



Annie

CHILDRENS CAST INFO PACK



AUG-SEPT 2024

Originally Produced at The Goodspeed Opera House, Michael P. Price, Executive Director

Annie

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production Directed by MARTIN CHARNIN

Based on “Little Orphan Annie”[®]
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28 Aug- 15th Sept 2024

**Civic Theatre
Playhouse**

Direction

Danny Folpp

Choreography and Assistant Direction

Maddie Watts

Music Direction

Mathew Gallimore

Assistant Choreography

Silvia Martinez

Plot

Based on the popular comic strip by Harold Gray, Annie has become a worldwide phenomenon and was the winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The beloved book and score by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever written, including "Tomorrow."

With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. She is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage that is run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. With the help of the other girls in the Orphanage, Annie escapes to the wondrous world of NYC. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations... and even befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt! She finds a new home and family in billionaire, Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

About Chookas

Chookas Entertainment is an Australian-based entertainment and events company that delivers community and Pro-Am Theatre and Entertainment across Newcastle and Sydney. Chookas Entertainments' previous theatre works include the recent sold-out production of Legally Blonde The Musical (2023) Heathers the musical (2022) Chicago the Musical (June 2022), The Things I Could Never Tell Steven (July 2022), 5 Lesbians Eating A Quiche (March 2022), Be More Chill The Musical (November 2021) and 21 Chump St: The Musical (March 2020).

CHOOKAS is an equal-opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion on stage and in the workplace. We strongly encourage First Nations, people of colour, neurodiverse and gender-diverse artists and arts workers to submit for our projects. Chookas Entertainment is a proud member of Live Performance Australia and CONDA Inc.

Casting

We will be casting 2 Childrens 'orphan' casts of approximately 8 female children per cast.

Each cast will perform 7 shows each over the season.

What we are looking for;

- 8-15 year old girls
- Confidence!
- Children who are confident to sing solo and loud and proud in a group
- Strong movers
- Children who have the capacity to stay attentive for 2-3 hours at a time with breaks
- Kindness and team players
- Children who love performing and are keen to give it a go!

You must be over the age of 8 (or turn 8 before the first rehearsal) to audition.

Parents/carers

Parents and carers will not be allowed in to the theatre, audition or rehearsal room. Please keep this in mind when submitting your child's audition. Our production team are all qualified teachers and tutors who are here to support your child.

All adults cast and production team require working with children's checks before entering the building.

Production Cost

Nothing! Chookas believe in equal opportunity and are happy just to have your child involved in our production!

Rehearsals

Rehearsals commence in May 2024
in Dudley

Our Childrens 'Orphan' Cast will be required Sunday 5-7:30 for the majority of the rehearsal schedule. From week 10 our orphan cast will be required at rehearsals 6:30-9 Thursdays and 5-9 Sundays for the final few weeks leading up to performances.

* Please note the character 'Annie' is required at all adult rehearsals Thursdays and Sundays for the entire duration of the rehearsal period.

Please see attached rehearsal schedule.

Rehearsal absences

We are looking to put together an electrifying production over a thirteen-week rehearsal period. We ask that you make yourself available for all rehearsals and are willing to fully commit to being a part of this production. Multiple unexplained absences or lateness during the rehearsal period may result in the production team reconsidering your place in the show.

Rehearsal Schedule

WEEK 0

Sun 26th May	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 1

Sun 2nd June	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 2

Sun 9th June	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 3

Sun 16th June	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 4

Sun 23rd June	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 5

Sun 30th June	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 6

Sun 7th July	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 7

Sun 14th July	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 8

Sun 21st July	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre

WEEK 9

Sun 28th July	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
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WEEK 10

Sun 4th Aug	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre

WEEK 11

Thur 8th Aug	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
Sun 11th Aug	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre

WEEK 12

Thur 15th Aug	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
Sun 18th Aug	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre

WEEK 13

Thur 22nd Aug	6:30 PM	9:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
Sun 25th Aug	5:00 PM	7:30 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Dudley Senior Citizen Centre

PRODUCTION WEEK

Mon 26th Aug	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	Civic Theatre
Tue 27th Aug	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	Civic Theatre

Production dates

- Mon 26th Aug - Tech Cast A & B
- Tue 27th Aug - Tech Cast A & B
- Wed 28th Aug - Show #1 Cast A
- Thur 29th Aug - Show #2 Cast B
- Fri 30st Aug - Show #3 Cast A
- Sat 31st Aug - Show #4&5 Cast A & B
- Sun 1st Sept - Reserve
- Wed 4th Sept - Show #6 Cast B
- Thur 5th Sept - Reserve
- Fri 6th Sept - Show #7 Cast A
- Sat 7th Sept - Show #8&9 Cast A & B
- Sun 8th Sept - Show #10 Cast B
- Wed 11th Sept - Show #11 Cast A
- Friday 13th Sept - Show #12 Cast B
- Saturday 14th Sept - Show #13 &14 Cast A & B
- Sunday 15th Sept - Reserve

Roles

Annie

A street-wise female orphan; she is eventually taken in by Oliver Warbucks. Spunky, friendly, big-voiced.

Stage Age: 10 to 13

Vocal range: A3 - G5

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Orphans - Ensemble

The other girls in the orphanage with Annie. These girls are gritty, neglected and vulnerable, yet basically honest and potentially loveable.

Ages 8-15

Molly

Molly is the littlest at stage age 8.

Vocal range :A3-B4

Kate

Kate is the next-to-youngest at stage age 9.

Vocal range :C4-C5

Tessie

Tessie is the cry baby at Stage age 11

Vocal range :A3-C5

Pepper

Pepper is the toughest at stage age 12.

Vocal range :B4-C4

July

July is the quietest at Stage age 13.

Vocal range :C4-D5

Duffy

Duffy is the oldest at stage age 15.

Vocal range :C4-D5

Auditions

To audition please self tape a 1 minute song which best demonstrates your vocal ability and personality. Please use a backing track, we will not be accepting a capella recording

Children auditioning for the role of 'ANNIE' must sing 'Tomorrow' from the musical 1:26 - end
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyidCwShXjA>

Submit your audition video to
chookasentertainment@hotmail.com with your FULL NAME
as the email title

Please make sure you have filled out the audition jotform as well as submitting your recording. We will not be considering auditions without a form submitted

Audition form

<https://form.jotform.com/240516161660853>

All video submissions are due to
chookasentertainment@hotmail.com by, 5pm, 13th of
March

Successful auditionees may be required at a
call back at 5:30pm, 17th of March

Common Questions

Q - Who will see my audition video?

A - Our audition panel, which consists of the production team and one of Chookas residential production team members

Q- What is a stage age?

A- The age in which you are perceived to look on stage.

Q - Is there a show fee?

A - absolutely not. Equal opportunity!

Q - I'm currently 15. Can I audition for your show?

A - Yes for the Childrens Cast. If you are over 16 you will need to audition for the adult cast

Q - I am in another show which has a rehearsal clash. Can I do both?

A - Please do not audition if you are already overcommitted. Chookas runs a tight rehearsal schedule and prides itself in only calling cast when they are absolutely required, so missing rehearsals on a regular basis is not a fair option for the cast.

Q - How do you cast the show?

A - Every production is different; we are always looking for amazing performers but overall nice humans!

Q - Where will callbacks/rehearsals be?

A - At our rehearsal space in Dudley

Q - How often do you rehearse?

A - Twice a week, approximately 6 hours in total. We are very tightly scheduled, so all cast members are only called when needed.

Q - When will we hear back from our audition?

A - We always have a large amount of people audition for our shows. Please be patient. We promise to be transparent and keep you up to date as much as we can

Q - I didn't get into the last show, should I bother auditioning for this one?

A - YES! We have a large number of auditionees and unfortunately cannot accept everyone which is no reflection on your talent! Every show is different, please come back and audition for us again!

Q - Do I need to show my face in the video?

A - yes, we will be disregarding any blank videos.

Q - I want to audition for multiple characters, what do I sing?

A - Whichever song best showcases your talent

Q - How will I know if I get a callback?

A - We will email you. Not all cast members will be required at the callback, you could be cast as the lead in the show and still not be required at callbacks!