

PIERCE SCHOOL MUSICAL GRADE 7 & 8, ALADDIN

CAST Information

September 10 Updated Information! Auditions have taken place and the casts of Aladdin are set. We are still interested in picking up some additional actors to play small "swing" roles and be singers and dancers in the ensemble. This will still be a lot of fun but will be a lighter commitment. The full registration fee (\$375) is discounted to \$250 for students registering for these parts.

SCHEDULE, REHEARSAL TIMES AND LOCATIONS

We'll have two casts, *Sultan* and *Genie*, but our rehearsal schedule is a bit staggered. For our rising 7th grade families, this is different than the Grade 3-6 schedule, so please pay attention.

Genie Cast rehearses on all Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sultan Cast rehearses on all Wednesdays and Fridays, and both casts split the Mondays. This is to accommodate the holidays during the fall term. You'll be allowed to select one or the other cast to suit your schedule, if necessary, but choosing either cast gives us more flexibility. There is no way to do this if you can't rehearse on Mondays, as both casts will have some. The full (draft) schedule is attached at the end of this document.

Rehearsals occur daily, Monday through Friday. Rehearsals on Mondays – Thursdays start after school and run until 5:30pm. Rehearsals on Fridays start after school and end at 4:30pm. Rehearsals are in the auditorium at Pierce except on Tuesdays, when they are at the VFW facility at 386 Washington St, Brookline. This is located across the street from the library's Civil War statue, at the street crossing.

Actors meet in the cafeteria after school for a quick snack that should be brought from home.

I will publish a rehearsal schedule each week and there will be times when actors may leave early. There will not be many days when we don't need each of them; I will make sure to maximize everyone's time and honor their commitment by being ready to put them to work.

Students should report immediately for check-in and should NOT leave campus for Starbucks, Walgreens, CVS, etc. We do not check students out at the end of class, they are free to leave campus as they would at any other time.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens June 10 at 8:00am for cast and tech crew. The \$250 fee covers costs of staff, materials, insurance and much more.

Fees are collected via credit card at time of registration. If you prefer to pay by check, need scholarship support or structured payments, please contact me at the email listed above. If you create an unpaid registration for any reason, please contact me right away and let me know your plans.

WITHDRAWALS, REFUNDS, DISMISSALS

When you register, we hope that means you're in! We will give refunds for up to two weeks after your child's registration in the event that this doesn't work out for them.

Our processing vendor charges us a non-reimbursable fee when you register (about 7%) so your refund will be reduced by this amount.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at rehearsals is mandatory! We don't generally have a problem with kids skipping rehearsals, but if it happens, you'll hear from us. Also, taking vacations in the middle of our rehearsal time (September through December) does impact our progress. It doesn't matter how much your child will rehearse their lines while away, if they're not here to be with their cast mates, it lessens the experience.

BEHAVIOR, SOCIAL AND MEDICAL CONCERNS

Behavior and discipline: We have a zero-tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse that violates anyone's safety; should those occur, your child will be sent home immediately, and we'll contact you. Depending on the patterns or severity of the behavior, they may be asked to leave the program and a refund will not be offered. If the behavior violates school policies or has the potential to play out during the school day, it will be reported to the administration.

Safe space: We honor all kids. We honor their expressed choices about pronouns and names in our rehearsals. If a child has an identity preference expressed to us, we will honor it and, to the extent necessary, will contact you if we perceive a problem. There is no tolerance for teasing, baiting, or taunting of any student or staff member for any reason. In addition, we are mandated reporters as required by law.

Medical issues: We receive no information from the school about your child's health. You'll be asked at registration to disclose any medical or non-medical issues that may impact your child's participation as well as your instructions for treatment, if any. It is crucial that you provide us with any relevant information so that we can make appropriate decisions for your child's care.

Any disclosures and instructions will be shared with the director and other staff so that we can recognize a problem before it escalates and respond according to your instructions.

Our emergency response protocols are as follows:

- In the event of a real medical emergency (there is blood), our first response is to call 911, then the parent.
- In the event of a minor emergency (stomachache, headache, onset of illness), we'll contact the parent and/or (most likely) send the child home.
- Of course, if a child demonstrates any Covid symptoms, they will be sent to the nurse's office (if open) or home, and we'll call you immediately.

Non-medical considerations: If your child has a special circumstance such as ADHD, which needs more attention than is typically offered in this setting, please notify us in advance and we'll work with you to create a plan for successful participation. If your child is prone to less-manageable outbursts, including physical altercations, we do not have the resources (and the school will not provide them) to create a successful and safe experience for everyone.

Waivers: You will be asked to check a waiver absolving us of liability in the event of medical emergencies, as is typical for programs like ours, Town sports, Art Barn and more.

COVID/ILLNESS CONSIDERATIONS

We expect that Covid will be an ongoing concern for years. We strongly encourage vaccination. We also anticipate that a few students will be out for week here and there for Covid or other illness and accommodate those absences without penalty.

If we are ever unable to continue offering the program because of state or school district restrictions around Covid, or similar, we will wait two weeks before deciding the fate of the current program. If discontinued, we will process pro-rata refunds to all families after our financial obligations to staff have been met.

VOLUNTEERISM

We do hire staff to make this program run, but we can't do it without volunteers. Post-pandemic, our program has seen a drop off in the number of parents willing to volunteer and I believe this is detrimental to everyone's experience. Costumes, for example, requires up to 6 parents per show to manage fast costume changes; concessions sales require another 4-6, and there are many other jobs throughout the production. I urge you to consider volunteering not only for the help it provides, but the social fabric it builds.

ALADDIN FULL SCHEDULE

Updated Aug 11

Sultan Cast

Genie Cast

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| September | 4 | 5 | 6 Aud Prep | 7 Auditions | 8 Auditions |
| | 11 Genie | 12 VFW-Genie | 13 Sultan | 14 Genie | 15 Sultan |
| | 18 Sultan | 19 VFW-Genie | 20 Sultan | 21 Genie | 22 Sultan |
| | 25 YK holiday | 26 VFW-Genie | 27 Sultan | 28 Genie | 29 Sultan |

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| October | 2 Sultan | 3 VFW-Genie | 2 Sultan | 5 Genie | 6 Sultan |
| | 9 IP holiday | 10 VFW-Genie | 11 Sultan | 12 Genie | 13 Sultan |
| | 16 Genie | 17 VFW-Genie | 18 Sultan | 19 Genie | 20 Sultan |
| | 23 Sultan | 24 VFW-Genie | 25 Sultan | 26 Genie | 27 Sultan |

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| November | 30 Genie | 31 VFW-Genie | 1 Sultan | 2 Genie | 3 Prof day |
| | 6 Sultan | 7 VFW-Genie | 8 Sultan | 9 Genie | 10 Sultan |

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| 13 Sultan | 14 VFW-Genie | 15 Sultan | 16 Genie | 17 Zeppelin | 18 Work Day |
| 20 Sultan | 21 Genie | 22 23 24 Thanksgiving Holiday | | | |
| 27 Genie | 28 VFW-Genie | 29 Sultan | 30 Genie | Tech 1 Sultan | |

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| December | Tech 4 Sultan | Tech 5 Genie | Tech 6 Sultan | Tech 7 Genie | Tech 8 Sultan | 9 Work Day |
| | Dress 11 Sultan | Dress 12 Genie | Dress 13 Sultan | Dress 14 Genie | Show 15 Sultan | Shows 16 Sultan.Genie |
| Sunday | Show 17 Genie | 19 Cast Party | | | | |

*Nov 3: school professional day; rehearsal will occur at VFW

Shows:

Friday, Dec 15, 6:30pm, SULTAN

Saturday, Dec 16, 1:30pm, SULTAN

Saturday, Dec 16, 6:30pm, GENIE

Sunday, Dec 17, 1:30pm, GENIE