

# Performance Class (ages 6-16)

## **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**

By Barbara Robinson

In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids... probably the most awful kids in history. You won't believe the mayhem – and the fun – when the Herdmans collide head-on with the Christmas story! This delightful comedy is adapted from the best-selling young adult book. With plenty of great roles, a few favorite carols, and a lot of laughs, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* has become a beloved tradition.

There are 27 roles available (12 male, 15 female) for students ages 6-16. Students are asked to prepare a one-minute comedic monologue for their audition.

**Director:** Kirstin Kennedy

**Auditions:** Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m.

(It is only necessary to attend one night of auditions.)

**Rehearsals:** Monday through Thursday, October 16 through November 30, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Performances:** Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 p.m.

**Production Fee:** \$225

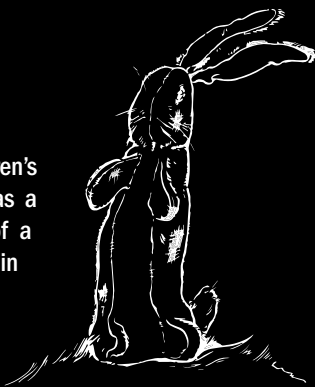


# Live On Stage

## **The Velveteen Rabbit**

By James Still, from the classic story  
by Margery Williams

This adaptation of the beloved children's classic *The Velveteen Rabbit* is written as a "memory play," told through the eyes of a young man looking back on his childhood in an emotional journey through time. By reliving the relationship between his four-year-old self and his favorite toy, the velveteen rabbit, he rediscovers the true meaning of friendship. This profoundly moving play explores powerful themes – the rewards of loyalty, the poignancy of loss, and the wonderful, surprising powers of love – as the old rocking horse teaches the velveteen rabbit what it means to become real.



*The Velveteen Rabbit* is directed by Melanie Tarter and performed by a cast of students ages 6-13. There are six performances:

- Friday, October 6 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, October 7 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, October 8 at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, October 14 at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, October 15 at 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale September 11 at \$10 for adults and \$5 for full-time students (school ID required for college students).

# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the payment requirements?

A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per class must accompany all registrations and will be applied toward the class tuition. **Tuition must be paid in full the Friday BEFORE class begins.** If the balance has not been paid in full, your child's spot will be released and given to another on the waiting list. If you need to make other arrangements, please call the Education Director at (352) 236-2851, ext. 107.

## Is financial aid available for students?

Financial aid is available for those who demonstrate true financial need. Applications are available at the box office and on our website. For more information, please call the Education Director at (352) 236-2851, ext. 107. Note: All students will be required to pay the \$20.00 deposit per class whether or not financial aid is awarded. To ensure that all students can participate, we are only able to award a maximum of \$200 in scholarship money per household.

## What time should I arrive?

Please arrive approximately 10 minutes early, especially the first day of class, so you and your student may meet the teacher and fill out any additional paperwork.

## What if my child needs to miss a class?

Please let us know in advance if your child will miss any classes so that teachers can adjust their lesson plans accordingly. Refunds cannot be made for missed classes.

## Can parents sit in and watch the class?

To help students let go of their inhibitions, we encourage parents not to accompany their child to class. You may either wait in the lobby (we have wi-fi!), or leave and pick up your child at the end of class. If you have questions about observing a class, please ask to speak to the Director of Education or class instructor.

## What time should I pick up my child?

Parents should arrive shortly before class ends to pick up their student. The pick-up/drop-off point is the Theatre's front entrance. Our first priority is your child's safety. Students will not be permitted to wait outside. Please be prompt.

## Will there be a performance at the end of classes?

Some have a "Sharing Day" on the last day of class for family and friends that may wish to observe. This may be an informal performance, a reading of a script, or they might simply share something the class has worked on. **NOT EVERY CLASS WILL PRESENT A "PLAY" OR OTHER PERFORMANCE FOR SHARING DAY.** Each instructor will design a sharing day based on the needs and skills of the class. If a performance is planned for sharing day, it is intended to be very informal and almost always done without lights, sets, props, or costumes.

## Will my child need to memorize lines?

Memorization is encouraged for most presentations. Assisting your child in memorization is a wonderful shared experience, especially for children with limited reading skills. If a performance of a short play is planned, you can expect some prompting, directions, or suggestions from the teacher. Please remember – this is an informal presentation, and the class has had limited time to prepare for sharing day!

## Theatre skills are life skills!

Our classes are very carefully planned to match the skill and emotional level of the student. For that reason, we only place students in classes within their age range.

**In order to ensure that students derive maximum benefit and enjoyment from the classroom experience, students who become disruptive or disrespectful will be removed from class with no refund of tuition.**



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# Registration Form

Please fill out the form completely, using one form per student. We will contact you **ONLY** if there is a question or a problem with enrollment; otherwise you may assume your registration has been accepted. **NO CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT. A non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per class** must accompany all registrations. This deposit will be applied toward the class tuition. **Tuition must be paid in full by the Friday BEFORE class begins.** If the balance has not been paid in full, your child's spot will be released and given to another child on the waiting list. Ocala Civic Theatre reserves the right to alter scheduled classes as deemed necessary. Mail, fax or bring completed registration materials with payment to: Ocala Civic Theatre Education Dept., 4337 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470 (fax: 352-236-0927). **Registration is now available online at [www.OcalaCivicTheatre.com](http://www.OcalaCivicTheatre.com).**

## Fall 2017 Registration

Name _____
Sex ___ Age ___ Grade ___ Date of Birth _____
School _____
Parent/Guardian _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

## Video / Photo Release

I agree to allow the Marion Players (dba Ocala Civic Theatre) to use any photos, videos or any other likenesses of my child in connection with any of the following productions, classes or workshops for publicity, promotion or entertainment purposes in order to promote future Ocala Civic Theatre programs and productions.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS NAME	DATE	TUITION
I'd like to contribute to the Education Scholarship Fund to assist students in need of financial aid.		
Total Amount Due		

## Payment Options

Financial Aid (attach form)     Schedule payment arrangements  
 Check (payable to OCT) or     Cash enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card     MC     V     AmEx     Disc  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date. \_\_\_\_\_



## Apprentice Level (ages 4-7)

### Planes, Trains, and Automobiles

Students will explore all types of transportation, using their bodies and voices, in this creative play class that will teach the fundamentals of stage performance.

September 6 – October 11 · Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. · \$80

### Musical Fairy Tales

Sing and dance along with your favorite fairytale characters in this class that will teach students the basics of musical theatre and storytelling.

September 11 – October 9 · Mondays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. · \$65

### Ninja Kids

This creative play class will teach students how to use their bodies and voices to become the stealthiest of ninjas.

October 16 – November 20 · Mondays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. \$80

### Story Treasure Chest

Students will use song, movement, and their imaginations to explore a different story from our Story Treasure Chest every week.

October 18 – November 22 · Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 p.m. \$80

