



To All Potential Young Company Members (and Parents):

Being a member of the Young Company at Theatre Calgary can be a wonderful experience but it is important that you go into it knowing what expectations of you there are and especially understanding the time commitment involved.

Theatre Calgary is a professional theatre company and we will treat you professionally but it also brings on special responsibilities. It is important that you are ready to go when you are called for rehearsal so the chaperone will schedule you to arrive a few minutes early to get your coat off etc. You also must attend every rehearsal that you are called for. This may mean that you will miss some fun activities in your regular life but that is part of the commitment. We rehearse Tuesday through Sunday and Monday is our only day off. We rehearse 10am until 6pm which means that school will be missed – the amount is somewhat dependent on the size of the role. We have 3 full weeks of rehearsal in the rehearsal hall and partway through the fourth week we move to the stage. Once we do this, you will miss a substantial amount of school as you will be required for most of the time when we rehearse onstage. There are also student matinees that require you to miss school. Because of this, it is crucial that you have the support of your teacher and your school. There will definitely be time while at the theatre to do homework and your chaperone will encourage that but it can be quite tiring.

That being said, it is a great experience. You work with professionals throughout our company. We do our best to include you and treat you as equals while remembering that you have special needs (such as you need to do your homework even if you don't feel like it). You have your own chaperone who is responsible for you while you are at the theatre and helps to make sure that you are where you need to be.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask me as I have worked with young performers in numerous shows. I will also be around during the process to look after concerns.

Thank you.

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