



Inspiration 2023 Season Information Packet

Inspiration Performing Arts Company is thrilled to launch our touring performing troupe's 2023 season tour. After the successful return of our troupe in 2022, we can't wait to welcome back previous performers and bring new talent into our team. This year's tour will consist of local performances as well as our yearly travel performance!

Our senior troupe auditions are open to all genders/identities for performers ages 14-18.

Video submissions are due by 11:59 PM on December 16th.

Callbacks will be held in person on December 20th.

Our Mission:

The mission of this performance group is to use the talents of local children to give back to the community and to give them a professional and exciting performing experience close to home. They are taught skills that help them in their singing, dancing, and acting careers as well as given an opportunity to "inspire" others with their talents and love of performing. Inspiration performs and participates in many charity events, hospitals, nursing homes, and partners on projects with local non-profit organizations.

About the Show:

Our full show is 60 minutes in length (please note that at some venues we will have 30-45 minute set lists) and consists of contrasting musical genres including pop, Broadway, and classic rock. Singing, dancing, solos, group numbers and all-cast numbers are all a part of our high energy, high talent show! Performers are placed into specific numbers that best fit their abilities.

All of our performances are mandatory unless discussed and approved with the tour manager prior to or at the time of auditions. Transportation to local performances are not provided, however carpools can be formed and performers can ride with the production staff to performances with the approval of a parent.

Venues:

Inspiration performs at many exciting venues throughout the month of June! Typical venues include Fenway Park, Faneuil Hall, Community Fairs, Boston Children's Hospital, Malls, Patriots Place, Cape Cod, and more!

***Please note that most of our venues do not provide our specific performance dates/times until the month of February; therefore, our final performance tour schedule will not be finalized until then. Please try to keep weekends in the month of June open and contact the tour manager with any potential conflicts including graduations, grad parties, etc.*



Finances/Tuition:

Production Fee:

In lieu of monthly tuition, the production fee to participate in the entire 6 month season is \$550.00. We work with families to provide support and payment plans to accommodate financial needs.

- Please note that the travel trip, tickets to amusement parks or sporting events that we perform at, and costumes will be an additional cost. Fundraising efforts (see below) will be done to help cover the cost of these experiences for troupe members.

- We do have some partial scholarship opportunities. If there are any financial difficulties please contact the tour manager at info@inspirationperformingarts.com to find out how to apply for financial aid and to discuss options. We would never want someone to not be able to participate due to financial reasons!

Fundraisers:

We will be putting together a team of interested parents to help coordinate fundraisers to raise money for our travel performance trip, tickets for sporting events, etc. All performers are required to participate in fundraising efforts!

Travel Performance:

Each year, the troupe participates in a travel performance trip. This trip not only gives students the opportunity to perform in prestigious venues such as Disney World, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Universal Studios, NYC, etc; but also gives them unforgettable memories and experiences with each other and our staff.

This year's trip itinerary and pricing will be available to view by December 9th. Please note that the trip is not mandatory to participate in the season but is highly encouraged. Fundraising money raised will go towards the cost of the trip per performer.



Rehearsal Schedule:

- Rehearsals take place in Bellingham, Ma at our studio.
- Not every cast member is called to every rehearsal or for the entire length of the rehearsal.
- Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 and Thursdays 6:00-8:00 from January through June (we may hold additional brush up rehearsals throughout our June tour).
 - We do not hold rehearsals on holidays or during school vacation weeks. Additional *optional* rehearsals will be held during those weeks for students looking for extra help or students who have missed a rehearsal due to an excused conflict.
- All conflicts that are written down at the time of auditions are excused. Any conflicts that come up after the show has been cast are unexcused. If a cast member misses a rehearsal for a number due to an unexcused absence they are responsible for learning the number through provided rehearsal videos and materials.

Cast member responsibilities and expectations:

1. Attending all rehearsals they are called for, and being on time and prompt for all rehearsals.
2. Notifying the production staff if he or she cannot attend, will be late, or will need to leave rehearsal early for any reason in advance.
3. Attending all scheduled performances and arriving at the called time, in costume, with all necessary show materials. Special conflict circumstances must be approved by the director at auditions.
4. Coming to rehearsals with all necessary materials (ex: script, water bottle, dancing clothes/shoes, any other materials indicated by the director), and positive attitudes ready to focus!
5. Participating in all fundraising events and group activities.
6. Giving full respect to fellow cast members, the director, assistant directors, sound technician, parent volunteers, and any other volunteer of "Inspiration."
7. Performers will treat all rehearsal and performance facilities with respect and clean up after themselves.
8. No rehearsals may be missed one week prior to the start of the tour.
9. Performers are responsible for all payments, on time, with no refunds unless otherwise stated by the tour manager or treasurer.

10. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the group.

11. Any inappropriate or disrespectful behavior will result in removal from the group.

12. Performers will be prompt about all due dates including documents, payments, off-book dates, etc.

13. Performers are expected to be working on performance material outside of rehearsal.

*The production team has the right to replace or remove performers from musical numbers or from the cast if they have missed rehearsals for that number or for any other reason the director feels appropriate. Failure to comply with performer expectations will result in removal from the cast.

Additional Dates/Information:

- Our first official rehearsal for the troupe will be held on January 5th, 2023
- A cast and family “meet and greet” potluck party will take within the first few weeks of our rehearsal process and will include an informal parent meeting, Q&A session, and opportunities for families to connect with each other!
- We will be offering optional “cast bonding” activities throughout the season.

COVID-19 Protocol:

The IPAC staff will be regarding COVID-19. We currently do not have any specific protocol in place but will be closely monitoring the CDC and state guidelines. If we make any changes to protocol throughout the season, the cast will be notified.

Our updated policy does not require cast members to be vaccinated/boosted, however, we HIGHLY recommend vaccination and boosting for the safety of our troupe. All staff are required to be vaccinated and boosted and will set the example for safety measures as we navigate any changes throughout the season.

All questions can be sent to the founder/tour manager, Emily Garven at:
info@inspirationperformingarts.com

