

Dear Performing Arts Supporter:

Have you stopped and asked yourself...what legacy will you leave the next generation? Kids need our help now more than ever!

"A Whole New World" is coming to Irving! Sponsored by Entertainment Series of Irving, our first production of Irving Youth Theatre will be *Aladdin Jr.* and we are hoping YOU will join us in making a positive impact in the life of a child. Check out the long history of **ESI** at www.entertainmentseries.com

Why would YOU want to be a part of Irving Youth Theatre?

By providing financial support or volunteering to assist with productions, you can join Aladdin in singing: "*I* can show you the world, shining, shimmering, splendid" for the kids of Irving and surrounding cities!

Bringing a high quality production to the stage is truly a work of many hands. In addition to the volunteers providing "sweat equity," **Irving Youth Theatre** is also seeking financial supporters who can help defray production costs and provide youth scholarships. Many young people in Irving and the surrounding cities would LOVE to have the opportunity to "*have a friend like you*" who will help their dreams of performing on the stage come true. By providing financial support for **IYT** you will ensure that every child who wants to be a part of the show, will have that opportunity.

Because **Irving Youth Theatre** is an all volunteer organization, we would love to invite you to be a part of "curtain up, light the lights!" If you are interested in helping with costumes, set construction, props, makeup, box office, In-Kind donations or any number of other opportunities, please visit <u>www.irvingyouththeatre.com</u> to see how you can get involved!

Why would young people want to be a part of Irving Youth Theatre?

Listen to what some of the youth said in their audition applications:

I want to be a part of *Aladdin, Jr* because it is an opportunity that comes once in a blue moon. I love working backstage and seeing the production come together. It brings a certain joy to me.

(7th grade student tech crew)

I wanna be a part of this production because it gives me an opportunity to be a part of a musical that I adore...I also want to be a part of this show because it will give me some more experience within the theatre world and otherwise, working together with my fellow cast members and crew. Overall *Aladdin, Jr* would give me the chance to be a part of a show that I love and give me more experience in the theatre world.

(8th grade student performer)

I want to be in the production of *Aladdin, Jr* because I want to act and experience other people through acting. (5th grade student performer)

I want to be a part of the production of *Aladdin Jr.* because it would be an honor to be a part of [Irving Youth Theatre's] first production...I want this to be the highlight of my eighth grade year. And I would like to have more experience on the stage and learn how to work like a team with my...fellow cast members. But overall I would really just love to work with my old teachers and would like to meet new people and make new friends.

(8th grade student performer)

Being a part of this production would not only help me grow as an actor but would also be a great learning experience. I also love working with people because it helps me see things from different perspectives and helps me develop stronger social and communication skills. That is why I would like to be a part of the production of *Aladdin*, *Jr*.

ESI continues its mission to reach out into the community and provide educational opportunities for the young people of Irving. The Entertainment Series of Irving is a non-profit organization that is supported entirely by subscriptions, community grants, donations, and volunteers. The **Irving Youth** Theatre is a NEW outreach of ESI and must generate funds and a volunteer base in order to reach the goal of "...providing a supportive environment which encourages youth to achieve their potential while they learn, discover, and create, empowering young people in the Irving community to practice empathy and develop confidence while they shine on the stage or behind the scenes."

We invite you to get involved by helping to sponsor this first show and the next show to come! We have several different levels of sponsorship and we will be happy to recognize you as a supporter in our programs. Your tax deductible support in any amount would mean so much to these young people in Irving. You can donate by check payable to Entertainment Series of Irving - IYT or through PayPal/Credit Card Donation - Scan the QR Code Below (Link is available online at www.irvingyouththeatre.com)

Tickets Now On Sale: June 8-9, 2023 for Irving Youth Theatre's production of Disney Aladdin, Jr! Buying a ticket to the show and applauding the work these young people will accomplish is definitely a great way to provide support. Tickets are available online at www.irvingyouththeatre.com and at the Irving Arts Center Box Office.

We can't wait to showcase our amazingly talented and optimistic young people through **Irving Youth** Theatre! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Michael and Lisa Hill

Founding Directors

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