
PRISCILLA

QUEEN OF THE DESERT

the musical

AUDITION BRIEF

Get ready for the musical bus journey of your life!

The critically acclaimed musical **PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT** – based on the hit film – is coming to the Hong Kong stage in September 2017 at the Lyric Theatre, HKAPA.

PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT is a heart-warming and uplifting tale of three friends who are going to be taking part in a drag competition. They hop aboard a battered old bus and go off on the adventure of a life-time. On the way they find friendship and love and far more than they ever dreamed of.

With a dazzling array of over 500 award-winning costumes, 200 extraordinary head-dresses and a hit parade of dancefloor favourites including *I Will Survive*, *Hot Stuff*, *Finally*, *Boogie Wonderland*, *Go West*, *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, and *I Love The Nightlife*, this wildly fresh and funny musical is a journey to the heart of FABULOUS!

AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking for four children to join our professional International cast to play the role of **Benji**. Benji is the son of Tick/Mitzi (Drag Queen) and Marion (Hotel Entertainment Manager). Marion has brought him up to be sweet and open minded.

- Male with a playing age of 8 year old (suggested age between 8 and 11years old)
- Age limit 7 years and above at time of audition
- Strong acting and singing ability required
- Approximate height of 140cm
- Fluent English speaker
- Unbroken voice

Additional information -

- Musical theatre experience preferred but not required
- All ethnic groups are welcome

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AUDITION INFORMATION

To audition, you must complete an online registration form. You will then receive a confirmation email to confirm your registration has been received. Please print the confirmation email (which will include a copy of your application details) and bring it with you to the auditions with an 8x10 portrait, colour, head shot (natural – no costumes) stapled to the back with photo showing.

Applications will close at midnight on **Wednesday 21st June**.

AUDITION VENUE

Dance Studio 8, 3rd Floor,
The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
1 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

AUDITION DATE

Sunday 25 June

- Registration 9.30am
- Round 1: 10am - 1pm (all applicants)
- Round 2: 2pm - 6pm (only a final section of applicants will be invited back)

*Please ensure that there is someone to pick up your child at 1pm in the event that he is not invited to advance to the second round

Everyone's pre-registration information form will be checked on arrival and you will be given a name label to wear throughout the audition process. Please note, there will be no need to prepare specific material from the show for the audition, as the creative team will coach each child through the process.

Auditionees will be filmed. This footage will then also be viewed by the creative team in London, and a final casting decision will be made. All successful applicants will be contacted no later than **24 July 2017**.

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Audition Attire

- Comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement
- Dance shoes or sneakers

Audition Conditions

- No parents will be allowed to watch any stage of the audition
- Please ensure that there is someone to pick up your child at 1pm in the event that he is not invited to advance to the second round
- Please bring lunch and any refreshments in case your child advances to Round 2 as this will not be provided
- No other monies will be given or reimbursed

After the Auditions

All successful applicants will be contacted no later than **24 July 2017**. You will be given all show materials and asked to learn the script and songs in your own time ready for the commencement of rehearsals from Saturday 23rd September including the technical week. A proper update will be given nearer the time.

Note

Due to the specificities that these roles require, the production reserves the right to substitute and/or replace any child cast members, should they at any time become unsuitable for the role.

SEASON DATES

29th September to 29th October 2017

REHEARSAL & SEASON COMMITMENT

A one-day rehearsal will commence from Saturday 23rd September plus a five-day rehearsal process will commence from Monday 25th September, at the Lyric Theatre, HKAPA. This will require your full-time attendance and time off from school. Further information regarding this, will be given if you are successful in being cast.

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The show runs from 29th September – 29 October. Please ensure that you are available throughout this period.

Please note that this musical contains adult themes and some swearing (not while your child is on stage).

BEFORE YOU DECIDE TO APPLY

Please ensure that you have read through, understand and comply with these conditions:

- Your height, physical and voice conditions satisfy the audition criteria.
- Your availability for the audition dates.
- Your availability to commit full-time to rehearsals and the season dates from Monday 25 September to Sunday 29 October.

We look forward to exploring the talent in Hong Kong for this very exciting production of **Priscilla Queen of the Desert!!**

Contact for audition enquiries:

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Note: If your enquiry is covered in this Audition Brief, your email may not receive a reply.

Good luck!