

Performing Arts



Upcoming Auditions

Annie, Jr.

2018 Spring Children's Theatre

Big Deal Productions is very excited to announce auditions for our spring Children's Theater presentation of Annie, Jr. Auditions are open to all performers in grades 2 - 6 and will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 1 - 4:30 pm and Monday, March 5 from 5:30 - 8 pm at the Community Arts Center. Callbacks will be held on Wednesday, March 7 in the evening. Please prepare 32 bars of a musical theater song, and bring an accompaniment CD/iPod with your song selection. Please dress comfortably, and wear appropriate footwear for a dance audition.

If cast in the show, there is a participation fee of \$230, which includes a keepsake libretto, show shirt, and top-notch musical theater instruction. Rehearsals for this production will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, Sunday afternoons, and occasional Saturday mornings. Cast members will be responsible for securing appropriate footwear/tights/undergarments and stage make-up for the show. Performances are scheduled for May 4 - 6. Audition appointments will be reserved online for this production. Please visit us online at bigdealproductions.org starting on January 31, and click on the link that says Audition Appointments to reserve your audition time. For more information, please contact Lindsay Grandt at lindsay@bgparks.org or 847.850.2132.

Audition Workshop - Annie, Jr.

Join the production staff of Annie, Jr. for a fun and informational workshop prior to auditions. This workshop will give you the opportunity to meet several key members of the production team, and give you the chance to learn a song from the show, as well as the audition dance in advance. We welcome all performers to participate, regardless of whether or not they're auditioning for the show. All participants must pre-register for this class. No walk-in registration will be accepted. Please contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or lindsay@bgparks.org for more information.

Grade: 2 - 6

Code	Day	Date	Time	R/NR Fee
460808-09	Wed	Feb 28	6 - 8 pm	\$15/\$22

Instructor: Staff

Location: Community Arts Center

BG Singers

Be a part of Buffalo Grove's choral heart and soul! The BG Singers will celebrate their 26th anniversary concert in the fall of 2018, and are looking to fill vacancies for certain voice parts. Auditions will be held in early March (exact dates are TBA). If accepted into the group, the participation fee is \$175, which includes a full set of choral music. Rehearsals for the chorus will start in April, and are held on Tuesday evenings, and occasional Saturday mornings. Chorus members are responsible for the cost of securing all necessary costume items. The season will culminate with the annual concert over the weekend of September 28 - 30, 2018. If you are interested in joining this entertaining and exciting choral group, please contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or lindsay@bgparks.org.

Upcoming Performances

Annie, Jr.

2018 Spring Children's Theatre

Big Deal Productions is thrilled to present Annie, Jr. for the 2018 Spring Children's Theater musical. Based on the popular comic strip, and adapted from the Tony Award-winning Best Musical, the story of everyone's favorite red head is one of the world's most beloved musicals. Featuring classic songs like Tomorrow, You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile, and It's a Hard Knock Life, this show is a treat for the whole family.

Performances will be held on May 4 at 7 pm, May 5 at 12 pm and 4 pm, and May 6 at 2 pm at Ivy Hall School. Tickets will be available for purchase at bigdealproductions.org starting on April 12. All tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. For more information, please contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or lindsay@bgparks.org.

High School Musical, Jr.

Broadway Buddies Program

Big Deal Productions is pleased to announce their third Broadway Buddies performance - High School Musical, Jr.

NWSRA and the Buffalo Grove Park District have been working hard to present the community with a fun and entertaining production to be held in May of 2018 at the Community Arts Center. For more information, please visit bigdealproductions.org.

The Little Mermaid

2018 Summer Musical

Big Deal Productions is pleased to announce auditions for our 2018 summer musical presentation of The Little Mermaid. Auditions are open to all performers, ages 9 and up. Auditions will be held on Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15 from 5:30 - 10 pm at the Community Arts Center. Youth auditions for actors between the ages of 9 - 15 (at the time of auditions) will be held during the 5:30 pm, 6 pm and 6:30 pm audition groups. Performers who are 16 and up should sign up for an audition group at 7 pm or later. Callbacks will be held on Thursday, May 17, in the evening.

Auditions for this production can be reserved online at bigdealproductions.org starting on April 11. Please note: Spaces are limited and filled on a first-come, first served basis. Please prepare a musical theatre song and bring sheet music (in the key you will sing it) or an accompaniment CD/iPod with your song selection. Please dress comfortably and wear appropriate footwear for a dance audition.

Rehearsals for this production will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings, and Sunday afternoons (leads and some featured dance roles may be asked to come in for additional rehearsals on some Wednesday evenings). Cast members will be responsible for securing appropriate footwear/tights/undergarments and stage make-up for the show. Performances are scheduled for the weekends of July 20 - 22 and 27 - 29. For more information, please contact Lindsay Grandt at lindsay@bgparks.org or 847.850.2132.

Touring Ensembles



Presented by:



BG Singers Encore! is a group of talented men and women who travel the Chicagoland area entertaining at corporate parties, benefits, libraries, festivals and retirement homes. They have performed at such events as the Arlington Million and Long Grove's Strawberry Festival, and have sung the National Anthem at both Wrigley Field and the former U.S. Cellular Field. The group delights audiences with shows that feature their high-energy and enthusiastic vocal performances. Especially popular is their Holiday Show that they offer during the months of November and December. Encore! is proud that they were the champion in "Sing 2011," a national competition for singing ensembles.

For information on how to book this talented group for your next function, go to bgencore.org or call Bruce Bohrer at 847.394.2797.

Tribe: A Playback Theatre Troupe

This group of highly trained young performers specialize in the art of playback theatre - an improvisational form of theatre in which audience or group members tell a story from their lives, and watch them enacted on the spot. We tour in the area doing this work for entertainment and therapeutic purposes. We also will work with the community to present improv workshops, original scripts, winter break field trips on programming, and perform at events like Cinderella's Royal Ball children's event. This is a full-year commitment, available for students in grades 7 - 12, with auditions in the winter. For more information, please contact Jessi Hersman at 847.850.2152 or jessi@bgparks.org.

Private Instruction

Voice Lessons

Your voice is your instrument. Discover the tools you need to develop it to its maximum potential under the expert guidance of Beryl Bellows. Voice lessons are not just for future Broadway stars and opera singers. Strengthen your vocal mechanism, breathing and confidence in your own voice. Skills learned in voice lessons can be used to offer a song as an original gift, impress your friends on Karaoke night or even improve your diction and projection for public speaking and presentations.

Voice lessons are offered at a variety of days and times. Lessons are available for adults and children ages 10 and up. No previous music experience is required. For information on availability and pricing, please call Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132.

Piano Lessons

The Buffalo Grove Park District offers piano lessons at a variety of days and times. Children 6 years and older (or confident readers) and adults with all levels of experience are welcome; and, no prior instruction in piano or music is required. Students may need to purchase their own instruction books and music, typically less than \$25. Please call Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 for pricing information or to reserve the next available session.

Private Acting Instruction

Big Deal Productions is excited to offer private acting instruction for actors on a weekly basis, or in preparation for an upcoming audition. Children and adults with all levels of experience are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more acting techniques in a one on one setting. Private Acting Instruction is offered on a variety of different days and times. Lessons are \$30 for a half-hour session and \$50 for a full hour session. Please call Jessi Hersman at 847.850.2152 for more information or to reserve a time for your individualized acting session.



Giving is one of the most significant demonstrations of commitment to the community that an individual can make. If you would like to have direct involvement in the cultural enrichment of our community theatre for generations to come, please consider supporting I Heart the Arts. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or to donate, visit bgarts.org.

Projects

This next phase of projects that will be sponsored by the donations we receive includes renovating the multipurpose room, installing pitched, theater-style seating, a new HVAC system, and remodeling of the lobby.

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

The multipurpose room will be completely remodeled to better accommodate the needs of Park District programs, as well as members of the community who rent the facility for parties and events. Improvements to the room will include a retractable divider, technology to accommodate meetings and presentations, and additional bathrooms. There will also be a new building entrance added on the north side.

HVAC

Due to the age of the system, as well as the lack of functionality after reconfiguring the entire building, much of the HVAC system needs to be replaced.

LOBBY & CONCESSIONS

The lobby area will be receiving a complete facelift, that includes new flooring and interior design, acoustical improvements, and a new concessions area.

THEATER

The biggest part of the project is the redesigning of the house portion of the theater. When complete, the theater will have new pitched, stadium-style seating, complete with wide aisles and approximately 350 comfortable fold-out seats. We will also be relocating the control room, adding an additional entrance/exit, and upgrading the house lighting system.

