

May 2021

Dear Participants and Families,

We are very excited to bring back the Brighton Summer Arts program this summer! *Forbidden Broadway's Greatest Hits* is ultra-fun, ultra-cheesy, ultra-entertaining and should be a great time for everyone involved!!

Forbidden Broadway Directing Team:

Artistic Director: Brian Bohrer
Vocal Director: Ben Meixell

Choreographer: Jessica Padilla
Accompanist: Kevin Lieb

We have a great adult team in place, and we can guarantee a fun July for us all! As artistic director, I will be blocking and coaching the acting piece. For those of you who do not know me, I am finishing my twentieth year of teaching, and am the choral director at Pittsford Sutherland High School and Calkins Road Middle School. I direct the musicals at Sutherland, and amongst several venues have produced, directed, and/or musically directed over thirty shows. This is my fifteenth year with the Brighton Summer Arts program and I am so excited to get going again! Mrs. Padilla and I are also serving as the camp administrative directors and will oversee the Elementary and Middle School programs.

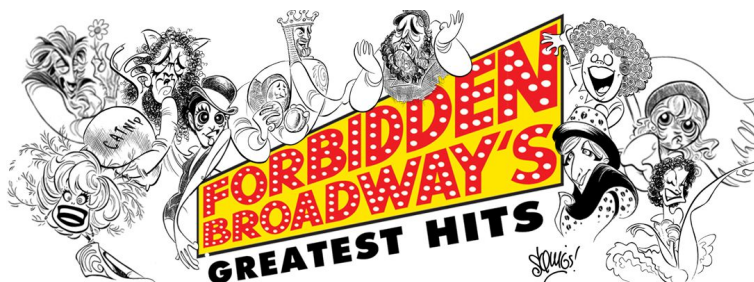
Camp begins on **Monday, July 5th**. It is important that we start each rehearsal promptly at 1:00 p.m. each day. During our rehearsals, the entire cast will be busy with characterization, large group blocking, music learning, dance, etc. We have an abbreviated rehearsal period this summer (only three weeks) so we will utilize our time well each afternoon. In return, I promise to be done at 4:30 p.m. regardless of what we are doing. We ask that you be at BHS ready to pick your actor up at that time. We all have evening commitments!

Please plan to have your student attend camp each day for the full time. If you are going to miss a number of days for family vacations, etc. please understand we may not cast your student in a leading role due to the time constraints. For your planning purposes, this year's one and only performance will be on **Friday, July 23 at 7pm.** At the moment, we are planning for an in-person performance with limited seating and a livestream for those who are unable to attend in-person. The format of the performance is dependent on current Monroe County Health regulations regarding indoor performance venues. More information about this will come soon.

Forbidden Broadway is different than most shows in that there are no named roles for the students. This cabaret-style review parodies several popular musicals including *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Wicked*, *Annie*, *Les Miz*, *Mamma Mia*, and several others. Therefore, the individual songs become solo/duet/small group opportunities. This will enable us to maintain a safe social distance on stage and present a production that easily follows all COVID protocols.

All participants who are registered for the show are automatically members of the ensemble. If you are interested in auditioning for a specific role/solo in *Forbidden Broadway* please plan to attend our auditions on Saturday, June 26. We encourage you to listen to the show to get a flavor of it and consider which songs may be best suited to your voice and character. You can find snippets of it linked here:

<https://www.theatricalrights.com/show/forbidden-broadway-greatest-hits/> Those who do not attend the auditions will be part of the ensemble and will be assigned specific roles in the show during the summer camp.



AUDITION INFORMATION:

- **Saturday, June 26th from 9a.m.-12p.m. in the Brighton High School auditorium.**
Please arrive promptly at 9:00 a.m., as we have just three hours to audition.
- ***All parents should plan to stay until 9:15 for a brief parent meeting.***
- Please wear jazz shoes or sneakers to the audition (NO flip-flops or bare feet!), as well as loose-fitting clothing for movement.
- All participants (students and adults) will be masked and socially distant for the duration of the auditions and each rehearsal. More information will be coming regarding our health and safety protocols and will be adapted as Monroe County DOH guidance shifts.
- Please prepare the following for your audition:
 - Two 32-bar Musical Theatre cuts – one should be an up-tempo, the other should be a ballad.
 - One of the two cuts (you choose) should be from one of these shows:
 - *Les Misérables*
 - *Fiddler*
 - *Rent*
 - *Chicago*
 - *Wicked*
 - *Mamma Mia*
 - Your second cut can be any musical theatre selection
- There will be a short dance routine taught to the actors.
- Auditions are closed – parents, please plan to come in at 9:00 for a brief introduction, and then come back to pick them up. If we end early, we will have the students get in touch with you.
- The cast list will be posted on the Summer Arts website (<http://summerarts.bcsd.org>).
 - All participants will receive their script and music at the auditions. Students who do not attend the audition may arrange to pick up their materials by contacting the Visual and Performing Arts office at Brighton High School at 242-5200, ext. 4586.
 - Cast members are encouraged to begin rehearsing their lines immediately after the casting is complete. You must have your lines memorized by Monday, July 12th.

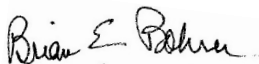
If you have a desire to be cast in any speaking or singing role besides the chorus, please plan to attend on June 26th. If you are just as happy to participate without the pressure of having a big part or solo, you do not need to come on the 26th!!

All registered participants must complete the Online Audition Form by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/FBway2021> or by scanning the QR code below. If you are **not** attending the auditions, please be sure to fill out the audition form anyway and return all additional forms to the Arts Office prior to July 5th.

Again, we look forward to working with all of you and to having a great summer together! If you have any questions, please contact the Visual and Performing Arts office at 242-5200 x. 4586, and they will be able to contact me if necessary.

Thank you and see you soon!

Sincerely,



Brian Bohrer
Artistic Director, *Forbidden Broadway*

Scan this QR code to fill
out the Audition Form!

