



August 17, 2020

Dear Soo Theatre Parent,

It's hard to believe that summer is quickly fading away and it is time to get into our fall routines again. Though this fall's routines will look a bit different, we are very much looking forward to seeing our students and families again.

Soo Theatre is committed to quality arts instruction for your student! We are also committed to your safety and the safety of our faculty, staff, board, and patrons.

We would like to invite you to register for fall lessons. This year, we encourage you to register online. **You will be emailed the online registration form in a second email.** Registration documents will also be attached in the second email if you prefer to print them and fill them out. We do not currently have regularly staffed office hours, so if you have questions during the process, please feel free to email me at: education@sootheatre.org

If you prefer to fill out a paper registration, there will be a **REGISTRATION DAY**
Friday, August 21st from 11am-6pm under the marquee

Someone will be there to answer questions, take payments and forms will be provided. If this day/time does not work for you, please feel free to email me to set up a time to meet.

Return/Fill out registrations by Friday, August 21st. Registration for classes will be in September. You will need to fill out a new registration for each student you plan to enroll.

Private lessons are scheduled to begin the week of September 14th.
Group classes are scheduled to begin the week of October 5th.

There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee due at the time of registration. Your registration is not considered complete until we have received:

1. A Registration Form (online or paper)
2. Signed Policies Form
3. \$25 deposit

We are planning to transition back to in-person lessons this fall, but out of an abundance of caution, ***we are planning to start the fall semester online for the month of September.*** This will allow us to get going making music while evaluating and allowing for teaching of new normals with students and faculty/staff. ***We plan to transition to in-person lessons the week of October 5th, assuming it is still safe to do so.*** However, if you prefer a completely online lesson for this year, you may choose that option on your registration.

When you register, it is assumed that you are registering to start September 14 and continue through the school year (32 weeks for most faculty). Our faculty's salaries and our operating budget rely on your support and



cooperation in this. Please continue your support of the Soo Theatre by registering early and planning to start with us online.

After you register, you will receive updated policies, including information about how we plan to keep our building safe and the safety procedures we are putting into place to keep everyone healthy. We are working at moving studios around to create more large spaces and plan to have students enter directly into the studio where their lesson will be held. There will not be a regular office space or lobby/waiting room, so we will ask for parents to drop off and pick up students outside of the studio where their lesson is held.

Our COVID-19 planning committee is working hard to ensure a safe return and we have met with the Chippewa County Health Department and are following all the guidelines and expectations for our organization under the current plan for our region.

We also need your help! We are a non-profit and we rely on our summer shows and ticket sales to help us with operating expenses through the year. As you know, we were not able to produce any spring/summer shows in 2020 and we are committed to reopening, but we would kindly ask that you help us by contributing some staple items that we know we will need continuously throughout the year.

We are asking families whose last names begin with A-I to contribute

- A container of disinfecting wipes and
- A package of toilet paper (4 roll or bigger)

We are asking families whose last names begin with J-Q to contribute

- A bottle of hand sanitizer and
- A 3-pk box of tissues

We are asking families whose last names begin with R-Z to contribute

- A box of disposable masks
- A package of paper towel (4 pak or larger)

These items can be dropped off at your students' first in-person lesson or on registration day. We will also be keeping an updated wish list on our facebook page that we will post each Monday. We would be most grateful for any way you can help. Remember to check the list frequently!

Student calendars will be published and emailed the first week of lessons. Please remember, everything will be subject to change, based on what is happening in the state and our community.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. We would be happy to talk with you more. We look forward to a safe return!

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