


KD Theatre Productions Ltd present

ELY'S SPECTACULAR PANTOMIME



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

the
Maltings
ELY RIVERSIDE

YOUNG CAST

AUDITION INFORMATION PACK

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Calling all KD Academy students who would like to audition for this year professional pantomime Beauty and the Beast, at the Maltings, Ely. This is an **EXCLUSIVE** opportunity for KD Academy students, and not open to the public.

This years production of Beauty and the Beast will be made up of a professional cast and **2-4 groups of children's casts** of between 6-8 young people.

The children casts will rotate performances throughout the run of the production. This is a chance to perform in front of thousands of people – an amazing experience they won't want to miss.

To audition, please read through all the information contained in this pack and then fill in the online form to register your child's interest.

Auditions will take place on Saturday the 27th of June 2026 at the following times:

TIME	WHO	LOCATION
14.00-15.30	Junior dance auditions (ages 9-11)	Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham
15.30 -17.00	Senior dance auditions (ages 12-17)	Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham

To sign your child up to audition, please read through all the information contained in this pack and then submit an online signup form. Please ensure to register before the day as there is a limit of how many applicants we can accept.

Please note that the students will be taught one audition routine in their KD Academy classes in the week leading up to the audition. This will give the students chance to practice at home and practice their routine before coming into the audition room. The choreography will also be broken down in the audition room as well in case they have any questions. They may also be taught another routine on the day to test their 'pick up skills' and ability to learn new choreography.



Please note there are a limited number of spaces in this production and not all KD Academy students will be successful in gaining a place.

The results will be based on their audition, commitment and attitude across KD Academy and previous productions. Audition experience is great for all students, but we strongly ask that students are made aware that not all that audition will be successful and that having been part of the Ely Pantomime in previous years does not guarantee your child a place this year.

Note for KD Academy Students

It is important to try your best and show us lots of personality and energy – this is so important with performing, especially in a pantomime! We are looking for potential and ambition so just try your best, enjoy each moment, and remember we are here to help you do your best!

Successful applicants will hear within 2 weeks of the audition.

We look forward to seeing you all at the audition,

Katherine & Daniel
Producers of KD Theatre Productions



PROVISIONAL REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

DATE	REHEARSALS/ PERFORMANCE	TIMES (ARE TBC)
Saturday 7 th November 2026	Rehearsals	14:30-18:30
Saturday 14 th November 2026	Rehearsals	14:30-18:30
Saturday 21 st November 2026	Rehearsals	14:30-18:30
Saturday 28 th November 2026	Rehearsals	14:30-18:30
Wednesday 2 nd December 2026	Rehearsals (evening)	17:00-19:00
Thursday 3 rd December 2026	Rehearsals (evening)	17:00-19:00
Sunday 6 th December 2026	Run Through	14:00-17:00
Wednesday 9 th December 2026	Spacing Call & Chaperone walk around (evening)	18:00-21:00 (Select Teams)
Thursday 10 th December 2026	Dress Rehearsals (afternoon & evening)	TBC
Wednesday 16 th December 2026	Spacing Call & Chaperone walk around (evening)	TBC
Friday 11 th December 2026 - Sunday 10 th January 2027	Shows	As scheduled

Rehearsals will be held at The Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham or The Maltings, Ely.

This is the provisional Rehearsal & Performance Schedule
(this is subject to change)

Friday 11th December - Sunday the 10th of January 2027 will be split between the teams of Jr ensemble and students will not be required every day



AUDITION APPLICATION NOTES

Please read carefully before committing your child to the audition

- If your child has a successful audition, we will contact you and send you all the relevant information to explain the next steps – such as obtaining child performance licenses and organising chaperoning.
- Parents/Guardians of the children will be required to volunteer for at least 3 performances over the course of the pantomime run. Volunteer duties could include, Chaperoning, Front of House Stewarding, or Parent DBS helper. There is no exception on this so please consider this on sign up.
- If you agree to your child joining the Junior Ensemble, they will be expected to make a full contribution to the success of the pantomime by using their talents in acting, singing and dancing, as directed within the production. During rehearsals and performances, they will be expected to comply with all production requirements, as laid down by the Theatre and Production staff, regarding costumes and make-up and any other performance related matters. *They will be required to attend all rehearsals & performances as called. Failure to do so will result in them being withdrawn from the production. Please ensure you and your child understand the commitment you would be making and that they will be removed from the production if they fail to attend any rehearsals or performances.*
- Children must be aged 9+ by the 11th of December 2026 . Students that are currently 8 may audition but need to be aged 9 by the the stated date. This is due to licensing reasons.
- A parent or guardian must drop off and collect their child from each rehearsal and performance (this means that your child cannot meet you somewhere such as the car park). This is a performance licensing requirement as per the terms at Cambridgeshire County Council.
- All the rehearsals listed in the schedule are compulsory. Your child will be required to attend rehearsals on the dates shown and you must ensure that your child can attend. Failure to attend will result in the student not being able to take part in the production.



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- Should your child be selected from the auditions, and you agree to them joining the Junior Ensemble, please be aware of the following costs and commitments
- You are required to pay a fee of £85 to cover the administration, insurance and rehearsal and show time that is necessary for child performers. (£42.50 non-refundable deposit upon accepting place in the production.) The final payment of £42.50 will be charged after this before rehearsals commence. This will also include a company t-shirt which the child must wear all to all rehearsals and performances and a souvenir programme. (All prices inclusive of VAT)
- You will be required to purchase one pair of Jazz dance shoes or character shoes for the show (unless you already have a pair). These will remain my child's property after the show has finished. You may also need to provide dance tights.
- Due to licensing restrictions, a fee cannot be paid to any child performing in this production
- Your child will need time off school for some of the shows. You must make your child's school aware of this – School permission forms and licence material will be discussed with parents or carers on acceptance of your place.
- It is the parent / guardians responsibility for licences to be returned on time to KD Theatre Production. Any licences that are submitted after the deadline will result in the student not being able to take part in the production and no refund will be offered.
- KD Theatre will provide all the necessary costumes for the production.
- Decisions made by KD Theatre Productions LTD are final on the audition process.



WHAT TO DO NEXT

Please fill in the online application form – by clicking the link below or through the link on our websites.

[SIGN UP FORM](#)



We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday 27th of June 2026.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the details below:
info@kdacademy.co.uk

Best wishes

KD Theatre Productions