

# RISING STAR PROJECT

## 2018/19 SUMMER AUDITIONS: DANCE CORPS

The 5th Avenue Theatre's Rising Star Project offers students the chance to develop professional skills through the process of producing and performing a musical on The 5th Avenue Theatre mainstage.

Beyond being entirely student performed, the 2018/19 Rising Star Project production of *West Side Story* will be run by a student technical crew and supported by a team of students who have taken on roles in the marketing, development, producing, creative and casting departments. All participants are trained and mentored by dedicated theater professionals at The 5th Avenue Theatre.

### RSP DANCE CORPS

The 2018/19 Rising Star Project will introduce a new component of the program which offers **tuition-free** intensive training and performance opportunities for high schools students who are interested in dance-related careers. Students accepted into the RSP Dance Corps will receive training throughout the year, will be incorporated into one dance number in The 5th's mainstage production of *Annie*, and will serve as the core dance ensemble in the Rising Star Project production of *West Side Story*.

### ELIGIBILITY

Rising Star Project applicants must be 14-19 years old for the majority of the 2018/19 season, must also reside in Washington State, and must have a strong background and advanced training in dance.

### TIMELINE \*All dates are subject to change\*

- JUNE - JULY 2018** Dance Corps auditions & callbacks
- OCTOBER 2018** Orientation and Intro class
- OCTOBER 25** Rehearsals for *Annie* begin  
*Dance Corps rehearsals will be limited to afterschool and weekends. Students will only be called to rehearse the dance number that they are involved in.*
- NOVEMBER 16-21** *Annie* spacing and tech rehearsals  
*Student calls will be limited as above*
- NOVEMBER 23** *Annie* performances begin
- DECEMBER 30** Final *Annie* performance
- MARCH - MAY 2019** Monday night dance classes
- MAY 28** *RSP West Side Story* rehearsals begin
- JUNE 29** *RSP West Side Story* tech begins
- JULY 11 - 13** *RSP West Side Story* performances

### APPLICATION

The Dance Corps will admit 10-15 students. Prospective students will be contacted and provided an application packet to review and complete **after** signing up for an audition. A completed application will include a letter of interest, a letter of recommendation, a current resume and a completed application form.

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## WHY DO THE RISING STAR PROJECT?

*“The Rising Star Project, this year and last, were two of the most amazing experiences of my life. The ability to work with mentors that are some of the best theater professionals in their fields is an amazing and rare opportunity. And the friendships that come out of such an intense and fun process are meaningful and lasting.”*

- Rising Star Project participant (2015, 2014)

If you're passionate about the arts and theater – if you're looking for an opportunity to be immersed in a professional work environment – if you're eager to collaborate with a group of peers from across our region, you should apply for Rising Star Project. This is your opportunity to begin building skills to help you along the path toward careers and higher education. Past Rising Star Project students have also fulfilled their service learning and community service requirements through participation. And even though expectations are high and the work is hard—you'll no doubt have some fun and meet amazing new people along the way.

## IS THERE A MORE DETAILED CALENDAR THAT I CAN REVIEW?

A detailed 2018/19 Rising Star Project calendar will be available by June 1.

## IF I AM ACCEPTED INTO THE RSP DANCE CORPS, AM I REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH *ANNIE* & *RSP WEST SIDE STORY*?

The RSP Dance Corps track is designed to immerse advanced dancers in mainstage performance experiences. This includes the rigor of a full professional run as well as West Side Story choreography based on Jerome Robbins's original choreography. Students *will* be required to participate in both *Annie* AND *RSP West Side Story*. Students who are not interested in being in *Annie* can opt to audition for the Rising Star Project cast. However, the Rising Star Project cast track will not have an intensive focus on dance training.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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