

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre  
Presents



**Auditions**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

***How do I sign up to be in the show?***

Please register in the course titled Creative Artistic Theatrical Showcase (CATS). The class is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so you'll want to sign up right away to get into the show. See the Santa Clara Parks and Recreation Department Summer Activity Guide at

<http://santaclaraca.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=8754>

for registration information.

***How do I audition for the The Little Mermaid?***

Auditions take place during the first day of camp—Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-2:30pm.

***What do I need to prepare and bring with me to auditions?***

Please arrive on time and wear loose, comfortable clothing, as the first part of your audition will be a dance audition. If you have ballet or jazz dance shoes, please wear them. If you do not have dance shoes, please wear closed-toe athletic shoes. For safety reasons, we cannot allow anyone wearing sandals, flip-flops or other open-toe shoes to participate in auditions. We will have a script for you to read from for your acting audition. We will teach everyone a song from *The Little Mermaid* for your singing audition.

***I have no previous experience. Is this the right production for me? Will I be cast in the show?***

Yes! We welcome and encourage new-comers to audition for our shows. You will not be the only new person at auditions. Our long-time participants will welcome you and help you feel comfortable in our group. We are here to have fun and make new friends, so all new people are very welcome to join us. The audition process is our chance to get to know you and to see what your performance skills are at this time. This is a no-pressure audition, because everyone who auditions will be cast in the show. We only hold auditions to help us decide which role is right for you.



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***What will I do at the audition?***

You will start by learning a brief dance routine. After you learn the dance, you will perform it in a small group with other participants in your age group. We do not expect a perfect dance audition. We just want to see the best you can do. After the dance audition, you will go on stage in small groups with other actors in your age group to read a short scene from the script. Before your acting audition, our director will work with you to help you speak loudly enough to be heard. Finally, we will teach you your audition song and then you will sing it for our musical director.

***When will I find out what part I will play in the show?***

We will announce casting at the beginning of our camp day on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

***Is there a fee to be in camp and the production?***

Yes. Please refer to the Parks and Recreation Activity Guide for instructions on how to register for the class.

***I really want to play “Ariel” or “Ursula”(etc.) in the show. Is it going to be enjoyable to participate if I don’t get the part I want?***

Yes! We encourage everyone to accept and embrace the fact that most people in our cast will be in the Chorus, which is great fun. You are going to learn a lot of songs, dances and get to be in a significant amount of the show. It’s a huge show with a lot for everyone to do. While you might be disappointed at first, please trust us that you will have a great time no matter what role you play in the show. Staying in the show, even if you are disappointed with your role, is the best way for you to learn, grow and possibly play a larger role in a future production. If you drop out because you didn’t get the role you wanted you will miss out on a lot of fun and special memories with good friends. We have no “stars” or “divas” at RJJT, and we hope everyone who auditions will come with a cooperative, positive attitude that the show must go on!

If you have any other questions about Roberta Jones Junior Theatre or how to participate in *The Little Mermaid*, please call Kevin Cornelius, Junior Theatre Director, at (408) 615-3161.



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