

Dear Millikan Parents, Guardians, and Students,

We hope you are well and staying safe during these incredibly trying times. Due to the recent closure of Millikan Middle School and Performing Arts Magnet, as well as all of the Los Angeles Unified District schools, this year, the **Musical Theatre, Drama Production and Stage Technology Programs will be conducting auditions via video submission.**

With regard to submissions, students will record themselves following the specific audition requirements for each of the programs noted below, and upload the videos onto Youtube, marking the link PRIVATE. Once the video has been submitted, you will provide the specific Director with a link to view your child's submission via email:

Director of Musical Theatre: Mr. Brady Frome – [Brady.Frome@lausd.net](mailto:Brady.Frome@lausd.net)

Director of Drama Production: Mr. Russell Dean: [Russell.Dean@lausd.net](mailto:Russell.Dean@lausd.net)

Director of Stage Technology: Mr. Brady Frome: [Brady.Frome@lausd.net](mailto:Brady.Frome@lausd.net)

Audition submissions are due on April 24, 2020 for acceptance into the 2020-2021 school year. You will find directions at the end of this document for uploading.

#### **Musical Theatre: Description of Program**

The Millikan Musical Theatre program is one of the most respected and selective Middle School Musical Theatre programs in the state. Once admitted to the program, students will have an opportunity to work daily with accomplished theater professionals in acting, vocal and dance techniques. In addition to the classroom and studio experience, students will also have the opportunity to be in two Broadway-style Musical Theatre productions during the year. Some of our past productions include *In the Heights*, *The Addams Family*, *Footloose*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Hairspray*, *Once on this Island*, *Mary Poppins* and many other exceptional shows. Finally, students in the Musical Theatre program will be able to participate in various festivals and competitions with other schools in Southern California.

#### **Drama Production: Description of Program**

The award-winning Millikan Drama Production program, one of the most respected drama programs in Southern California, is designed to provide advanced theory and the practical application of acting techniques, character development, improvisation, movement, audition preparation and performance. Once admitted to the program, students will have an opportunity to be a part of two Broadway-style Theatrical productions during the school year. Additionally, students will participate in the Drama Teachers' Association of Southern California Fall and Shakespeare Festivals in which they will compete against schools throughout Southern California.

### **Stage Technology (also known as Stage Crew): Description of Program**

Millikan's Stage Tech program is one of the only programs in California for middle school students interested in Technical Theatre. Because of its exceptional curricula and achievements, the program recently became the proud recipient of a \$300,000+ grant from the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant initiative. The grant has provided the program with all new lighting, sound, and tools to enhance the learning experience. Once admitted to the program, students will have an opportunity to work daily on set designs, lighting and sound design, building and creating props, costume design, theatre publicity and marketing, stage crew, and theatrical makeup. Through projects and work on Mainstage productions, students will gain the confidence and techniques needed to become a skilled technician.

### **Audition Requirements**

#### **Musical Theatre Audition Requirements:**

Students must present a one-minute monologue, a one minute song (with or without accompaniment), and a 30-second dance improvisation.

For the video submission, students must follow the instructions below:

1. State full name and current grade (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>)
2. State current school
3. State current program ( Performing Arts Academy, Magnet, Math Academy, CAAM or General School)
4. Present a one-minute monologue
5. Present a one-minute song (with or without accompaniment)
6. Improvise a dance for 30 seconds
7. Restate name

Should you require any additional information regarding the Musical Theatre Program, please visit [www.MillikanMusicalTheatre.com](http://www.MillikanMusicalTheatre.com).

#### **Drama Production Audition Requirements:**

Students must present a one-minute comedic monologue and a one-minute dramatic monologue. For the video submission, students must follow the instructions below:

1. State full name and current grade (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>)
2. State current school
3. State current program ( Performing Arts Academy, Magnet, Math Academy, CAAM or General School)
4. Present a one-minute comedic monologue
5. Present a one-minute dramatic monologue
6. Restate name

Should you require any additional information regarding the Drama Production Program, please visit <https://millikandp.wixsite.com/millikandp> or <https://www.facebook.com/millikandp/>

### **Stage Technology Audition Requirements**

Students must choose one play or musical and create a unique drawing/model of that specific set. Given the limited amount of supplies available at this time, students will be able to draw the set design (typically built to scale, which they may do if materials are accessible) on an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper, in color (markers, watercolor, oil pastels, etc.) and every piece/prop must be clearly labeled. Students will then submit a video of themselves presenting their set design, following the instructions below:

1. State full name and current grade (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>)
2. State current school
3. State current program (Performing Arts Academy, Magnet, Math Academy, CAAM or General School)
4. Present set design/drawing and explain artistic choices.
5. Restate name

Should you require any additional information regarding the Musical Theatre Program, please visit [www.MillikanStageCrew.com](http://www.MillikanStageCrew.com).

We understand that this is not the “typical” rigorous method in which we audition students for our programs. However, due to the current circumstances, we are trying our best to ensure continuity of instruction and maintain our fantastic programs on campus.

If you need assistance in uploading a video to Youtube, please search “Uploading Private Videos on Youtube.” Here are the basics: Create YouTube account, go to the top right of the screen, select Create a video or post, click Upload Video, Select the File you’d like to upload, Mark as PRIVATE, type in Director’s email.

Thank you again for your continued support of Millikan Middle School and Performing Arts Magnet. Stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Brady Frome  
Performing Arts Department Chair  
Musical Theatre Director  
Stage Technology Teacher

Russell Dean  
Drama Production Director