

The Ritz Theater at Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center is holding open auditions for ***Shrek the Musical*** with music by Jeanine Tesori and book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire!

The production is directed by Jenny Congiardo and Jamy Dinkins, with music direction by Ashley Peters, choreography by Amber Nadelkov, and technical direction by Jam Atkins.

Based on the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks film that started it all, SHREK: THE MUSICAL brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to dazzling life on the stage. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre -- not a handsome prince -- shows up to rescue a feisty princess. Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a bad guy with a SHORT temper, a cookie with an attitude, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand -- a big, green, lovable one named Shrek! Let your freak-flag fly with this wonderfully zany musical for the whole family. Full of high-energy songs, great dancing and fantastically creative scenery, SHREK: THE MUSICAL is part romance, part twisted fairy tale and all irreverent fun!

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Audition dates: Tuesday, August 5, Wednesday, August 6, and Thursday, August 7, 2025 from 5:30 PM to 10 PM. Last entrance is at 8:00 PM.

Auditions for K-12 students will be Thursday, August 7 – doors open for students only at 4:30 PM.

Audition requirements: Please prepare up to 32 bars/1 minute of a comedic or uptempo song that showcases your acting ability. Please bring your own accompaniment track (please bring the track on a cell phone or laptop) or upload it when you fill out the audition form. No accompanist will be available, and we would prefer no *a capella* auditions. You will also be learning a short dance combination in dance shoes or sneakers, so wear comfortable clothes. If you have tap shoes, please bring them! A short monologue is requested, and a short joke or a quick example of any special talent is always welcome! More specific details on the audition process and preparation, an **audition information packet** is available in our resources folder at: <https://bit.ly/4nBN42s>.

Online Audition Form - please complete this: <https://bit.ly/ShrekAtTheRitz>

It is preferable that you audition in person, but if you are unable to make auditions, video submissions will be considered through Wednesday, August 6th. Please fill out the audition form and send your video to rehearsal.squad@gmail.com.

Callbacks must be in person.

Callbacks: Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Invite only. You will receive an email or text from the production team regarding your callback status.

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Rehearsals: Weekly – potentially Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 6:30-9:30 PM until tech and performance weeks, which will be evenings from 6-10pm.

Performance dates: Friday - Sunday, October 11-13, and Thursday - Sunday, October 19-22, 2024. Please see the tentative rehearsal calendar in the Audition form or below.

Actor Acknowledgement: All roles are volunteer and non-Equity.

Please use this link to view a **preliminary rehearsal schedule** (subject to change): <https://bit.ly/4nBN42s>.

Please forward all audition questions to the Production Team, at rehearsal.squad@gmail.com.

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Roles:

All roles are available. We are seeking and highly encouraging all actors to submit regardless of race/ethnicity, disability, body type, age, orientation, or gender/gender identity, regardless of how any roles have been portrayed previously. **We strive for a diverse cast of people who want to have a fun and positive community theater experience!** Gender and age indications are based on the traditional role and voice part assignments but do not reflect definite casting plans; we encourage performers to audition for any role they are interested in.

Shrek – Our story's title character. A big, green, terrifying ogre who lives alone on a swamp. He embarks on a journey to rid his land of fairytale creatures and, along the way, falls in love with Fiona. Begins as a grumpy hermit but reveals his layers and eventually becomes the hero. Bring your best Scottish accent!

🎤 Gender: Male | Age: 25 to 45 | Vocal range: A2-G#4

Fiona – The beautiful princess of Far Far Away, she transforms into an ogre every night when the sun sets. Rescued by Shrek and eventually falls in love with him. Quirky, blunt, and multitallented, she is not an ordinary princess.

🎤 Gender: Female | Age: 20 to 30 | Vocal range: F3-G5

Donkey – A talking donkey who joins Shrek on the run from Farquaad's guards. Quite the chatterbox, he is not deterred by Shrek's looks and practically forces himself into his good graces. Easily frightened and pushy, but also optimistic with heart.

🎤 Gender: Male | Age: 20 to 35 | Vocal range: C3-B4

Lord Farquaad – The comically short, ruthless ruler of Duloc. He is in search of a princess to marry so that he can become king. Has an intensely unfair bias against fairytale creatures that stems from a resentment of his father. Self-absorbed, lonely, and cruel.

🎤 Gender: Male | Age: 30 to 45 | Vocal range: B2-D5

Dragon – A dragon that has been charged with guarding Princess Fiona in her isolated castle. She eventually falls in love with Donkey and attempts to keep him in her lair forever. Imposing and flirtatious, but tired of her job as a glorified baby-sitter.

🎤 Gender: Female | Age: 25 to 45 | Vocal range: F3-Eb5

Gingy – A gingerbread man initially kidnapped by Lord Farquaad. His wit and resolution help him both avoid trouble and inspire the rest of the fairytale creatures. Puppet. Can be operated by a performer appearing as Sugar Plum Fairy.

🎤 Gender: Female | Age: 20 to 40 | Vocal range: B3-C#5

Pinocchio – The leader of the fairytale creatures. He is an animated puppet whose nose grows every time he lies. Plenty of sass with a penchant for lying.

🎤 Gender: Male | Age: 20 to 40 | Vocal range: E3-F#4

Young Fiona – Princess Fiona as a little girl. Sings a solo in “I Know It’s Today” with Teen Fiona and Fiona. May double as Fairy Tale Creature.

🎤 Gender: Female | Age: 8-12 | Soprano with Strong Belt

Teen Fiona – Princess Fiona as a teenager. Sings a solo in “I Know It’s Today” with Young Fiona and Fiona. May double as Fairy Tale Creature.

🎤 Gender: Female | Age: 13-16 | Soprano with Strong Belt

Young Shrek – Young Shrek in “Big, Bright, Beautiful World.” May double as Fairy Tale Creature.

🎤 Gender: Male | Age: 8-12

Ensemble – The large and fantastically diverse ensemble includes but is not limited to: Featured Fairytale Creatures (Big Bad Wolf, Three Little Pigs, White Rabbit, Fairy Godmother, Peter Pan, Wicked Witch, Ugly Duckling, Three Bears, Mad Hatter, Humpty Dumpty, Elf, Dwarf, Three Blind Mice, etc.); Angry Mob; Happy People; Guards; Knights; Rats; and others. There is room for some non-singing roles in the ensemble.