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WELCOME TO FAME JR!



JULY 14-25,2025

WHAT TO EXPECT FOR FAME JR?

Get ready for an exciting, fast-paced program centered around *FAME Jr*.! Throughout this experience, participants will dive into learning both the music and choreography for the show. But that's just the beginning! In addition to performing, you'll develop a wide range of skills inspired by the production of *FAME Jr*. You'll gain hands-on experience with the behind-the-scenes elements that bring a show to life — including ticket sales, creating a playbill, building and designing a set, working as part of the backstage crew, and understanding all the moving parts that go into putting on a successful production. This program moves quickly, so be ready to jump in, work hard, and have fun every day.

WHAT WILL THE STUDENT LEARN?

Students participating in *FAME Jr.* will gain hands-on experience in all aspects of musical theatre. They'll learn how to rehearse roles, memorize music, and perform choreography that brings the story to life on stage. In addition to their time in the spotlight, students will also explore what it means to work behind the scenes—understanding the flow of backstage life, mastering smooth transitions, and supporting fellow performers. They'll develop teamwork skills, adapt to quick changes, and collaborate with theatre professionals to learn what it truly takes to bring a full production from the first rehearsal to the final curtain call.

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WHO IS DENNIS J. CLARK?

Dennis was born and raised in New Hartford, NY and a SUNY Geneseo graduate. He is a member of SDC (Stage Directors and Choreographers Society), Actors Equity (Profession Stage Actors Union), and is the Board of Directors Vice President of Fort Salem Theater and an adjunct in the Theater Department at Utica University. Previously, Dennis was the artistic director of the Ritz Theater in Alabama. He has performed and directed professionally, all across the US. Dennis will serve as the director of this summer's *FAME Jr.* program, bringing his exptensive experience to guide and inspire students throughout this production.

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR THE CAMP AND SHOW?

FAME Jr. camp runs Monday through Friday from July 14th to July 25th, offering participants the opportunity to bring this iconic musical to life in a public performance on July 25th.

WHERE ARE REHEARSALS LOCATED?

Week 1 will be held at Tabernacle Church where we will start the audition process, set design, marketing, choreography and more. Monday - Friday 9am- 4pm.

Week 2 will be held at MVCC at Schafer Theatre and will consist of several dress rehearsals and preparation for our performance on Friday, July 25th at 5:00pm.

WHAT IS THE DROP OFF DETAILS?

Participants should arrive by 8:50 am each day for check-in, as the camp will begin promptly at 9:00 am each day. Parents are welcome to escort their child to the check-in area, but are not required or encouraged to stay during the day. Please email <u>kristen@broadwayutica.org</u> if special arrangements are necessary.

WHAT KIND OF CLOTHING IS RECOMMENDED FOR PARTICIPANTS?

Children should dress comfortably each day, including sneakers. There will be a lot of movement, improv and dance so it's best they wear clothing that is appropriate.

WHAT DOES TUITION INCLUDE?

Tuition covers all daily instruction in acting, singing, and dance; a show t-shirt; materials and supplies; lunch on Friday the 18th & Friday the 25th; and two complimentary tickets to the final performance. Additional tickets will be available for purchase through the MVCC Shafer Theater Box Office starting on June 22 for \$5 per ticket. Families and friends are encouraged to attend.