



The Acting Company for Excellence represents a select group of young actors and actresses that have met the rigorous standards established for admittance by the Directors North Texas Performing Arts. Each theatre (PCT, MYT, & FYT) has its own ACE program. Students may be a member of more than one theatre's ACE team but must fulfill the membership responsibilities to each ACE team to which they belong. Students are committing to membership and service in a particular theatre's ACE Team.

This company's primary goal is to distinguish certain students who demonstrate a desire for excellence on stage and off. In addition, ACE membership will mentor students to further enhance leadership skills, the craft of acting and performing, improve communication skills, and teach other valuable skills which would be beneficial to a career in the arts. Company members will be selected based on their level of experience, their acting, dance or musical talent as tested via audition, and their maturity both on and off the stage.



Acting Company of Excellence Members will receive the following special benefits:

- Participation in special events and activities;
- Special participation in the "Members Only" Balloting for the Annual AMP Award Program;
- Participation in Acting Company of Excellence advanced acting workshops;
- Priority access to special classes and programs;
- Priority selection of audition slots for upcoming shows (ACE members will NOT be given priority selection for role casting but for audition slots);
- Invitation to ACE Only Productions
- Exclusive eligibility to be considered for the PCT/MYT/FYT Summer Touring Shows;
- Exclusive eligibility to earn tuition credit by serving as a student intern
- Member of the Acting Company for Excellence Student Board to provide input to PCT/MYT/FYT ACE programming and selection;
- Eligible to register for ACE Summer Educational Trips;
- Once a year consultation session with panel of directors regarding student progress;
- Access to ACE-logo'd clothing and gifts.



A Note: Actors will be held to the standard of the following expectations throughout the course of their membership in the ACE program.

In order to be considered a member, members must fulfill each of the following minimum requirements:

- Has performed in a minimum of five “major” North Texas Performing Arts productions or equivalent from a comparable theatre;
- Has performed in at least two major productions in the past twelve months;
- Is twelve years old or older or is a Middle School attendee (6<sup>th</sup> Grade or older);
- Is a Member in good standing with NTPA;
- Has been nominated by a Director of NTPA;
- Demonstrates maturity during rehearsal and performance
- Demonstrates respectful behavior of theatre staff, director, show parent, and parent volunteers
- Has paid the annual Acting Company of Excellence dues (currently \$49 which includes membership and audition fees);
- Successfully completed a Director’s audition, and met the performance standard as set by the NTPA Directors;
- Attend 50% of general meetings;
- Attend 50% of fundraisers
- Attend 50% of educational events
- Serve on the PCT/MYT/FYT ACE Ambassador Team to appear at community events
- Serve 10 hours annually in volunteer service for PCT/MYT/FYT (to give back to the theatre, not for tuition credit; students may serve more volunteer hours for tuition credit)

The Audition and Acceptance Process will consist of the following:

- Emailed application for admittance
- Two Letters of Recommendation – one artistic and one academic or professional
- Live Audition
  - Musical Students:
    - Prepare 2 Musical Theatre Cuttings (16-24 bars) of Contrasting Styles
    - Prepare 1 Monologue from professionally accepted literature



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- Answer a series of interview questions by panel of directors
- Provide sheet music in appropriate key for live accompaniment
- Non-Musical Students:
  - Prepare 2 Monologues of Contrasting Styles
  - Answer a series of interview questions by panel of directors



Information submitted will be maintained as "Confidential" by the NTPA staff.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level : \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**My parent/guardian consents to my receiving communications via the following:**

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**My parents/guardian contact best contact information is the following and Company email information will be sent to this contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**I have permission from my parents to receive e-mails from PCT/MYT which will be sent to this e-mail:**

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**A secondary parents/guardian contact is the following and Company email information will also be sent to this contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**In case of an emergency, other than the contacts above, the following should be notified:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



My interest in the Acting Company of Excellence is in the following areas:

Drama      Musicals/Voice      Dance      Comedy / Improv      Production/Backstage

I have performed in the following Productions (List most recent 10):  
(or attach your resume and headshot)

PRODUCTION NAME & DIRECTOR	YEAR	ROLE	Theater
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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As a Member, I would like to see the company participate in these Activities and events:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be an Acting Company for Excellence Member because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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The following are references that can be contacted on my behalf:

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I fulfill the following minimum requirements:

- I have performed in a minimum of five “major” Plano Children’s Theatre or other similar theatre program productions;
- I have performed in at least two major productions at PCT/MYT in the past twelve months;
- I am twelve years old or older or am a Middle School attendee (6th Grade or older);
- I am a Member in good standing with PCT/MYT;
- I will audition at the annual spring auditions. ;
- Upon acceptance, I will pay my annual dues as a member (currently \$49);
- I understand that I will receive no compensation for being a member except as “scholarship credit” for specific intern or touring show activities;

or

I understand that this is an application for admittance into the Acting Company for Excellence and that this application may be denied. I agree that the above information is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I understand that this is an application for admittance into the Acting Company for Excellence and that this application may be denied. I agree to release Plano Children’s Theatre/McKinney Youth Theatre/Plano Community Theatre staff, board, teachers and directors and volunteers from any and all injuries in PCT/MYT programs or activities. I, my heirs, and representatives agree to indemnify, save and hold harmless PCT/MYT from any and all claims made by me, my youth, any other family member, or my



insurer, for any injuries or damages related to this event. I agree that PCT/MYT has the right to use photos or videos of my youth for publicity purposes without payment to me or my youth. I agree to allow the information on this application to be shared with the staff of the Plano Children’s Theatre and to allow the contact information to be shared with the Parent Advisors that have volunteered to support this group. I agree that the above information is correct.

**I agree to the above as the parent or legal guardian of this youth.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**The Director’s Review:**

**I have reviewed the following for accuracy and can confirm this Performer:**

- Has been in a minimum of five “major” Plano Children’s Theatre or equivalent qualifying theatre productions;
- Has performed in at least two major productions in the past twelve months;
- Is twelve years old or older or is a Middle School attendee (6th Grade or older);
- Is a Member in good standing with PCT/MYT;
- Has agreed to the terms and conditions of Acting Company for Excellence membership;
- Has completed a successful audition and has met the performance standards of admittance;

**I endorse this candidate for admittance into the Acting Company for Excellence and have these comments about this candidate:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I have reservations about this candidate and so do not endorse them at this time for the following reasons. I am also outlining recommended actions this candidate should take in order to become an Acting Company for Excellence member:**

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Director's Signature

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Date