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The Big News...

Of course the big news for this evening is that auditions are over and casting is completed. We hope that you are prepared to embark on a wonderful journey with us this summer as we explore the world of humbug, flim-flam and out and out, bar-none excitement! We all know we're ready to get this show "on the road" as the saying goes. Congratulations to all of our WSYT'eers! We know how hard you worked to bring us your circus personas and to sing your hearts out in auditions. You did a great job and we're proud of you!

This week in WSYT

Of course the order of the day for Tuesday and Wednesday were our continuing audition nights. Dancers danced, and singers sang and performed their special skills. All the while our Creativity Workshops continued to explore the "World of the Play" by designing our own Side Show posters, Tabloid Headlines and "Humbugs"! There's a lot of creative juices flowing out there.

Thursday we return to regular workshops – for our first full night in our companies. And finally – Casting!!

Director's Notes

We all survived another season of auditions, the show has been cast and now the real work (and fun!) begins! You are all to be congratulated on your creativity and the preparation you all put into your vocal auditions – Devon and I were blown away! And as for the DANCE audition – Kait really dreamed up an awesome routine to put you through your paces, show me what I was looking for and make it probably the most fun dance audition in history! Kudos to the dance team – Kait, Dina and Rachele for all their hard work!

Company Chat

In Jr. Company we're continuing to work on the art of story-telling and developing our "Barnum in 5 Minutes, OR there is a Sucker Born Every Second". Keep up with your homework guys!

This week, Senior Company started diving into the "Viewpoints" technique, learning about tempo, duration, and "kinesthetic response" --- spontaneous reactions to outside actions, without thinking about it first. We're working on listening with not just our ears, but with our whole bodies, to wake us up to the world around us!

Advanced Acting (AA) welcomed back some past AA'ers for "Alumni Night". We practiced a little "directed relaxation" to help us shut out those Casting Night Nerves, and also explored the concept of "punctuated movement" – let's just say we found passing a ball to be "entertaining" work. We also began assignments for our pantomimes and monologues to be presented for Sharing Night.

Next week in WSYT

Tuesday – An Introduction to Barnum
Wednesday – Workshop Night – Split Companies
Thursday – Barnum Rehearsal

WSYT Events

There are still a LOT of Field Trip forms that haven't been returned. Please make every effort to get them back to Kyle as soon as possible! Thanks!

Volunteers' Update

Our Set Crew Chief has these words for our scenery volunteers –

“We'll meet again next Tues, July 6, 7:00~ish. A few of us grabbed some pieces from the barn last night and brought them to WMS so we can get started next week. We'll need to make a run to Home Depot next week to buy some luan and other stuff (Dave C will have a van Wed night). Bring your basic tools (elec/cordless drills/screwdrivers, hammers, etc). Extension cords are always welcomed. I have a circular saw. Pat Halpin has a miter saw. See you then!”

Our costume Crew will begin work next Thursday, July 8th. We have some fun projects to begin with (can you say Clown Pants?!) and anyone who wishes to help out is welcome – no experience necessary. Deb will be there to guide and teach you anything you might need to know. Deb is setting up an email list for the sewing “moms” – if you weren't able to make the meeting on Wednesday and are interested in being kept up to speed on the work plan, please email Deb with your preferred email address to be added to the list. We don't always get our parent emails on enrollments so just to be sure click in through the website on Contact Deb to be added to the list. Thanks!

Just a reminder to our Parent Volunteers to watch The Callboard for weekly updates on our work progress. You can also check the Staff Blog on our website. Work dates will also be posted there. And if you are a volunteer who wants to get the word out to others you can email Deb at dtrimble@massmutual.com before Thursday morning to have information added to The Callboard.

Carolyn's Chit Chat

Hey Guys! I'm so proud of all my WSYT'eers for persevering through the audition process. I wasn't able to be there every night but believe me I was with you in spirit. Tonight there will be tears and there will be shock and there will be surprises. Just remember, in the end more than anything that we always have fun – no matter what role you find yourselves working on for the show. It was that way my first year and it's still true every year. Isn't that why we do WSYT!?

**Happy Fourth of July
See you after the Holiday!**



Just a reminder to change the phone number for Barnum Tickets to 413-459-7056. Order your tickets early to get the best seats!