

# *Charlotte Performing Arts Center*

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## **Charlotte Performing Arts Center expands its Arts for Youth program to include an Onstage Experience**

The Charlotte Public Schools' Charlotte Performing Arts Center has announced an extension of its Arts for Youth program to include an Onstage Experience for the 2014 – 2015 School Year.

The Arts for Youth program was created to bring live professional children's theatre to the Performing Arts Center for daytime performances. The Onstage Experience takes this idea one step further by giving students the opportunity to participate in their own production. This year's production is directed by facility supervisor, Jeffrey Hayes. Hollie Auten will serve as vocal director and choreographer.

Charlotte Public Schools students in grades 4 – 8 are invited to participate in the program. This year's performance is Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr. Auditions will take place on Tuesday, December 16 from 3:00 – 5:30 in the Charlotte Middle School Choir Room. There will be an optional informational meeting on Monday, December 15 from 2:45 – 3:30 for Charlotte Middle School students, and from 4:00 – 4:45 for Charlotte Upper Elementary students.

All cast members will attend a cast meeting after school on Thursday, December 18, and rehearsals will begin January 5. Depending on their school release schedule, students will rehearse from 2:45 – 4:30, 4:00 – 5:30, or 2:45 – 5:30. An exact schedule, which may differ from what is written here, will be given to all cast members at the first cast meeting. Performances are February 5, 6, & 7 at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center.

For more information, visit the Arts for Youth Onstage Experience group on Facebook, or email Jeffrey Hayes at [hayesj@charlottenet.org](mailto:hayesj@charlottenet.org) or Hollie Auten at [autenh@charlottenet.org](mailto:autenh@charlottenet.org).

The Arts for Youth program is generously sponsored by Auto-Owners Insurance, Friends of Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital, and Charlotte Optimist Club.

For more information on this program, or other Charlotte Performing Arts Center events, please contact the Box Office at 517-541-5690.

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