



## **McDowell Children's Theatre**

### **MISSION**

McDowell Children's Theatre creates transformative theatre experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence, and inspire young people to find their voice - onstage and behind the scenes.

### **APPROACH**

Children have the right to explore the wonder of their world safely and confidently. We (directors, guardians, and participants) must all work together to approach every rehearsal, meeting, and interaction with a culture of respect, care, and support.

### **ACTIVITIES**

MCT is a cost-free year-round community program of McDowell Arts Council Association. We began as a week-long summer theatre camp in 2013. In 2016 we expanded to include two shows a year and thus created McDowell Children's Theatre! In 2026 our season currently includes a Spring production, two Summer camps, and a Fall production.

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## **MCT REHEARSAL AGREEMENTS**

- I will **assume good intentions** and act with good intentions.
- I will **take care of myself mentally, physically, and emotionally** so I can show up as my best self.
- I will take the **first 5 minutes and the last five minutes** of every rehearsal to clean up after myself.
- I will **communicate respectfully with my peers, my directors, and any person** I might encounter through programming at MACA, through my language and actions, **both in-person and online**.
- If I witness **any inappropriate conduct** or language by any person (of any age) I understand that I am to report any concerns to my director. I also have the option to make a report anonymously online at [mcdowellarts.org/mct](http://mcdowellarts.org/mct) by under the button that says '**make a conduct report**'
- I understand **I will not be retaliated against** for making a good faith report under this policy.
- I will respect the beginning and end times of rehearsal.** I will not arrive more than 15 minutes early and I will be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled pick-up time. More than two instances (or one instance of more than 30 minutes) and my guardian will be contacted and asked to coordinate a different source of transportation.
- I am expected at every rehearsal I am scheduled for for the full rehearsal time.** If something comes up, I am expected to call, text, or email my director directly (**do not message a friend or send someone else to tell us**).
- I will not attend rehearsals or tech days I am not scheduled for.** I will be asked to contact my ride to be picked up if I arrive on these days.
- I will not leave the theatre space or building without telling Susan, Nora, or Anna.** Additionally, I will not go to the costume shop or back stage unless expressly given permission to be there.
- As a parent/guardian I understand that this program is provided cost-free to families and operates after-school four days per week (alternating performers / tech) for 28 weeks per year.** We love what we do but we need your support as well. This program is supported by ticket sales, parent and business ads, and donations. We ask parents to sign up for one volunteer shift, bring a share-item for a wrap party, and pitch in snacks from our wishlist (if you can) for rehearsal days. These links will be sent out in an email early in the rehearsal period. Thank you for your support!

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PARENT/GUARDIAN

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STUDENT

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MCT STAFF

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