

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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**BPA Orphan Auditions for ANNIE
Monday & Tuesday, June 7 & 8 @ 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.
At Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)**

Bainbridge Performing Arts is holding June **Orphan Auditions for ANNIE** for the character Annie and the orphan girls for girls entering 1st – 8th grade this fall. ANNIE Auditions for teens and adults, ages 14 and older, will be held September 13 and 14, with details to be announced. With book by Thomas Meehan, music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin, ANNIE is based on “Little Orphan Annie.” BPA’s production is directed by Lee Ann Hittenberger and offers eight plus roles for Annie (spunky, friendly, big-voiced, street-wise urchin; Mezzo-soprano: A - high F); Duffy (the biggest orphan); July (the quietest orphan); Kate (the next to littlest orphan); Molly (the littlest orphan); Pepper (the toughest orphan); Tessie (the cry baby orphan); and the Orphan ensemble.

ANNIE promises holiday fun for the whole family. An orphan, Annie, and her dog Sandy are placed in the lap of luxury for a week as a part of a publicity campaign for Oliver Warbucks. However, Annie’s stay turns out to be much more than anyone had bargained for as she works her way into everyone’s hearts and learns a few things for herself.

Run dates are December 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, with performances Thursdays – Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00 p.m., plus a Pay-What-You-Can-Preview Thursday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals extend September – December 2010. ANNIE orphan audition requirements are as follows:

MUSIC REQUIREMENTS - We will have a piano accompanist available for the auditions, Jack Weber. You are, of course welcome to sing acapella or bring your own accompanist. Jack has requested that if you are going to use him for your audition that you drop a copy of the music off for him to look over in advance if possible. Please leave your music in the BPA office on the shelf across from the door and label it with your name and phone number, or mail to Bainbridge Performing Arts, Attn: Jack Weber, 200 Madison Ave North, Bainbridge, WA 98110. Email Jack at binga513@comcast.net with music related questions.

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MONOLOGUE REQUIREMENTS - Please prepare a monologue from a play; we will also accept a poem or a short story, one - two minutes and memorized please.

DANCE REQUIREMENTS - We are scheduling the audition appointments in half hour blocks. You will perform your monologue and song and then be asked to stay to learn and perform some basic dance moves in a small group. Wear something you can move easily in. All participants should also bring a headshot to the audition.

BPA Orphan Auditions for ANNIE will be held Monday and Tuesday, June 7 and 8, from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Interested parties are requested to email BPA’s Stage Manager Deirdre Hadlock for an appointment at dhadlock@bainbridgeperformingarts.org (preferred), or call 206.842.1464.

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Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on “Join Mailing List” to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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