

## Summer Youth Project 2025 Audition Pack

Thank you for your interest in the White Rock Summer Youth Project. This is an extremely exciting opportunity for enthusiastic and committed young performers to take part in our fantastic production of the wonderful classic, **The Addams Family**.

Even if you have taken part in one of our projects before, we ask that you read this document **very carefully before** applying to audition.

#### The Audition Pack

This Audition Pack contains;

- Information about the project and auditions
- Link to the online audition form
- Contact Form
- Costume Measurement Form
- Age Range to apply for an audition, participants must be at least 8 years old and no older than 18 years old by the end of August (proof of ID may be requested).
- Applicants must read through this pack and share the information with their parent / guardian if under 18 years of age.

## IMPORTANT: ONLINE AUDITION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 21 MAY.

For entries after this date, please email <a href="mailto:lbateman@whiterocktheatre.org.uk">lbateman@whiterocktheatre.org.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:amcdonald@whiterocktheatre.org.uk">amcdonald@whiterocktheatre.org.uk</a>

You are also required to **complete paper copies** of the **Contact Form and Costume**Measurement Form at the end of this pack and BRING THEM WITH YOU TO AUDITIONS.

#### DATES FOR THE 2025 PRODUCTION ARE:

Audition session 1 Monday 26th May – 9AM – 12PM (approx) Audition session 2 Monday 26th May- 1PM – 4PM (approx)

Recalls day Tuesday 27th May -9:30AM

**Project Dates** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Saturday 16th August

Performance Dates Thursday 14th August – Saturday 16th August (5 performances)

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#### WHITE ROCK SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT

The project began back in 2003 which means The Addams Family will be our 22nd production and will bring 100 young people together to create a truly fantastic show. The friendships, experiences and memories that are formed during our projects are wonderfully unique and last a lifetime. The project is the product of a lot of hard work, and it is only through the commitment of everyone involved that the final result is so spectacular. Our participants have the opportunity to work with a highly skilled creative team including a professional Theatre Director, Choreographer, Musical Director & Technical team to create a full-scale musical on the main stage of the White Rock Theatre. Our productions feature a live band, professional lighting, sound, set and costumes.

#### The Addams Family

THE ADDAMS FAMILY, a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family, features an original story and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

#### **List of characters:**

GOMEZ ADDAMS
MORTICIA ADDAMS
UNCLE FESTER
GRANDMA
WEDNESDAY ADDAMS
PUGSLEY ADDAMS
LURCH
MAL BEINEKE
ALICE BEINEKE
LUCAS BEINEKE
THE ADDAMS ANCESTORS



Due to the large number of auditionees last year, around 250 of you! We have decided to split the auditions into two sessions, to ensure the creative team can give each participant an equal chance to be seen and to make the process smoother overall. Once you have submitted your application form, you will be allocated to either the 9:00AM-12:00PM slot or the 1:00PM-4:00PM slot. These will be decided alphabetically based on surname to keep it fair. You will be informed which time slot you are attending nearer the time, so please keep the day free.

Both sessions be run exactly the same (times as listed previously).

Recalls for lead roles will be held the following day (Tuesday the 27th May as listed previously)

While we ask for your preferences in the audition forms, the team will decide if they would like to see you for a lead role or not, and if so, call you back for the second day.

Sign in for auditions session 1 will begin at **9AM** on **Monday 26th a**nd session 2 at **1:00PM** at the White Rock Theatre. Please arrive on time at the main doors in order to hand in your forms & photo, get signed in and be seated in the Main Auditorium.

- For security reasons, the front doors will be locked when everyone has signed in.
- Once everyone is signed in, we will introduce the Creative and Production Team and explain how the day will run.
- Prior to the auditions, you will receive a google drive link with the audition song, pieces of dialogue (for recalls) and a video of the audition choreography, to give you time to practice beforehand. This will also all be taught at the auditions. These will be uploaded here: <a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QsPwUhoUYLEUstGbbxQy3OUB9UBvwZTQ?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QsPwUhoUYLEUstGbbxQy3OUB9UBvwZTQ?usp=sharing</a>
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- It is important to highlight that we don't just expect the 'best' dancers, singers and actors; we like to recognise potential and work with individuals throughout the process.
- We cannot predict an exact finishing time, but we aim to have seen everyone by the times listed.
- Please do not bring anything valuable as we cannot be responsible for your personal belongings.
- We recommend that you bring a mobile phone so that you can contact your parents at the end of the auditions if you need to be collected.
- Clothing: Please wear sensible clothing and footwear to the auditions. Please bring a jumper
  as it can get a bit chilly in the auditorium when you are waiting for your turn to audition.
  Everyone will take part in a physical warm up so please come in comfortable, loose clothing.
  Please do not wear any jewellery.
- Please note you will not be allowed to audition barefoot or in socks or open toe shoes.





- Please note: only people auditioning will be allowed in to the auditorium. Parents / guardians
  will not be able to stay and wait for their children, so please be prepared to leave once they
  have registered.
- Please remember to complete the online form prior to Wednesday 21st May and to bring your completed Contact Form with photo attached, and Costume Measurement Form to the auditions.
- If you don't have access to a printer, you can collect paper copies of the 2 forms from the Ticket Office Mon-FRI 10-4 or Sat-10-2.
- We are offering the option to submit a video audition in case you can't make auditions in person due to illness or unavoidable circumstances. If you need to send a video, please contact <a href="mailto:amcdonald@whiterocktheatre.org.uk">amcdonald@whiterocktheatre.org.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:lbateman@whiterocktheatre.org.uk">lbateman@whiterocktheatre.org.uk</a> for instructions on how to do so.

#### **Video Audition Instructions**

We will accept video auditions from those who genuinely cannot attend the in-person audition date.

#### Step 1: Let us know

If you need to submit a video audition, please contact us first to confirm.

#### **Step 2: Submit your video audition.**

- Deadline: 25th May
- Upload your video using this link: [insert submission link here]

#### What to Include in Your Audition Video

#### **Ensemble Audition (required for everyone who wants to be considered):**

You must submit a video of:

- The ensemble dance
- The ensemble song

These materials are available in the Google Drive.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QsPwUhoUYLEUstGbbxQy3OUB9UBvwZTQ?usp=sharing

#### If you would like to be considered for a principal role, you also need to submit:

• A video of you singing the song for the principal role you're auditioning for (this will be listed in the Google Drive)





• A video of you reading the relevant section of script for that role (also in the Google Drive)

#### **Video Format Guidelines**

- Please keep your submission to one video file.
- If you film the sections separately, please edit them together before sending.

#### **Sending Your Video**

Once your video is ready, send it via WhatsApp to the Learning and Participation phone: **07562 959326** Make sure your video is clearly labelled with your full name.

Your audition video will only be seen by Amber and Laura (from the Learning and Participation team) and the creative team.

#### **Recalls**

If the team would like to see you audition for a main role, you will be asked to return the following day as listed above.

#### **Decisions**

You will be notified of the result of your audition by email no later than Friday 6th June and will have 48 hours to accept your offer. The full cast list will be made public once all emails have gone out and places have been accepted. The decision of the creative team is final and correspondence regarding casting will not be entered into.

#### Rehearsals

All rehearsals take place at the White Rock Theatre. Start times vary from 10AM-2PM and end times can vary from 5PM to 10PM (with breaks for lunch and dinner) so we ask parents to ensure that children are prepared for the time commitment and bring suitable provisions. Towards the end of the rehearsal process, the days will be longer and a finishing time of 10pm can be expected. More information to follow at a later date. **YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE PROJECT – NO EXCEPTIONS.** 

#### **Fees**

The participation fee for this year's Summer Youth Project is £220.00 per participant (which works out at £16 per day). Siblings of full paying places will be charged at a discounted rate. The fee covers two weeks of Summer Youth Project and does not include meals, transport, or show tickets. Please note: once payment has been made there are no refunds unless we can fill your place – you have committed to the Project and taken a place from another auditionee.





All fees must be paid by **Saturday 20th July.** Failure to pay will result in the exclusion of the participant from the Project. Details on how to pay will be emailed to you upon successful audition.

#### **Subsidised Places / Bursary Funding**

We have a limited number of subsidised or part-subsidised places on offer for those who genuinely cannot afford the fees. Please contact Amber McDonald, Summer Youth Project Producer amcdonald@whiterocktheatre.org.uk for details.

#### **Costumes and Props**

Costumes and props will be provided, but participants will be asked to provide basic elements of a base costume that hopefully can be found at home or from a charity shop/supermarket etc for a few pounds.

#### **Keeping in touch**

We rely on good communication with parents/guardians to ensure the production runs smoothly, and on that basis we ask you to please check forms are filled out correctly. We will endeavour to email any information to you as well as your child to keep you informed of rehearsal times and schedules. Please don't hesitate to contact us should you need to discuss any further information about your child or their involvement with the project.

#### Please click here

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2Ogm1DBI40mcem3woG0Hm3dW080hm2kL PpCZdkNLx3VfVSA/viewform?usp=sharing to complete your online audition form.

#### **CHECKLIST – HAVE YOU**

- 1. Read ALL of the audition pack.
- 2. Completed your online form.
- 3. Printed and completed a paper copy of the Contact Form (with passport photo attached) and Costume Measurement Form to bring with you on Audition Day. (If you don't have access to a printer, we have copies available to collect at the ticket office) Please do not forget to attach a photo so that we know who you are when casting decisions are being made!!

Please tell your friends about this fantastic opportunity – many of our past participants have gone on to be accepted at major drama schools and work in all areas of the Creative Industries.

We look forward to seeing you at auditions for a fun and creative day!

Very best wishes





Amber McDonald

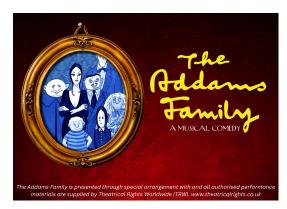
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## **FORMS TO PRINT BELOW!**

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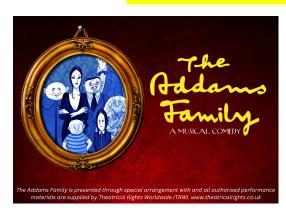


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### **CONTACT FORM**

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# WHITE ROCK THEATRE SUMMER YOUTH PROJECT 2025 MEASUREMENT FORM

(Please complete carefully and accurately and attach it to your contact form)

Name:		
12	CHEST - Circumference	inches
	WAIST - Circumference	inches
10 7 8	HIPS - at the widest point	inches
	HEAD - circumference	inches
	HEIGHT	footinches
	SHOE SIZE	
3 4	AGE	•••••
	Character:  (For Production Team Use Only)	

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