



# The CAST Musical Theatre Info Sheet

*Creative Arts Academy proudly presents the CAST Musical Theatre Department. Our mission is to create and maintain a comfortable environment where students feel safe to take artistic risks and make mistakes without being judged or ridiculed. Our goal is to produce quality productions within a family-like atmosphere filled with awesome people and lasting memories.*

- The following Musical Theatre courses are offered at Creative Arts Academy:  
***Beginning Cast Players (6<sup>th</sup> Grade)*** and ***Cast Players Advanced (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)***.
- The CAST Music Theatre is designed to give students an overview of the world of drama and the aspects of stage production. Teamwork, improvisation, and basic acting skills are highlighted in the first semester, as well as a brief study in theatrical history. Students will be expected to perform monologues, scenes and improvisations in a studio setting. In addition, students will cover the technical side of theatre which will include *Lighting, Sound, Costumes, Make-up, Publicity, Props, and Sets*. Hands-on opportunities will be available once classroom terminology and theatre safety information is mastered.
- Our CAST members will spend a school year experimenting with different genres of theatre ranging from children's theatre to serious drama. Each actor will develop skills by working on improvisation, monologues, as well as scene work.  
The following are examples of the areas that the students will be exploring:
  1. Auditioning / Choosing Monologues
  2. Vocal Skill Development
  3. Movement (Stage Business)
  4. Staging (Blocking)
  5. Duet/Group Performance
  6. Choosing and Developing Monologues
  7. Theatrical Theory & Theatre History
- Our Music Theatre program is **co-curricular** in nature. This means there are certain additional required learning activities that complement the daily theatre curriculum. These activities are designed to augment and enhance the curriculum learned in weekly class meetings. Examples of these are public performances, Florida State Junior Thespian performances and small group performance assessment. Performances are *mandatory* graded activities in which the students receive participation points.



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- There are several required materials necessary for all members of the CAST Players. First and foremost (1), students will need a few #2 Mechanical Pencils. These are used when students mark their scripts or write down other important information. (2), students will need a USB flash drive. The flash drive will be used to store MP3 practice tracks for voice parts. (3), students will need a ½ or 1 inch three-ring binder (4) All enrolled students are required to submit a \$20 lab fee which is used to defray the cost of performance tee shirts and royalty fees for play performances. In addition, all newly selected troupe members must submit a \$12 membership fee. Information concerning the CAST troupe can be found in the CAST vocal arts handbook.
- All CAST Players will need an ensemble black outfit. These will be worn when students are working on a crew or if the group is performing an ensemble piece. The ensemble black outfit consists of an all-black short sleeved tee shirt, black slacks and dark colored shoes. Dark colored athletic shoes and sneakers are appropriate. “Open toe” type and strap based shoes are not acceptable.
- Parental involvement is the key to our success. Our numerous activities throughout the school year require parent / guardian volunteers. All parents interested in assisting at CAST Musical Theatre events can be a part of our Theatre Event Planning Committee. Please contact Mr. Rahming for more information.

## **ABOUT OUR DIRECTOR**

Mr. Wallace E Rahming, Sr., Vocal Arts Instructor

Wallace Rahming is a seasoned and very passionate fine arts instructor. He graduated with honors from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he earned his B.A. in Music Performance. Beginning his teaching career in St. Lucie County, Mr. Rahming has taught in public schools for 29 years in the areas of vocal music, musical theatre, instrumental music and general music in all grade levels. He has been honored to represent White City Elementary as Teacher of the Year 1998 as well as Oslo Middle School in Vero Beach, Florida as Teacher of the Year 2010. Mr. Rahming’s love for the fine arts extends beyond the classroom setting. He is a member of the International Thespian Society, the Florida Music Educators Association and the Florida Vocal Association. In addition, he is an active published songwriter and a 30-year affiliate member of BMI (Broadcast Music Incorporated). Over the course of his teaching career, Mr. Rahming has produced eleven MTI Broadway Junior productions, 33 superior rated middle school choirs and five Performing Arts Disney ensembles.