



Touring Ensemble: Youth Company

Audition Information

(Rising 6th-8th Grade)

AUDITION DATE:

May 6th, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location:

SPARC – 2106 N Hamilton St, Richmond, VA 23230

ABOUT TOURING ENSEMBLE YOUTH COMPANY:

This audition-based group brings together passionate and dedicated young musical theatre performers from across the Richmond area.

Under the direction of SPARC Associate Faculty member, Josh Polk, ensemble members will dive into advanced musical theatre repertoire, honing their craft and performing at venues throughout the community. This program offers middle school students a chance to grow artistically, collaborate with peers, and share their talents on stages across Richmond

SIGNING UP

To sign up for an audition, fill out [this booking form](#).

WHAT TO EXPECT AND PREPARE FOR YOUR AUDITION:

- Auditionees will all arrive at the same time to check in with the audition team in the lobby and start with a group activity/info session. Then, the directing team will see individual auditions.
- Students will audition by preparing 32 bars (about 1 min) of any style of song that best shows off their vocal range. Songs can be performed acapella, or you can bring in a backing track. Please dress to move.
- Students should slate (say their name and what song they are performing) in the room before they begin.

THERE WILL BE NO CALLBACKS FOR TOURING ENSEMBLE: YOUTH COMPANY

CASTING NOTIFICATIONS – by Wednesday, May 20

- Guardians and students (if a student email has been given) will receive a notification via email, whether a student has been cast or not.
- While we work hard to notify all students as quickly as possible, it takes time for our staff to complete all individual communications. ***Please consider all auditioning students and refrain from discussing casting notifications until a cast list is shared publicly with cast members. This will help in reducing stress and anxiety while we work through notifications.***

Tuition and Scholarships

There is no cost to audition. However, should a student be cast in **Touring Ensemble: Youth Company**, the cost of tuition for participation is **\$630**. This tuition covers the year-long training process and the numerous performances throughout the year. No additional fees are ever requested. Payment plans are available so this fee can be broken up across the year.

Scholarships are available, too!

At SPARC, we work hard to make sure tuition costs are not a barrier to personal growth, creative expression, and community connections. Each year, as many as 1/3 of program participants can access scholarships, thanks to generous community donations.

Families will have the opportunity to express interest in a scholarship when casting notifications are sent by email. Registration for Touring Ensemble won't start until late summer, and the scholarship application will be sent about a month before that registration window opens.

To find out more about scholarships, see sparcrichmond.org/scholarships.

Attendance Policy and Conflicts

Being cast in a production or touring group is a big commitment. SPARC asks that guardians and students look at family and school schedules closely before auditioning to ensure that the student can attend rehearsals and performances.

Due to the nature of Touring Ensemble's event-based schedule, not all cast members may be called to every rehearsal. Students/Guardians should communicate with the directing team about availability well in advance of a performance date.

SPARC Touring Ensemble: Youth Company trains students to work together in a collaborative performance troupe, performing year-round at various public and private venues.

Touring Ensemble Weekly Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 5:15-6:30pm: August 2026-June 2027

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Students may not be called for each rehearsal and/or additional rehearsals may be scheduled in preparation for certain performances. SPARC Touring Ensemble: Youth Company students will perform at approximately 4-6 events over a year.