



Auditions for Flower of Sunnymount Crest Caldwell Fine Arts Children's Theatre 2019



1. How much does it cost?

Through generous donations and grants, children can participate for \$20 each for a full week of drama instruction. Scholarships are available for anyone with financial need. When registering online, enter the coupon code "scholarship" to reduce the price to \$5. The participation fee is paid before auditions. Our presenting sponsor this year is Neal Webster with Caldwell Orthodontics. Make sure to thank them!

2. When are auditions? Do we need to prepare?

Auditions are at JEWETT AUDITORIUM on Thursday, January 16. Enter parking lot at 20th and Fillmore.

Grades 1 – 3 audition at 4:30 pm

Grades 4 – 12 audition from 5:30 – 7 (Some students may be released sooner, but may stay in the auditorium. All should be prepared to stay the full time). Auditions are closed to parents.

Audition Materials (found at www.caldwellfinearts.org):

Everyone will sing *Flower of Sunnymount Crest*, Verse 2

Those auditioning for **Kalle** will sing *Winter Lullaby*

Those auditioning for **Tomte** will sing *Flower of Sunnymount Crest*, Verse 1

Older students will read from the script, and younger students will participate in drama activities. Practicing the songs beforehand is encouraged, but music will also be available at the auditions. Follow the links at caldwellfinearts.org to practice. Students may also be asked to sing their favorite song during auditions.

3. How do I register my child?

Go to www.caldwellfinearts.org, click on the event *Flower of Sunnymount Crest* and follow the link to register. Or, go to <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?class=cfa>. Please fill out a permission form online and give us your child's information to audition. If you don't have internet access, the Caldwell Library has computers available. If you are not able to register online, there will be some same-day registrations available. Preregistering and practicing the songs before the auditions are highly encouraged. Children in grades 1 - 12 can audition, including home school students.

4. Why not Missoula Children's Theatre?

We have loved our relationship with Missoula Children's Theatre! There are three main reasons we are having Drama Kids International produce our Children's Theatre:

1. All children will be in the main production! We want all children to be in the same play! Because of this, we commissioned our own script to accommodate a large cast.

2. The leads will all be local children, not MCT tour actors. Our awesome directors, Mike and Jessica Nelson, live locally and operate a Treasure Valley franchise of Drama Kids International. Because of this, we can audition earlier, give leads time to memorize over the weekend, and use all local kids in the musical.

3. Auditions will be more thorough to prepare children to audition for other roles.

5. How will we know what their part is? All parents/children will receive their part assignment through the email you provide at registration. This will come on Friday, January 17. You must reply back on Friday to indicate acceptance of the role. If you don't have email, let Mike or Jessica know to call you.

6. How much time is involved?

The time commitment varies based on part. Some parts may require a split rehearsal during the week, with a dinner break in between. We'll let you know if your child needs to bring a sack dinner. Others will only need to come for a couple hours on certain days. You will receive a schedule along with your child's role assignment. Please clear your child's schedule the week of the show. No rehearsals can be missed for lessons, appointments, etc. Due to the short rehearsal schedule, parts may be reassigned if any rehearsals are missed.

Saturday/Sunday		Memorize parts over the weekend
Monday, Jan 20	10am - 6pm	(Martin Luther King Day) rehearsals
Jan 21- 23	4pm - 8pm	Rehearsals
Friday, Jan 24	All Day	Performance 7 pm (school shows/dress rehearsals)
Saturday, Jan 25	8am- 3pm	Performance 1 pm, Bring a treat for a short cast party afterwards!

7. Do they have to miss school?

All students will perform for local schools in Jewett Auditorium on Fri, Jan 24. These school shows also serve as the dress rehearsal on stage. We will provide a school note. **Parents are not invited** to these performances, as there is no box office and may not be seating available. Please do not wait in Jewett Auditorium during these performances, as it gets very crowded. If there are extenuating circumstances (like "Dad leaves on a business trip and can only see this performance") please talk to Alison at alison@caldwellfinearts.org. Otherwise, please **do not** come to these performances.

If you would like your child's school to come to one of these performances to see their friends on stage, there are still seats available! Contact Monique at education@caldwellfinearts.org.

8. Do we have to buy expensive costumes?

No. Children will be given costumes to use, or will be asked to bring items they probably already have at home, could borrow, or could pick up at a thrift store, such as a white t-shirt or dark shoes. If you are unable to provide these items, please let us know and we can help.

9. Can I help?

If you'd like to be part of the volunteer team and assist with this production, please let Jerrene Naillon know at audition time. We are looking for parents to help with rehearsal monitoring and check-in during the week, and ushering and refreshments on Friday and Saturday. Volunteers receive 2 free tickets.

10. Where and when are the performances? How much are they?

Everyone attending the performance needs a ticket. It costs thousands of dollars to put on this production, and ticket sales help make this experience possible for your children. Performances are at Jewett Auditorium, C of I. The campus address is 2112 Cleveland Blvd. Enter "Jewett Auditorium" not the College address into your GPS. The parking lot is at 20th and Fillmore. Overflow parking is at Oak and Indiana. Public Performances are Fri, January 24 at 7:00 pm & Sat, January 25 at 1:00 pm. Tickets are reserved and are \$6 \$8 \$12 Adult, and \$4 \$5 \$10 Child. Purchase tickets before the performance to avoid lines at caldwellfinearts.org or 208-459-5275.

Roles:

Kalle: A young girl who is desperate to find some way to be happy

The Johnsons: They are very unhappy and blame it all on others

The Andersons (double as Christensons): They make the Johnsons so jealous!

Tomte 1: The head tomte, a helper elf

Tomte 2: Helper elf

Tomte 3: Helper elf

Tomtes: Younger tomtes who love to help

The Magician: He tries to lure kids to his castle, promising happiness

The Green-haired Witch of Hulta Wood: A witch with a soft spot for animals.

Beavers: Friends of the witch who help Kalle

Bears: Friends of the witch who help Kalle

Arctic Foxes: Friends of the witch who help Kalle

Fairies: They think happiness comes from looking great on the outside

Trolls: They think happiness comes from getting more stuff

The Giant Stalo: He shakes the mountain with his terrible yells