehearsal and performance facilities. We are guests and there are other activities taking place in these facilities at the same time. Any vandalism of these properties will be the responsibility of the performer.
- All costumes, props, scenery and other property of SYPG will be handled carefully and with respect. For instance, costumes must be placed on a hanger and returned to the costume mistress, performers are not allowed to eat or drink in their costume, props must be returned to props coordinator, etc.
- Each parent will be expected to provide a valid e-mail address for all official communications from SYPG. E-mail will be our primary form of communication for regular updates and reminders.
- Each performer will be expected to provide their own basic wardrobe to be worn under their costume (i.e. nude camisole leotard, pink tights and pink ballet shoes).

On behalf of my child/children, _____, I agree to these terms of participation in the Springfield Youth Performance Group production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Parent's Signature

Date