

BISHOP GEORGE AHR HIGH SCHOOL

ONE TINGLEY LANE • EDISON, NJ 08820

Drama Department

May 2, 2018

BGA Drama Department Production Contract 2018-2019

This upcoming season the Drama Department will present its September play selection for the 2018-2019 school year, *Much Ado About Nothing*. For current BGA students, initial auditions will be held Monday, May 14th immediately after school. For incoming freshmen, initial auditions will be held Monday, May 14th @ 5:00pm. Callbacks will be Tuesday, May 15th @ 3pm. Additional callbacks (if needed) will be held Wednesday, May 16th (Time TBA).

Before you commit to auditioning for this production, it is important that you and your parent/guardian understand the obligations associated with being a member of the BGA Drama Department both onstage and off. We ask that you please read and sign the following contract, hereby acknowledging and understanding these obligations. Please note that by signing this contract and auditioning for the production, you are indicating that you are willing to accept any role on stage that you are assigned by the director.

I, _____ hereby agree to audition for, to the best of my abilities, the September production *Much Ado About Nothing*, and understand that this is at most a three month commitment I intend to make. I understand that auditioning for *Much Ado About Nothing* does not guarantee me a role of any kind in the production. However, by auditioning and signing this agreement, I understand that if I do receive a role, it is a demanding undertaking and I am willing to accept certain responsibilities placed upon me. I also understand that by auditioning and signing this agreement, it means that I desire to be part of *Much Ado About Nothing* on stage in any role the director sees fit. If I choose to drop out of the production after receiving any role on stage, I acknowledge that I will no longer be eligible to participate on or off stage in any other BGA drama department productions or activities. With this in mind I agree to the following rules and policies listed below.

1. I will maintain good grades in all my classes and make my schoolwork a priority. I understand that I will use my free time wisely and balance my homework assignments/class projects with rehearsals.
2. I will not be able to participate in any after school rehearsals if I owe BGA any make-up time for unexcused tardiness to school. I must first complete my make-up time in order to participate in after school rehearsals.
3. **Rehearsals will be at various times; some days after school, some days in the mornings, some days in the evening, and also on weekends.** It is extremely important that I have an open schedule throughout the course of the rehearsal period. I understand that all rehearsals are mandatory. I will attend all rehearsals as per the rehearsal schedule, understanding that only illness will be considered an excused absence during the rehearsal process. All other conflicts must be reported to Mrs. Gossett & Ms. Byrne on my audition form, which I will fill out and bring with me to the audition.
4. I will not miss school due to the time, length, or structure of play rehearsals.
5. **If I am going to be absent I will call Mrs. Gossett/Ms. Byrne at 732-549-1108 ext.630 and leave a message.**

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6. I will report to all rehearsals on time. I will focus and be ready to rehearse. I understand that the start time given is the time I need to be ready to rehearse.
7. I will be prepared for all rehearsals. I will practice my individual part before rehearsal, devoting whatever time is necessary. I will also adhere to all off-book deadlines. (Memorizing my music and lines!)
8. I will treat all of my fellow cast and crew members with the same respect that I would expect for myself. I understand and will commit to strive for a positive learning and working environment both on and off of the stage during the entire rehearsal period. Negative comments and attitudes will not be tolerated. Critiquing each other's performances constructively or negatively will also be unacceptable.
9. I will treat my directors/ instructors with the respect that I would expect for myself. I understand that the director reserves the right to dismiss any cast member who displays a lack of professionalism, commitment, preparation, respect, or fails by choice to follow directions.
10. I understand each cast member is **required** to participate in the construction and strike of the set.
11. I understand that I am **required** to participate in the fundraising events.
12. I understand that as a cast member **I am responsible for the cost associated with costume rentals and/or purchases. (Approx \$75 per costume for a rental and/or purchase)**

****PARENTS /GUARDIANS –** As per the 2018-2019 Bishop Ahr Student Handbook, all students participating in after school activities should be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the activity ends. The school cannot be responsible for any student left for a great length of time. Please make the necessary arrangements to have your child picked up at the correct time. By signing this contract, you are agreeing to abide by this school policy.

I understand that my failure to execute any of the above rules will diminish the success level of this production and could result in my expulsion from the cast.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and understand the policies, rules, schedule requirements and commitments that are expected of my son/daughter.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THE ENTIRE SIGNED CONTRACT ALONG WITH THE COMPLETED AUDITION FORM TO MRS. GOSSETT/MS. BYRNE ON MAY 14th AT THE INITIAL AUDITION! YOU MAY NOT AUDITION WITHOUT TURNING IN A SIGNED CONTRACT. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.

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BGA Drama Department Member Contract 2018-2019

This contract defines what it means to be a Drama Department Member at BGA High School.

1. You have received a role on stage or participated either backstage or on the house crew (this does not include Lobby & Usher Crew) during any of our productions in your studentship at BGA.
2. You may not withdraw from any BGA Production after receiving a role or position without Mrs. Gossett's consent.
3. You are showing continued interest and support in the Drama Department, regardless of the number of shows you've been able to participate in throughout your studentship at BGA.
4. You help the Drama Department in fundraising activities. Specifically, you are ***required*** to participate in bagging a *minimum of three times* during a school year to maintain good standing as a Drama Department member for that year. Mrs. Gossett is the only person who may grant exceptions to this rule.

I understand that if I do not meet the above requirements, I will no longer be considered a member of the Drama Department. I will no longer be eligible to participate in future Drama Department productions during my studentship at BGA. Furthermore, I will not be recognized as a Drama Department Member during the Senior Awards Dinner upon my graduation from BGA High School.

Student name (Print): _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read and understand the requirements and commitments that are expected of my son/daughter.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE RETURN THE ENTIRE SIGNED CONTRACT TO MRS. GOSSETT/MS. BYRNE.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS CONTRACT FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Bishop Ahr school policy states that students must have written permission from their parents/guardians to leave the school campus during extended after school activities.

If you do wish to give your child permission to leave school grounds during extra-curricular drama activities, please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter. If I do not receive a signed permission slip, your child will not be permitted to leave the school grounds.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lea Gossett
Director of Drama

*Please sign the following and return the *entire document*:

By signing below, I, _____, give _____ permission to
(print parent/guardian name) (print student name)

leave the school grounds during after school drama activities during the 2018-2019 school year.

X _____
(parent/guardian signature)