

Les Misérables

School Edition™



AUDITIONS

Open to students aged 9—19

JANUARY 7th, 20th & 21st 2012

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This epic story recounts the struggle against adversity in 19th century France. Imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread, petty thief Jean Valjean is released from his 19-year term and not only becomes an honest man, but the mayor of a prosperous town and a loving adoptive father - violating his parole in the process. The relentless Inspector Javert, who makes a decent life for Valjean impossible, consequently pursues him. Only years later, after Valjean proves his mettle during a bloody student uprising and saves the life of a young man hopelessly in love with Valjean's adopted daughter, does the ex-convict finally feel fully redeemed.

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Saturday 7th January 2012 (10am - 12pm)

(this session is for 17 - 19 year old cast members or anyone who can't make the following sessions)

Friday 20th January 2012 (6pm - 8pm)

Saturday 21st January 2012 (10am - 1pm)

(these sessions are open to anyone aged 9 - 19)

You only need to come to one session!

Where are the auditions?

Auditions are being held in the music rehearsal rooms at Warminster School. The Boniface Rehearsal Rooms can be found by turning left immediately after entering the school site (off Church Street, Warminster). Further details and maps can be found on the production website.

Why is there an extra audition session for 17 – 19 year olds?

There is an early audition session specifically for those who will be heading away from the local area to return to college or university for the spring term. Having this extra session helps those prospective cast members keep travel costs down. If you are younger than this age group, but have another commitment that may prevent you from attending the main audition session, you are welcome to attend this extra session.

What will happen at the auditions?

Auditions will take the form of a vocal and acting workshop. Auditionees should come prepared to sing up to 60 seconds of any unaccompanied song of their choice (which does not have to be from Les Misérables). No dance or acting needs to be prepared in advance. As the audition process runs, we may ask you to work on a section of a song from Les Misérables so we can consider your suitability for a role.

How many people will be in the show?

Somewhere between 35 and 50 we think! More than 50 and we believe that the whole experience gets rather diluted for everybody. Less than 35, and we may struggle to cast the show. Due to the nature of the show and the demands of the vocal lines, it is likely that people in the 14 to 19 age category will take most of the lead roles. However, there are some solo vocal and acting roles specifically designed for younger people (age 9 – 13).

When are the rehearsals and performances?

Production rehearsals take place during the Easter holidays and will begin at 9am on Monday 2nd April, giving participants 10 days to prepare the production before the first performance. The first week of rehearsals take place at Warminster School and will include a hot two course lunch provided for the whole cast and production team. Most of the cast will be involved in a charity performance at the Athenaeum Theatre on Saturday 7th April in the evening. There will be no rehearsal on Sunday 8th April (Easter Day). On Monday 9th April, we move to the Athenaeum Theatre with a dress rehearsal taking place in the evening of Tuesday 10th. We ask that all cast members be available for the whole project time.

There will be 5 performances:

Wednesday 11 th April	@	7:30pm
Thursday 12 th April	@	7:30pm
Friday 13 th April	@	7:30pm
Saturday 14 th April	@	3:00pm
Saturday 14 th April	@	7:30pm



What is the cost to participate?

The charge to be involved with this production is £140. This covers:

- Rehearsal time
- Costume & script hire
- Venue hire
- Lunch for the 1st week
- Insurance
- Direction from a professional team

The full cost of the production will be somewhere in the region of £14,000 and it is very unlikely that the production will make a profit (the income is made up from ticket sales, sponsorship, subsidy from a previous production (*West Side Story*) and cast participation fees). No member of the direction or producing team is paid for their time. The participation cost is £10 per day, a sum which we feel represents good value for money, particularly given that catering is included for the first week.

Where will the rehearsals be?

For the first week, rehearsals will take place at Warminster School. From Monday 9th April, rehearsals move up to the Athenaeum Centre in the middle of Warminster.

This production of *Les Misérables* (School Edition) is produced by Tempo Touring Productions in association with Warminster School. Casting is open to all people aged 9 - 19 living in Wiltshire, Somerset, Dorset, Bath, Bristol and other local counties from all schools, colleges and universities.

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A musical by ALAIN BOUBLIL and CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

Based on the novel by VICTOR HUGO

Music by CLAUDE-MICHEL SCHÖNBERG

Lyrics by HERBERT KRETZMER

Original French text by ALAIN BOUBLIL and JEAN-MARC NATEL

Additional Material by JAMES FENTON

Orchestrations by JOHN CAMERON

Original London production directed and adapted by

TREVOR NUNN and JOHN CAIRD

Original London production by

CAMERON MACKINTOSH and THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

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Show tickets will go on sale on Monday 16th January 2012

Tickets for Les Misérables will be available in two ways:

Direct with the Athenaeum Centre (credit cards are accepted)

Monday - Saturday (1030am - 1pm)

01985 213891

Online (via a link on the production website)

24 hours a day - 7 days a week

For more information, visit:

www.warminsterlesmis.com