



## **Participation Agreement for the MSA Production of *Seussical the Musical*!**

**Actor Responsibilities – Focus, Respect and Integrity** are all interconnected. They are key themes we extend to and expect from our participants.

### ***Focus:***

Theater and performance is a team sport. Attendance and full participation at every rehearsal, for the full rehearsal time and every performance is of critical importance. Please do not schedule any appointments during our practice and performance times. If an EMERGENCY occurs, please contact the appropriate MSA production staff member (Eric, Mr. S, Hannah, or Lily) as soon as possible.

Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal. If you are more than 5 minutes late, expect a phone call from your Stage Manager. During performances there will be a sign-in sheet posted in the green room. Every performer is expected to sign in as soon as he/she arrives.

All participants are to remain in the rehearsal area unless given specific permission from the Stage Manager or Director.

All performers should come to rehearsals and performances ready to work. That means each person comes appropriately dressed, script or materials in hand and all distractions set aside (this includes cell phones, iPods, electronic games, etc.). **Cell phones must be turned off during rehearsals (with the exception of breaks).**

We ask that the performer notify MSA production staff of any special circumstances or medical requirements that may impact participation. Each person is responsible to memorize lines, blocking and cues as soon as possible. We expect each performer to practice and prepare individual parts outside of rehearsal as well during rehearsal. It takes a tremendous amount of energy to participate in a large-scale production. The MSA production staff is careful not to schedule unnecessary rehearsals and blocks only the time required to stage a quality performance. Please do not schedule personal large events or activities on rehearsal or performance days. Be attentive to your physical and emotional health during the run of the show. If you wear yourself out, it impacts your performance and the quality of the whole show.

### ***Respect***

Punctuality and focus are crucial factors in keeping to the rehearsal schedule. Focus and concentration during all rehearsals makes learning blocking much easier and more efficient. Break periods will be scheduled.

Parent and student volunteers fill important roles. These participants deserve as much respect as any other member of the staff. Be respectful in your use of language and behavior, especially around younger actors. Older actors should serve as role models for the younger actors. We hold strict standards when it comes to inappropriate public displays of affection.

**Respect for Facilities, Costumes and Property:**

**Respect for other people's property must also be demonstrated. If it is NOT YOURS...don't touch it!**

- MSA is responsible for the condition of all rehearsal and performance spaces. All participants need to be respectful of the facility, furnishings, and equipment. If irresponsible behavior by any participant results in damage to equipment or property, the participant will be expected to repair or replace the damaged item.
- Food and beverages are only allowed in designated areas. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- You will provide the costume(s) for your performances. All parts of the costume(s) must be approved by the director. You will be required to have this completed by a designated time that is yet to be determined.
- You will design the hair and makeup for your character(s) as well. This, too, must be approved by the director. You will be required to have this completed by a designated time that is yet to be determined.
- Inappropriate behavior during rehearsal may result in the participant being asked to leave the production without a refund of participation fees.

**Integrity:**

Integrity is key to the success of all MSA productions. We require commitment and cooperation from everyone involved – staff, performers and parents. With this opportunity comes expectations for behavior that must be maintained. For any high quality performance, we need complete focus by each participant and full team effort. Every part is significant and important to the total performance. Superior or arrogant attitudes will not be tolerated.

**There is a mandatory tech rehearsal on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9:00am-4:00pm.**

**After the closing performance you will be asked to participate in striking the set. This typically takes 30 min-1 hour. Please plan accordingly.**

*Failure to follow these rules, regulations and guidelines can jeopardize your participation in this MSA production. Persistent violations of these rules will result in disciplinary action. Discipline begins with notification of parent or guardian. Consequences may include removal from scenes or dismissal from the production. Once you have accepted participation as a member of a performance, withdrawal or removal from the production for any reason will result in a non-refund of the participation fees.*

**Participation Fee**

There is a fee of \$100 for participation in the MSA production of *Seussical the Musical!* All checks should accompany this agreement and be made out to the Math and Science Academy or MSA. Please note the fee is for participation in a drama production.

Possible Conflicts-Please list regular conflicts here (ie: piano lessons, confirmation classes, work) along with the day of the week and time it takes place):

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I/we have read the above Participation Agreement for MSA Productions. I/we have retained a copy for our records and accept responsibility for the possible consequences of violating them and agree to follow them without dispute.

Participant's Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions, please do not hesitate contacting a production staff member. Thank you.