

DEAR PARENTS AND YOUNG ACTORS!

We are thrilled that you are interested in auditioning for the role of Jane or Michael Banks. We are opening up these roles to community youth between the ages of 9 and 13.

AUDITIONS

Auditions for Jane & Michael are Monday, January 12th from 4:45 to 7:30 pm in the Gilbert High School Auditorium (1101 E. Elliott Rd. Gilbert, AZ 85234).

On this website you will be able to download the song and the reading/acting for the audition. There will also be an easy movement audition when you first arrive.

JAN 12TH SCHEDULE:

4:45 -5:30 pm - Movement Audition for ALL Jane & Michaels

5:30 - 7:30 pm - SIGN UP FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SINGING/ACTING TIME SLOT ON THIS WEBSITE.

The audition will be: 1) Short Movement Audition

- 2) Singing "The Perfect Nanny" available for download on this website.
- 3) Acting the Scene is also available on this website.

Call backs for the roles of Jane & Michael are Thursday, January 15th from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

THE EXPERIENCE!

If you are cast as Jane or Michael, you will have a BIG ROLE to play in this musical. Jane & Michael are the centerpiece of the show and are in almost every scene. It is a big commitment but will be the most rewarding and most FUN you will ever have!

MUSICALS AT GHS!

Perhaps you've seen one of our productions! We have put on West Side Story, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Once Upon a Mattress, and Fiddler on the Roof. Our productions are of the highest quality and you will get to work with wonderful directors and choreographer! It will be a fantastic experience!

Also, our GHS students, and certainly our musical students, are of the highest quality of individual. Your son and daughter will be among the top kids. They are nicely behaved and too busy to be causing trouble. Often, our choreographer's kids are here so we are used to having younger students with us. As a parent, you do not have to worry about poor influences or students not being supervised. We tolerate no poor behavior, bad language, or any other thing that you might not want a younger person around, As the director, I would feel completely comfortable having my own children among these students. They are top-notch and we are only working to put on the very best production.

SCHEDULE:

Rehearsals begin on February 4th. We rehearse Monday through Friday after school until 6:00 p.m. The show goes up in 8 weeks. We recognize that our young Jane & Michael won't be out of school when GHS is, but you will need to be in rehearsal almost every day until the production. At the audition, there will be a calendar you can fill out that tells us when your conflicts might be and when you get out of school. We can work around some conflicts, but Jane & Michael are such big roles, that it will require a big commitment to this production.

Every week of production, the next week's schedule is put out so our cast members can plan. You will know when you need to be there. What time, and what you will be working on the week before.

We have a few Saturday rehearsals at the end of March and the beginning of April that are Tech rehearsals. The entire cast will need to be there for these including Jane & Michael.

PERFORMANCES:

MARY POPPINS GOES ONSTAGE APRIL 9 - 11, 2015. CURTAIN IS 7:00 PM WE WILL HAVE A "SCHOOL PERFORMANCE" DURING THE DAY OF APRIL 10TH FOR SOME ELEMENTARY STUDENTS. JANE & MICHAEL WILL NEED TO BE AVAILABLE THIS DAY.

DRESS REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY, APRIL 6TH THROUGH APRIL 8TH PRIOR TO THE SHOW. THESE REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY.

FEE?

There is NO fee for being in this musical. We will be asking you to try to come up with costume articles and things you might need as that character, but you do not have to pay to audition nor to be in the show. You can expect to have to buy the right shoes and things of this nature.

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE:

Because this is a school production, we will have a parental permission slip that will provide permission, a basic agreement/contract/expectations of understanding, and medical information in case of an emergency. All students in the production will have to abide by GPS/GHS Behavior Policies.

Parents, you are ALWAYS welcome at rehearsals and you are certainly encouraged to help with the production in any way you think you can help (costuming, props, etc). We will ask that you help your child in every way possible while allowing the directors to do their jobs.

CONTACTS

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me at Gilbert High School

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND SEEING OUR NEWEST CAST MEMBERS AS JANE AND MICHAEL BANKS IN THE GHS PRODUCTION OF MARY POPPINS!

SEE YOU AT THE AUDITIONS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH FROM 4:45 - 7:30 PM

Sincerely,

Marcy Spencer, DMA GHS Performing Arts Chair/Dir. of Choirs Musical Director for Mary Poppins!