**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

AUDITION

**How many students will be cast?** Approximately 50-60 students will be cast in the show.  There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast.

**Where will the audition take place?** Auditions will take place at First United Methodist Church.

**What ages should audition?** All MCT Tour shows are designed for students entering 1st grade through 12th grade. There are roles especially suited for all ages, skill levels and experience levels.

**Should the students prepare anything for the audition?** No advance preparation is necessary, but a SMILE ☺ never hurts at an audition! Actors should be ready to come and have a good time! *Please remember that everyone* ***must stay the entire two hours*** *of the audition.* All those who audition will be up and moving throughout the entire audition period.

**What time does the audition begin?** The audition will be the first session of the first day: *Monday, August 12, 2019, from 10:00 am to noon*. Everyone is required to be present for the entire 2-hour audition. Due to time constraints, anyone missing the initial audition will not be considered for the cast of the show.

**Who are the Assistant Directors?** During the audition, one to four Assistant Directors (ADs) ages ten and older, are selected to help teach and direct the show early in the week and take on technical responsibilities at performance time. Their logistical help and creative ideas are a vital part of our process and the experience of the ADs can be just as valuable as that of any cast member. They are normally older students, and they must take part in the audition session. It is a common misconception that junior high and high school students can only be involved in an AD capacity. Please note that there are roles in the show designed for older students as well.

REHEARSALS

**Where do rehearsals take place?** Throughout the entire residency week, rehearsals will be at the First United Methodist Church.

**What is the rehearsal schedule?** The first session runs from 10:00 am to 2:15 pm, followed by a 15-minute snack break until 12:15 pm. The second session runs from 12:15 pm to 2:15 pm. On Monday, August 12, the first 2-hour session will be the audition and the second 2-hour session will be the first rehearsal. On Friday, August 16, the dress rehearsal will take place the first three hours, followed by a 15-minute break, after which the older cast members will stay for an additional 1-hour rehearsal session.

**Will my child be at every rehearsal all week?** Not all of the students are required at every rehearsal. The MCT Tour Actor/Directors will have a complete schedule to distribute after the audition on Monday, August 12.

**Can parents and teachers watch rehearsals?** All our rehearsals are open to parents and teachers. Be aware, however, that it may be fun for your child to surprise you at the end of the week by showing what they have accomplished! Please understand that we cannot allow guests to disrupt the rehearsals. Productive rehearsals depend on the focused work of the cast members involved. Anyone who disrupts the company’s ability to work will be asked to leave.

If you have any further questions, please contact Julie Bergan Abraham at **spotlightbrookings@gmail.com**.