



Add a little magic to your classroom through Disney Musicals in Schools!

Disney Musicals in Schools is an initiative of Omaha Performing Arts that develops sustainable musical theatre programs in Nebraska and Iowa elementary schools.

Up to five Omaha-area schools and two Lincoln-area schools will be selected to participate in this year's program **free of charge**. Any public elementary school is eligible to apply, but hurry—the application deadline is **Monday, May 3, 2021**.

Selected schools will receive the following resources for FREE:

- Performance license to a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical (available shows include: *101 Dalmatians*, *Aladdin*, *The Aristocats*, *Frozen*, *The Jungle Book*, *The Lion King*, and *Winnie the Pooh*).
- ShowKit materials, including a director's guide, student scripts, cross-curricular activities, accompaniment and rehearsal CDs, and a choreography DVD.
- In-school support from two Omaha Performing Arts Teaching Artists.
- Professional photo/video documentation and publicity for school.

Disney Musicals in Schools presents a special opportunity to introduce the collaborative art of musical theatre to your school, strengthen your arts programming, and develop partnerships among students, faculty, staff, and the greater community. Please note: Recipient schools will receive resources and support over a period of 3 or more years depending on need.

Participants will be selected through an application process. The deadline for applications is Monday, May 3, 2021.

Additional guidance and policies related to public health will be communicated at a later date.

Applications can be submitted in the following ways:

- Email to DMIS@O-pa.org
- Fax to 402-345-0222
- Mail to Omaha Performing Arts, 1200 Douglas Street, Omaha, NE 68102.

Questions? Contact Bill Grennan, Omaha Performing Arts Education Manager, at BGrennan@O-pa.org or 402-661-8447

The goals of Disney Musicals in Schools are to:

1. Create sustainable musical theatre programs in elementary schools.
2. Provide school faculty with the training and tools necessary to support student performance and production, and to empower them to do so.
3. Develop a critical awareness and appreciation of the arts within the school.
4. Develop a strong community, including students, parents, faculty, staff, and neighbors.
5. Expose students and school faculty to the wide spectrum of skills that are developed when producing a piece of musical theatre, including critical thinking, problem solving, ensemble building, communication, self-confidence, and interpersonal skills.

Disney Musicals in Schools Program Overview:

Omaha Performing Arts will select up to five public elementary schools to participate in this year's Disney Musicals in Schools program. Eligible schools should:

- Be a public elementary school.
- Be elementary schools with grades 3-5 or 3-6.
- Be able to demonstrate a need for the program, or have Title I status, or have a free and reduced lunch rate of 40% or greater.

Selected schools will receive:

- Free performance rights (valid for one year) to a Disney KIDS musical of their choosing as well as a complimentary ShowKit. The ShowKit includes materials and resources to aid teachers in producing, directing, and choreographing the show.
- Free in-school support from a team of two Omaha Performing Arts Teaching Artists (during a 90-minute school visit each week).
 - The Teaching Artists will serve as production and creative advisors who will train and empower the School Team to run the program themselves.
 - The Teaching Artists will guide the School Team through both production management (developing a rehearsal schedule, running auditions, and addressing technical and physical production requirements) and the creative execution of the show (direction, choreography, acting, and design).
 - The Teaching Artists will also advise on cross-curricular connections and provide guidance on involving parents, the school community, and the wider community in this project.
 - Disney KIDS Musicals are designed to be produced on any budget. Omaha Performing Arts Teaching Artists will work with selected School Teams to create a production within the budget the school is able to allocate to this project.
- Lastly, the selected schools will participate in a culminating Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration. At this event, each school will perform a music number from its production at Omaha Performing Arts' Holland Center.

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Disney Musicals in Schools Program Requirements:

Selected schools will be expected to:

- Produce a 30-minute Disney KIDS musical involving 3rd-6th graders both on and off stage.
- Identify a School Team with at least three teachers and/or staff members who will partner with Omaha Performing Arts Teaching Artists to oversee and manage the program from beginning to end. The selected School Team will receive on-site support from a team of two Omaha Performing Arts Teaching Artists who will visit the school each week. The School Team will also run a 90-minute rehearsal on their own once each week.
- Commit to a rehearsal/production schedule in an after-school setting.
- Host a site visit for the selection team during the application process.
- Provide space, time, materials, and resources for students and the School Team to rehearse and prepare for the musical production.
- Provide opportunities for the whole school to be connected to the production.
- Involve parents and the larger community in the mounting of the production.
- Hold a minimum of one public performance of the musical.
- Participate in the culminating Student Share event at the Holland Center, and provide transportation for participating students (Omaha Performing Arts will reimburse schools for the cost of busing to/from the Holland Center).

Disney Musicals in Schools Timeline:

May 3, 2021	Applications due (please contact us if your school requires an extension)
April 19 - May 7, 2021	Finalist school site visits
May 10, 2021	All applicants notified of status by the end of the school year
December 6, 2021*	School Orientation at 5:00pm at the Holland Center
January 2021 - May 2022	Rehearsals/on-site support from Teaching Artists
Mid-May 2022	School Performances
May 16, 2022*	Student Share Celebration at 5:30pm at the Holland Center

**Date subject to change based on availability of space*

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Disney Musicals in Schools
2021-2022 Program Application

GENERAL INFORMATION:

School name: _____

School address: _____

Zip Code: _____

Primary contact name: _____

Title: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Principal name: _____

Email: _____

Number of students who would participate in program (*we recommend 30-60 students onstage. More students may be involved off-stage*): _____

Grade(s) of students who would participate in the program: _____

Please list the names of your school's arts teaching staff:
(*If your school does not have any full or part time arts faculty, leave blank*)

Theatre: _____ Full or part time: _____

Dance: _____ Full or part time: _____

Music: _____ Full or part time: _____

Visual art: _____ Full or part time: _____

Tell us about your school's performance and rehearsal space (can be any space at the school, such as the gym, library, etc.):

Is this performance space shared with another school? _____

SCHOOL TEAM INFORMATION:

Proposed School Team Members: Please commit 3-5 teachers or staff members who will be present at all rehearsals (school team members can be full-time or part-time).

Teacher 1: _____

Content Area: _____

Teacher 2: _____

Content Area: _____

Teacher 3: _____

Content Area: _____

Teacher 4 (optional): _____

Content Area: _____

Teacher 5 (optional): _____

Content Area: _____

If applicable, please tell us about each school team member's experience/background in the performing arts:

PROGRAMMING INFORMATION:

How many hours per week will you commit to rehearsal time? (*We recommend a minimum of 3 hours per week, 1.5 of which will be with the Omaha Performing Arts Teaching Artists*): _____

Which days and times could be used for rehearsal?

How will your school make adjustments so that students, teachers, and space will all be available at the same time for 90 minutes twice a week?

Do you offer any after school programming in your school? _____

If yes, please list the programming below:

Do you produce a formal piece of musical theatre every year? _____

QUESTIONS:

How would you use Disney Musicals in Schools to develop an ongoing tradition of musical theatre at your school?

Why is it important for your students to have access to the performing arts?

Disney Musicals in Schools requires time, effort, and collaboration from the school faculty participating in the program, and from the school's leadership team. What steps will your School Team take to ensure the success of the program? How will the school's administration support the program?

How would you use Disney Musicals in Schools to fulfill the learning goals in your school? How would you use the program to support your current arts programs or enhance your non-arts curriculum?

Describe the culture of communication and collaboration in your school.

What is unique about your school, your students, or your community that makes Disney Musicals in Schools the right program for you?

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

SIGNATURE PAGE:

Please have all School Team members review and sign the application (electronic signatures are acceptable).

Teacher 1: _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 2: _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 3: _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 4 (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

Teacher 5 (if applicable): _____

Signature: _____

My principal has approved our application to participate in the program.

Principal: _____

Signature: _____