



FAQ's for The Magic Paintbrush Caldwell Fine Arts Children's Theatre 2021

1. How much does it cost?

Through generous donations and grants, children can participate for \$25 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.

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

Auditions are at **Wilson Elementary School** on Thursday, January 13. Wilson is located at 400 E Linden St in Caldwell.

Grades 1 – 3 audition at 4:30 pm

Grades 4 – 12 audition from 5:30 – 7

Some students will be released sooner, but may stay until 7. All should be prepared to stay the full time. Auditions are closed to parents.

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

Everyone will sing page 2 of *Create*

Those who would like to audition for a **Lead** will sing all of *Create*. You may also be asked to sing a song of your choice (without accompaniment)

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.

3. How do I register my child?

Go to www.caldwellfinearts.org, click on the event *The Magic Paintbrush* and follow the link to register. 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. Preregistering

and practicing the songs before the auditions are highly encouraged. Children in grades 1 - 12 can audition, including home school students.

4. 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 14. 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.

5. How much time is involved?

You will receive a schedule along with your child's role assignment. Please clear your child's schedule the entire 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.

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. Rehearsals will be held at Wilson Elementary School and Caldwell High School. Performances are at Caldwell High School.

Saturday, Jan 15 **Leads Rehearsal, everyone memorize parts over the weekend**

Monday, Jan 17 **10am - 6pm (Martin Luther King Day) rehearsals**

Jan 18-20 **4pm - 8pm Rehearsals**

Friday, Jan 21 **All Day Performance 7 pm (school shows at 10 and 1)**

Saturday, Jan 22 **8am- 3pm Performance 1 pm. Bring a treat for a short cast party!**

6. Do they have to miss school?

All students will perform for local schools at Caldwell High School on Fri, Jan 21. These school shows also serve as the dress rehearsal on stage. We will provide a school note. **Parents are not invited** to these performances. If there are extenuating circumstances (like "Mom leaves on a business trip and can only see this performance") please discuss this with 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 education@caldwellfinearts.org.

9. 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, jeans, or dark shoes. If you are unable to provide these items, please let us know and we can help.

10. Can I help?

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

11. 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 Caldwell High School, C of I. The 3401 S Indiana Ave, Caldwell. Tickets are \$12/\$10 for Adults and \$8/\$6 for Children. Please purchase tickets before the performance to avoid lines at caldwellfinearts.org or 208-717-5368.

Description:

Local children are the stars in this adaptation of a favorite Chinese folk tale, set in the Wild West. When Lang finds a magic paintbrush, he can change his community for the better...but only if he can outsmart the town bully! The Magic Paintbrush celebrates creativity and explores topics of helping versus harming and beauty versus greed. Drama Kids International directs this entertaining night of family fun, carrying on the Children's Theatre tradition at Caldwell Fine Arts that began in 1985!

Roles:

Lang: Our hero, a young artist who finds a magic paintbrush. Speaking and solos.

Mrs. Grady: His grandma. Speaking and solos.

Abby, Ben, Carl, Danny, Esther: Lang's friends. Speaking and solos.

Dillan: The town bully. Speaking and solos.

Dillan's Gang: Speaking and solos.

Mayor: Speaking

Sheriff: Speaking

Prospector: Speaking

Grannies: Speaking and singing

Dog: Speaking and singing

Townspeople: Some speaking parts, singing

Cows, Pigs, Horses, Chickens: Some speaking parts, singing

Dancers: Dancing, singing

