



AUDITION PACKET YO, VIKINGS!

Audition Dates

May 8 & 9 (High School); May 10 (Middle School)

Callbacks – May 11

Performance Dates

September 28 (7pm), 29 (9am), 30 (9am & 1pm)

What is *Yo Vikings* about?

Adapted from Judith Byron Schachner's acclaimed book of the same name, *Yo, Vikings!* is the mini-saga of 10-year-old Emma Katz, the fiercest Viking in Swarthmore, PA, and her quest for real adventure. *Yo, Vikings!* combines sweeping melodies, thrilling Viking chants, and funky rock 'n roll with a beautiful, heart-warming story to engage and excite every member of the family. Amateur productions can be found on youtube.

What roles are available?

MALE

- Mr. Sigurd – Library and an all around nice guy
- Bothvar – a sturdy fearsome Viking (doubles as delivery man)
- Sebby – a 5th grader, kind of nerdy (doubles as a Viking)
- Murphy – a 5th grader (doubles as a Viking)
- Gunther & Simon - Emma's classmates (doubles as a Vikings)

FEMALE

- Emma – 5th grader, precocious and outgoing
- Judy – Emma & Ollie's Mom
- Mrs. Mukherjee – Emma's 5th grade teacher, stickler for the rules
- Nikki – a 5th grade gossip "mean girl" (doubles as a Viking)
- Zinzi – a 5th grader (doubles as a Viking)
- Pasha & Phyllis – Emma's classmates (doubles as a Vikings)

EITHER GENDER

- Ollie – Emma's little brother, Kindergartener, has a lisp

Who may audition?

Any PHS student in good academic standing (that includes 8th graders). I'd love to see new faces and new Princeton talent!

Where are auditions?

They will be held in multipurpose room (across from the stage).

What do I have to do for the audition?

1) Sing a song. It should only be 30 seconds to 1 minute long and should showcase your vocal chops. If you're not a great singer – FAKE IT! YOU'RE AN **ACTOR**. Act like you can sing!

Now, there's a couple things about songs you should also remember:

- Singing accapella doesn't cut it because it doesn't show that you can stay in key. For this play (b/c it has a click track) you should sing a karaoke version of a song off of youtube – nothing with a lead vocalist – I wanna hear you – NOT Beyoncé.
- Choose the best 30 seconds to 1 minute of the song. That means you know where your cutting begins.

- We will have a computer with speakers set up for youtube. You should email me the link (mfielder@vikingmail.org) ahead of time – that shows initiative!
- Choose a song from a musical you like or a Disney movie because that is the style of this play. Songs by Bruno Mars or Alicia Keys are not the kind of songs that are in this play.

2) Read one of the following scenes that are in this packet. Develop a character so that when you read we can see you make some acting choices. I might ask you to re-read with a different choice – take the direction and try it. This shows me that you’re willing to try something different.

3) There will be no dance auditions for this play.

When are auditions?

8th graders will audition on May 10 from 3:15-4:30. Sign ups will be on board next to the Music Office, if you don’t sign up – you still can come. There is no activity bus on this day so you’ll need to arrange for a ride home. Callback list will be posted online (Princeton High School → Student Activities → Princeton Theater) May 10. Callbacks will be on Thursday, May 11 from 3:15-5. If you are not called back that doesn’t mean that you aren’t cast. Full cast list will be published online May 12 at 6pm. We will have a cast meeting Tuesday, May 16.

When are rehearsals?

There will be a read through of the script May 16. There will be 3-5 rehearsals over summer to discuss the script, characterization, and learn and stage 2 numbers. Rehearsals for this play when school resumes will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3-5:30. Attendance at all rehearsals will be mandatory due to the small cast. Two absences will result in removal from the cast. This is a huge time commitment – Do not take it lightly. This is comparable to a sports team... the coach doesn’t just put someone without s/he putting in the work.

COST as defined by PRINCETON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BYLAWS AND POLICIES

6152.02 PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE PLAN

Students participating in athletics and/or extracurricular activities at Princeton Community Middle School and Princeton High School will be assessed a participation fee. At the completion of all team/activity rosters, students will be responsible for the payment of the assigned participation fee on a scheduled date designated by the school for each activity. No student who desires to participate in an interscholastic or extracurricular activity and who follows the defined rules and regulations shall be denied the opportunity to participate for financial reasons. In the case of financial hardship, a payment option plan may be arranged through the athletic/activities director. This request will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and serve as a request for financial assistance.

Students not meeting the payment period deadline date will be denied participation in the interscholastic athletic program or extracurricular activities.

Refunds will not be given after the payment deadline date. Additionally, refunds will not be given for the following reasons:

- a student quits an activity;
- a student is dismissed from an activity; or
- a student becomes academically ineligible during the course of the activity.

Payments:

Payments may be made through the high school main office, middle school main office or online through EZPay, Visa/Master Card/Discover or check made payable to Princeton City School District. Middle school and high school participation fees must be paid separately.

All questions regarding the Pay-to-Participate Plan may be directed to the Princeton Athletic/Activities Office, 513.864.1580.

Fee to Participate Structure

Family Cap: \$300

Additional costs for uniforms, uniform cleaning, materials and supplies will occur that are not covered by the pay-to-participate fee.

Extracurricular

Fall Play/Spring Musical \$100 (each activity)

(Crew members with no performance parts will not be charged the assigned fee.)

Unlimited involvement \$200 (for the school calendar year in drama and theater)

YO, VIKINGS! AUDITION FORM

Name		Grade Next Year	
Phone		What type of phone?	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Cellular <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Number
Personal Email		Hair Color	
Parent/ Guardian's Name		Height	
Parent's Email		Shirt color you are wearing	
Part Trying Out For		Will you accept any role?	Yes No

If not cast are you willing to work on any of the following crews? Check your top two:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Running Crew: Helps move the scenery during the show. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Crew: Runs the sound board (sound and music cues) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costumes: Helps cast make fast changes; inventories all clothes after the show. | <input type="checkbox"/> Prop Crew: Assembles, stores and shops for properties used in the show. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make-Up: Designs and applies make-up to cast. | <input type="checkbox"/> House: Helps with ticket sales, passing out programs, selling flowers/ candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Crew: Builds the set | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Director/Stage Manager: Helps the director and virtually runs the whole show during production. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting Crew: Paints the set | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting Crew: Lights the show and runs the board | |

After School Commitments (Include clubs, sports, etc.)

Conflicts between now and performance dates, include ALL SUMMER VACATION dates.

I give my permission to my son/daughter to audition for YO, VIKINGS! If cast I am aware there is a \$100 participation fee and my child will be required to abide by the rehearsal schedule and rules put forth by Princeton Theater.

Signature

date

SCENE – Mom & Emma

MOM. (on the phone with her husband) Dan- sweetie, I'm telling you, it was a different child. When you left on Monday, she was in for fox mode. But then last night... All these books. And she sat there so quietly. I mean, the girl was transfixed. And she was wearing her sweat pants and T-shirt. I haven't seen her in normal clothes sense... Right? Imagine. No more costumes in public, no more scenes... Maybe all we had to do was get her a library card. Your report? Well it's about... Vikings. Emma is going to come down here and a nice pair of jeans and...

EMMA. Morning, Bone-Threaders! Adventure awaits!

MOM. Dan, I gotta go.

SCENE – Emma, Nikki & Mrs. Mukherjee

NIKKI. I worked on my report all night last night, Mrs. Mukherjee

MRS M. Good. Emma Katz? Emma are you here?

EMMA. (Entering as a Viking) She most certainly is not. I know not of this Emma. I, my friends, am Emma the Red. Warrior. Explorer. Viking. At your service.

NIKKI. Oh Brother.

EMMA. Everyone. I shall be a Viking from this day forth. No more foxes or winter squash and buy world discovery day, if I can prove myself worthy, I shall be achieved in. But to do that I will need as many of you who are brave enough to follow me and look to me as your fearless, yet humble leader. So who's with me? Who will join my clan?

NIKKI. What in the world was in your lucky charms this morning?

MRS. M. That's enough, Emma. Are wasting my valuable time. That's a strike. Two more and you will sit in the hallway during recess. The class can't take anymore of your shenanigans.

SCENE – Bothvar & Emma

BOTHVAR. Adventure awaits. What say you, birds? What is our course? I see... You're sure?

EMMA. What is it?

BOTHVAR. They say we have to retrieve your ship from the far reaches of the edge of the world: Jotunheim. And those who travel there don't always return.

EMMA. It's worth the risk.

BOTHVAR. Like a true Viking. To the boats. Quickly! Before the storm takes hold.

SCENE – Mr. Sigurd & Emma

EMMA. Hello? Is anybody here?

SIGURD. That depends on who's looking. Judging by the pointy rusty colored ears and the bushy tail, I would have to assume that you're a red fox. You don't look Tibetan, so I'd say you were native to the North American region. Correct?

EMMA. Whoa!

SIGURD. You're the first of your kind to set foot in my library.

EMMA. Are you -?

SIGURD. Sigurd Torvaldson. Keeper of the books. You can call me Mr. Sigurd. And you are?

EMMA. Emma. Keeper of... my brother, Ollie.