

COSTUME, MAKE-UP, AND HAIR INFORMATION FOR *THE ARISTOCATS KIDS*

Our first rehearsal with costumes will be Tuesday, September 29th!
Our first rehearsal with hair and make-up will be Wednesday, September 30th!

What do they need for a **base costume**?

- A plain, comfortable shirt to wear under the costume (tank top, fitted T-shirt, leotard, etc.)
- Plain, comfortable bottoms that can be worn under the costume, such as bike shorts

What should they wear on their feet?

- Some actors will bring shoes from home, which will be very helpful. Most characters could use black flat shoes, jazz shoes, black tennis shoes, or ballet slippers...
- Some children have already talked with Becky about shoes they have at home that will work, such as tan jazz shoes that coordinate with their costume or a fancier shoe for Madame.
- Dogs will also wear work boots/combat boots. We should have enough at the theatre to provide these.
- Depending on the actor and their costume, they may also need socks or tights. Becky will let them know if that is the case.

When should they have these things ready?

- Please have your child come to rehearsal wearing their **base costume**. This makes changing into their costumes much easier, because they have something on that they can comfortably wear around others while changing. It is also helpful for actors who will be wearing microphones.
- For this production, actors will wear their base costume to rehearsals and shows, and they will wear it home as well.
- Anything your child has talked with me about using from home as part of their costume should also be brought to the theatre that day. We will keep those items at the theatre with their costumes, so they are ready for rehearsals and performances.

What about their hair?

With exception of the Alley Cats, please come to the theatre with your hair ready for the show.

- Duchess, Marie, Anna, and Reaux -Your hair should be styled neatly to contrast with the Alley Cats. Curling your hair would be great. Be sure hair is out of your face (half-up-half down would be good)
- Edgar, Omalley, and Roquefort should have their hair in a bun to hide under the hat, wig, and hood.
- Madame should have a nice bun. We can add some gray at the theatre.
- Dogs should be sure their hair is but out of their face). This means long hair needs to be in a ponytail, half-up-half down, braids, or bun.
- Geese should have two braids.
- Alley Cats should come early/on time so we can crimp their hair at the theatre.

What about make-up?

- We will have make-up areas set up to help everyone put on animal and human make-up after they arrive at the theatre.
- If you would like to wear mascara, please put it on before you come to the theatre.

NOTE: The base costume will be worn to and from the theatre. Other costume items will live at the Arts Center throughout tech week and the run of the show.

If you are unsure about what your child should wear, please feel free to check in with Becky!