

Audition Information



This spring, Mapleton Junior High School will present *The Little Mermaid Jr.*! This is a slightly shortened version of the Broadway musical and includes many of the beloved songs from the movie, including “Part of Your World”, “Under the Sea”, “Poor Unfortunate Soul”, and “Kiss the Girl”. All current MJHS students are invited to audition! Please read all of the information below before signing up for an audition time.

Rehearsal and Performance Information:

The Little Mermaid Jr. will be performed at Mapleton Junior High on the evenings of March 1, 2, 3, and 5th. Rehearsals will be held after school from 2:50-4pm in December, with longer rehearsals in January and February. Those who are cast will be given a rehearsal schedule and will be required to attend all rehearsals for their specific part (unless you have indicated any conflicts on your audition form). Cast members must be able to perform in all performances.

Audition Information:

Auditions will be held after school on **Monday, November 27th, Tuesday, November 28th** and **Wednesday, November 29th** in Room 304. Those who want to audition **MUST** sign up for a 4-minute audition time outside of Room 302 and completely fill out an audition form. Please bring your audition form to your audition and arrive at least 15 minutes early in case we are running ahead of schedule. For your audition:

1. Completely fill out the audition form and bring it with you.
2. Prepare 16 measures (about 30-45 seconds) of a song from a Broadway musical. The song should be memorized. You can bring your own accompaniment (recorded accompaniment, a karaoke track, or someone to play the piano), or you may sing without any accompaniment.
3. Prepare one of the monologues from the audition sheet. It should be memorized and you should stay in character.

Callbacks:

Callbacks will be posted outside of Room 302 on Thursday, November 30th. If your name is on this list, you will need to come to callback auditions on **Friday, December 1st from 3-5pm**. If your name is not on the Callback list, do not worry! These are mainly people who we need to see again before we make any decisions about casting.

The final cast list will be posted outside of Room 302 on Monday, December 4th. All cast members will need to come to the first cast meeting on Wednesday, December 6th from 3-4pm.

Characters:

Ariel - a little mermaid who longs to be human
Prince Eric - a prince who would rather explore the ocean than govern a kingdom
King Triton - the King of the sea and Ariel's father
Ursula - a sea witch with a vendetta
Sebastian - an anxious crab and court composer for King Triton
Flounder - a rambunctious young fish and Ariel's best friend
Mersisters (Aquata, Andrina, Arista, Atina, Adella, Allana) - Ariel's older sisters
Grimsby - Prince Eric's valet (butler)
Scuttle - a zany seagull and self-proclaimed expert on humans
Flotsam and Jetsam - electric eels and Ursula's henchmen
Carlotta - headmistress in Prince Eric's palace
Chef Louis - head chef in Prince Eric's palace
Princesses - six princesses from neighboring kingdoms, competing for Prince Eric's hand in marriage
Seahorse - herald in King Triton's court
Pilot: Captain of Prince Eric's ship
Sea Creatures, Chefs, Lagoon Animals, Gulls, Ursula's Tentacles

****Both male and female actors will be considered for the roles of Sebastian, Flounder, Flotsam and Jetsam, and the Seahorse****

Monologues

Choose one of the monologues below to memorize and perform for your audition. You can use any monologue; your choice will not affect which part you get. How well you perform it will! **Please only say the bolded lines.**

Ursula:

(Speaking to Flotsam and Jetsam) Use a little black magic to help out a few merfolk, and this is the thanks I get! Well, now it's time to turn the tides on Triton...You two find out what that girl really wants then lure her here to my lair. I'll whip up a little spell to make her dreams come true. Once we have her trapped, Triton will rush to her rescue. And then, my dears...the trident, crown, and throne will be mine!

Eric:

(Speaking to Ariel, who can't talk. You will pretend that Ariel is really there.)

Miss, are you alright? You - you seem very familiar...Of course! It's you! I've been looking for you everywhere! What's your name? *(Ariel smiles but holds her throat)* **Sore throat, huh?** *(Ariel draws a finger across her throat, sadly)* **Oh, you don't speak at all? I'm sorry. For a moment, I mistook you for someone else.** *(Frustrated, Ariel tries to pantomime that she's the one!)* **What is it? You're hurt? No, no... You need help...? Well, I've got just the remedy! A warm bath and a hot meal! Come on now...the palace isn't far.**

Sebastian:

(Sebastian has decided that he is going to help Ariel win over Prince Eric.)

All right, child. I'm in. But we got to get that boy to kiss you before it's too late! Now, a few pointers from a clever crab to a little mermaid. You gotta bat your eyes, like this... Then you gotta pucker your lips, like this...*(Sebastian demonstrates, Ariel copies)* **Oh, that's good! You put those two things together tomorrow and you got that boy eating out of the palm of your hand...**

King Triton:

(King Triton finds Ariel's collection of human objects and he is NOT happy.)

Ariel! What is all this?!? Did you save a human from drowning? That savage brute could have killed you! And it's my job to keep you safe from harm...He's a human - you're a mermaid. Ariel, I miss your mother just as much as you do. But I am still the king. And you are not to go to the surface again. Am I clear?!?

Ariel:

(Please read only Ariel's lines. Someone in the audition room will read Triton's lines.)

Ariel: **And now let me see...what did Scuttle call this one? Is it a ditty-whumper? A thumb-doodle? Whatever it is...Prince Eric held it in his own strong, beautiful human hands...**

Triton: Ariel! What is all this?!?

Ariel: **Daddy, they're my--**

Triton: Human junk!

Ariel: **No, treasures!**

Triton: Did you save a human from drowning?

Ariel: **He would've died!**

Triton: That savage brute could have killed you!

Ariel: **But he didn't frighten me. He made me feel...wonderful! Besides, I am not a child anymore!**

Triton: He's a human - you're a mermaid.

Ariel: **It doesn't matter - you don't understand! I wish mother were here!**

Audition Form

Please fill out the following form, have a parent/guardian sign it, and bring it with you to your audition.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Email _____ 7th Period Teacher _____

Which parts are you most interested in playing? _____

Will you accept any part? (Will you stay in the show if you don't receive the part you want?) _____

Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays after school from December 6th-February 28th. Not all cast members will be called to every rehearsal: some may only need to come a couple times a week. Everyone will be required to come to all dress rehearsals and technical rehearsals (February 19th-28th). Please indicate ALL conflicts you will have with these rehearsals. If you are cast, you will be EXCUSED from rehearsal on the days you list below.

What special skills do you have? (Backflips, doing the splits, making cool sound effects, anything else you feel could contribute to this show)

Please list any experience/training you have in the following areas:

Singing: _____

Acting: _____

Dancing: _____

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Parents/Guardians: Please read below and sign if you give your child permission to audition. There is a \$15 show fee for all who are cast. If this is a concern, please allow your child to still audition and contact me with any concerns.

I give my child permission to audition for Mapleton Junior high School's production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* I understand that if my child is cast, he/she will be required to attend weekly rehearsals, as well as the performances on March 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th. I have helped my child fill in any conflicts with the rehearsal schedule above and understand that he/she will need to come to all other rehearsals in order to make the show run smoothly.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____