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Hello YPC Families!

It's been a great first few weeks of 2022. Below you will find some rehearsal resources as well as some news and upcoming events!

POSSIBLE EXPOSURE:

We wanted families to be aware that there was a possible COVID exposure at the studio on Wednesday. A fully vaccinated student tested **negative** for COVID both Wednesday and Thursday (although they did not attend Thursday as a precaution) and ended up testing positive on Friday. While we don't believe there was exposure we wanted to inform all families as a precaution. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

As a reminder: COVID related absences do not count towards their absence limit for the season. If your performer is feeling sick please let us know and have them stay home.

YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL

Our first event of the season is coming up on **Saturday March 5th**. The Youth Arts Festival at the Morris Graves Museum (still waiting for our performance time). Each group (Kids & Teens) is working on a medley of songs to perform from misc. musicals as well as songs from the seasonal shows (*101 Dalmatians KIDS* & *Jane Eyre -Concert*)

101 DALMATIANS

Great job Kids Company preparing material for 101 Dalmatians, solidified casting will be sent via email Tuesday January 24th.

COMPANY MEMBER LOGIN

All of our current songs are now uploaded in the Company Member portal, both listening links and sheet music to all songs. Note that digital sheet music is to be used to review on electronic devices at home only or to print out additional copies if lost. It is **not** to be used in place of printed out sheet music in your binder for in person rehearsals.

As a reminder: To access the Member Portal

1. Go to mainstagehumboldt.org
2. Select "Youth Division", "Company Member Login"
3. Login using password "ypc2122"
4. Click on "Young Performers Company" button to access our calendars, announcements, and materials.

WEDNESDAY PICKUP

On Wednesday evenings we will now have parents pickup performers in the main NCD lobby (instead of in the CCCU parking lot). Teens are welcome to walk out to parents waiting in their cars (with prior parent permission) but Kids Company will need to be picked up in the lobby.

SMALL GROUP TRAININGS

Over the next few months we will be breaking into smaller groups to give our YPC performers the opportunity to participate in more specialized training (within the time frames of our currently scheduled weekly rehearsals). The youngest performers will be working over zoom with Suzanne Hannau (our wonderful early childhood music educator from the Music Institute of Chicago) and older performers will have rotating small group Zoom lessons with New Jersey's Professional Performance Prep ("The Prep NJ"). We will integrate these half hour zoom lessons into our regular rehearsal time each week. To clarify: All performers are still meeting **in person** with instruction happening on the TV monitors over Zoom at NCD.

NEW CHORAL PIECE!

In the member portal you will find the newest piece just added to our Youth Arts Festival lineup. We just learned that we will have the opportunity to perform a beautiful choral piece from the musical 1978 musical *Evita*, based on the life of Eva Perón. We will be performing the children's choir piece *Santa Evita*, sung in both English and Spanish! Note that listening link in the member portal is an extract from the 2012 Broadway show, we only be doing the choral music not the interweaving character dialogue you hear in the recording.

This particular arrangement comes from the incredible NYC music director Sinai Tabak who worked on a stunning new production of *Evita* at Asolo Repertory Theatre in 2017!