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### **Participation Policy and Conduct Standards**

We are thrilled to have your family participate in Theatix Youth Theatre's productions and workshops. Our policy has always been to provide a fun, safe, inclusive and supportive environment for children and young adults to enjoy the challenges and delight of live theater. In order to provide this environment to all participants, cast and crew alike, we have established the Theatix Etiquette policy, and have supplemented it with this agreement about expectations for behavior. Any participant that behaves in a manner that is inconsistent with these expectations will be spoken to immediately by a director, producer or parent volunteer. If no change of behavior is evident, the participant's parent or guardian will be notified. If necessary, the cast member will be asked to not participate in the production or workshop.

**Please read through this Participation Policy and Behavioral Standards thoroughly and sign where indicated below.**

**RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER**— Our acting community depends on mutual respect. Cast members need to respect the authority of the directors, choreographers, musical/vocal directors, workshop coordinators, teachers, parent volunteers and other cast members. We expect nothing less than positive and respectful interactions amongst all cast, staff, and parents! **Defiance, verbal abuse, foul language has no place in our organization. Bad attitudes, gossip, mocking and other forms of disrespect have no place in our organization.**

We want to trust and know that each cast member will leave their training sessions, rehearsals or performances feeling positive in the knowledge that he/she has tried their best and has been supported by their peers and staff.

**RESPECT FOR OUR SPACE**—Theatix Youth Theatre Society rents space that is made available to us by generous churches, community centre's and other relatively affordable landlords. All of the cast members need to respect their physical surroundings, keep the spaces clean, and help out when asked by those in charge of the workshops, rehearsals, or productions. Graffiti, litter, and general untidiness will not be tolerated. Any cast member defacing any property related to any Theatix production, workshop, party or any other event will be held responsible, along with their parent or responsible adult.

**FOLLOWING DIRECTION** – The directors and choreographers of our productions and workshops need full participation and attention from every cast member. Rehearsal time is limited and needs to be used efficiently, with the cast members participating fully. The artistic staff expects the cast members to study their lines, learn their songs, and know their dance steps. Cast members who cannot follow direction will be spoken to, and their parent or guardian will be notified in the event that this behavior is compromising the program as a whole.

**BEING PREPARED** – Being on time, dressed appropriately and ready for rehearsal benefits the whole team. Cast members are expected to notify the instructor or Artistic Director in advance in the event of absences. Cast members are expected to have access to the schedule of rehearsals and a means of knowing of any changes. Communication by email is preferred; however, telephone should be used for short notice communication. Anyone without access to email should notify the Artistic Director, and an ‘email buddy’ will be assigned to share all communications in a timely manner.

In order to fully succeed with the goals of our students we require certain levels of support from the families of the students. We ask that families remain positive and realistic about the goals set forth by each cast member and their instructor(s), to respect the natural ebbs and flows in training, to be there as parents and not secondary instructors, for your children or young adults.

**SAFETY** – Theatrix Youtheatre strives to provide a safe environment for all participants. All rehearsals and performances are monitored by responsible adult volunteers. Each participant is expected to behave in a safe and responsible manner that demonstrates respect for themselves and respect for others. Any activity that is deemed unsafe or potentially hazardous will be reported to the instructor, Artistic Director, or when in theatre the Stage Manager or Producer. Serious or repetitive unsafe activity will result in the dismissal of the cast member from the workshop or production.

**SPECIAL NEEDS OR CONCERNS** – Theatrix Youtheatre Society is an inclusive organization, with children of many ages and backgrounds. Parents need to notify Theatrix of any special needs and concerns, particularly related to learning issues, behavioral issues, medication, and allergies, so that all of the cast members involved in any production or workshop can be made to feel at home, and all of the cast members can be safe and protected. If for any reason, Theatrix Youtheatre Society’s, Directors, Producers, or Board members believe that participation with Theatrix is not in the best interest of the cast member or the production as a whole, the parent or responsible adult will be consulted.

**Theatrix Youtheatre Society reserves the right to limit the involvement of any participant who cannot reasonably comply with these behavioral standards.**



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Please sign below and return this page (only) to the Producer at the time of your audition or first workshop meeting. Keep your copy of the Theater Etiquette Agreement and the Participation Policy and Behavioral Standards for future reference.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

We have read both the Theatrix Etiquette Policy and the Participation Policy and Conduct Standards as presented by Theatrix Youththeatre Society

We understand the need for these guidelines and agree to abide by them for the duration of this workshop / production.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Parent/Guardian

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Signature