<u>Applause Kids!</u> <u>Could You Hug A Cactus!</u> <u>CASTING CALL</u>

Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture is excited to announce their Youth Theater Program, Applause Kids! is back! We are currently accepting auditions for this fully online show, *Could You Hug A Cactus*!

Could You Hug A Cactus? Summary

Based on a collection of whimsical poems by Phillip Van Wagoner, *Could You Hug A Cactus*? is a musical revue that follows a group of kids as they come together to create a show that's bursting with poems and creativity. One by one, they each share their imaginative creations, until a nervous performer panics and refuses to contribute a poem. Can the cast help him shed self-doubt and ignite a creative spark? This "hybrid" musical is designed to be performed either virtually or onstage. It's simple, flexible, and easily customizable for your performance needs.

Casting Requirements

This virtual musical is for any actor (new or experienced) age 7 - 14 and allows participants to rehearse from their own home. Actors will individually meet weekly via digital rehearsals with their director, Alexandria Mazerolle, to practice scenes, acting techniques and songs. Final videos will be filmed at Yuba Sutter Arts and Culture by the director and an assistant and will be edited together and released online via the Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture's Facebook page and YouTube Channel for the community's enjoyment. Digital watch parties will take place on Friday, March 20th at 6pm and on Saturday, March 21 at 2pm!

PLEASE SUBMIT AN AUDITION VIDEO AS OUTLINED BELOW NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 7, 2021.

To be considered for one of the 13 assigned roles or to be part of the Ensemble please submit the following:

NON-SINGING ROLE: Take 1 to 2 minutes to introduce yourself and please tell us something that you like to do or something positive that has happened to you during the last several months. We want to get to know you!

SINGING ROLE: Take 1 to 2 minutes to introduce yourself and please tell us something that you like to do or something positive that has happened to you during the last several months. Please take up to an additional minute to sing your rendition of "Happy Birthday" or another song of your choice. We want to get to know you!

VIDEO SUBMISSIONS: Should be between 1 - 3 minutes long and sent as an attachment to alexm@yubasutterarts.org. <u>Please do not send as a cloud file</u>, as we are unable to access it without permission.

02/15-03/12/2021	Rehearsals	Meet with participants weekly via Zoom to rehearse lines, songs, and blocking. Rehearsals will take place Mon, Tues, Wed (possibly Thursday if necessary) after 5pm.
03/13-03/14/2021	Filming	Filming will take place Saturday & Sunday at Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture.
3/20/2021	DEBUT DAY!	Premiere performance at 6 P.M. Digital watch party.
3/21/2021	Matinee Show	Performance at 2 P.M. Digital watch party.

Parent Timeline: