



Dear Parents,

Welcome to MTCA 2024! We celebrate your director's commitment to offering students opportunities to refine their craft and pursue their passion for Musical Theatre in a constructive and supportive environment. We are excited to share what makes Musical Theatre Competitions of America (MTCA) the premier national musical theatre festival for students! MTCA, established in 2005, is a three-day creative collaboration among musical theatre producers, directors, costume designers, set designers, and choreographers that offers a competitive and educational experience for youth. MTCA is educationally based, and our program aligns with the National Core Arts Standards. We are proud members of the California Educational Theatre Association (CETA) and the National Youth Arts Association.

MTCA combines Broadway professionals, educational excellence, and unique performance opportunities for every student participating. MTCA is a fully immersive weekend festival that empowers artists to explore their talents! Some of the highlights of MTCA include:

**Master Classes with Broadway Stars and Theatre Professionals:** Students will have the opportunity to participate in numerous workshops and masterclasses. Some past offerings include a Broadway Masterclass with Christy Altomare (Broadway's original Anastasia), Stephanie J. Block, Taylor Louderman, Jerry Mitchell, Adam Jacobs, Arielle Jacobs "Whipped Into Shape" dance with Broadway's Nikki Nelson, Auditioning for Theme Parks, Scene Your Song, Makeup Design, Let Me Try That Again, The Thriving Artist, and College Audition Preparation.

**Immediate Tangible Feedback:** Every group, solo, duet, monologue, musical theatre dance performance, and technical category receives an immediate personal clinic from qualified theatre professionals, as well as written comments. This feedback is critical to their growth as performers. Students learn to take direction from someone other than a teacher or director with whom they have an existing relationship. Gaining constructive and positive feedback is a critical step in their growth as performers.

**Broadway Style Open Call Audition:** All students participate in a traditional Open Call Audition, with the opportunity to be cast in the MTCA finale production numbers. We have been fortunate enough to hear from our alums that this experience has helped to prepare them for every type of audition.

**MTCA Creative Team and Adjudicators:** Our amazing Creative Team and MTCA Adjudicators are Broadway performers and teaching artists with industry experience who work with students throughout the festival, offering insight, feedback, and education.

**Power of Preparation!** MTCA is where students learn the power of preparation. Preparation, persistence, and resilience are traits that impact performance; they also enhance every aspect of a student's life. Understanding that success is directly related to preparation, MTCA offers students something positive to prepare for! Students leave with the tools they need to continue growing as artists on and off the stage!

**Connecting with theatre students who share a passion for musical theatre from all over the country:** MTCA participants attend from all over the country, and as a result, your students will have the opportunity to meet and collaborate with others, like themselves, who share a love of all things Musical Theatre while forging lifelong friendships!

**Interactive Fun for Students!** Students are encouraged to meet and have fun during breaks from the festival. MTCA offers Technical Olympics and a closing night Dance party! Throughout the festival, you will find students playing theatre games, laughing, and engaging with one another, which is a part of what makes the MTCA experience special!

**It's not just about a trophy!** Every performer will leave the MTCA stage with something more! They will leave with a sense of confidence that only comes from challenging themselves to reach for their highest potential. Teachers and Directors are the best advocates for the benefits of attending MTCA. We recognize that children supported in their artistic pursuits become more than they could have imagined for themselves!

**We welcome you to MTCA 2024 – February 9-11, 2024, in Orange County, CA.**

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