



Information Pack

In 2013 and 2017, Girlguiding Surrey East put on a show called “Musicals” at the Dorking Halls. They included acts that danced, sang, acted and even did gymnastics. These were based on themes from different Musicals. Our talented members varied from the smallest Rainbow through Brownies, Guides, Rangers and all the way up to Leaders and the Trefoil Guild. The acts ranged from solos and duets to full ensembles of units or more! Another show had been planned and rehearsed for March 2020 but sadly that one never happened.... but now, Musicals is back!

These shows were such a success we would like to do it again and involve even more of the County!

This pack includes information that will help you decide how you can support this fantastic event. The show will be held at The Leatherhead Theatre, Leatherhead.

Here's to another successful Musicals in 2025!

FAQs

When is the Show?

The show day will be on **Saturday 29 March 2025** and there will be three rehearsals for the whole cast between January 2025 and the show date - dates for the rehearsals, which will be held at the Colman Redland Centre, Croydon Road, Reigate RH2 0NA are:

19 January 2025

9 February 2025

23 March 2025

Full details, including timings to be confirmed nearer the time.

Who can be in the show?

Anyone who is a member of Girlguiding Surrey East from Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Leaders, Unit Helpers, Commissioners to Trefoil Guild.

How will acts be selected?

Musicals is inspired by musical films or theatre. The girls may perform acts involving singing, dancing, acrobatics, drama or any other idea - in 2017 we had a unit perform “The Cup Song” from Pitch Perfect.

We want to be all-inclusive so will try to use every act that wishes to apply; however,

performances must be of a reasonable standard and should last between three to five minutes in length. It may be necessary to ask girls and groups to combine where it may be appropriate based on song/act choice.

Will there be whole cast acts to perform?

Yes, we will be asking all performers to learn additional group pieces. Once these have been decided we will share. At the very least the participants will need to know the National Anthem.

Whole cast acts/songs will be: The Greatest Show and A Million Dreams (from the Greatest Showman), Sing (Gary Barlow) and Reach (S Club 7), so you may NOT choose one of these for your own act. Words and music for these will be provided in advance to unit leaders for girls to practise within unit.

Is there a cost for being in the show?

There will be a non-refundable fee of £30 for each participant. This will cover the costs of rehearsal halls, a Musicals 2025 t-shirt which will be worn for the whole cast numbers, a commemorative badge, a programme and a light meal on the day of the show. Each act will need to supply their own costumes, music and props - if you need help with ideas or costumes/props, please inform your unit leader to contact the committee and we'll see how we can help. Please be advised that girls will be wearing make-up/face paint and we will be using hairspray during the show, please ensure that any allergies are highlighted to us in advance.

An event like this costs a considerable amount to deliver. We would like to think it will raise some money that can be put towards future shows. We believe that this is a fantastic opportunity for our members to work together and offer something else as part of our overall programme.

When should we start rehearsing?

We suggest girls start practising as soon as they can but definitely by November 2024 and have a rough version ready for the first full rehearsal in January 2025.

Do we have to attend all the central rehearsals and stay for the whole time?

We will have three large rehearsals at the beginning of 2025, in January, February and March at the Colman Redland Centre, Croydon Road, Reigate RH2 0NA. Every member who is in the show will need to attend each date.

Sunday, 19 January - We will give each Division a time slot for them to come and perform their acts for us to give advice and feedback. This will limit the time you need to be at the rehearsal. We will time each act and after seeing all performances arrange a timetable of the acts for the show. This does not need to be a "polished" act!

Sunday, 9 February - This will be our first full run through. We will ask each act to come and perform in the order that they will be performing in the show, so we can get a feel for what the show will be like from start to finish (we understand that this will mean girls waiting around if they are in two parts of the show). Where possible we hope to limit the time everyone will need to be at the rehearsal. This will be the first time we practise the full group performances altogether, so will need everyone at the venue for at least part of the rehearsal. The exact timings and details are still to be worked through. We will share this once we have the details. We would also like to see costume ideas.

Sunday, 23 March - This will be a full run through of the show (with costumes) from start to finish, everyone will need to attend the entire rehearsal.

Times for all rehearsals are still to be agreed but will be advised as soon as we know.

Why do we need to attend all rehearsals?

Although it may feel like a long time when waiting to perform this is actually a very little rehearsal time for a show of this size and it is needed to be able to provide a show of good standard. We hope that you can support us by bringing activities for your girls or maybe even practicing your acts.

On each of the rehearsal days the girls should bring:

- Something to read/ colour/ a quiet game whilst waiting their turn for performance
- Snacks (strictly no nuts) and a filled leakproof water/ drinking bottle
- Any costumes and props as required.
- No mobile phones for Brownies and for Guides at their leader's discretion

What is the plan for Show Day?

This far in advance we still have the finer details to work through, but the rough plan is:

09:00 - 09:30	-	Arrival and Registration
09:30 - 12 noon		Full dress/technical rehearsal (in costumes but not make-up)
12:30 - 13:30	-	Packed lunch (provided by the parents)
13:30 - 14:30	-	Costumes and make-up
14:30 - 17:00	-	Dress Rehearsal (Performance 1)
17:00 - 18:30	-	Supper (included in the cost)
18:30 - 19:30	-	Costumes and make-up
19:30 - 22:00	-	Performance 2

On the day of the Show, girls will be required to bring

- All costumes and props required;
- Something to read/ colour/ a quiet game whilst waiting their turn for performance;
- A packed lunch and snacks for the day (strictly no nuts) and a filled leakproof water/ drinking bottle;
- No mobile phones for Brownies and for Guides at their leader's discretion

It will be a very busy day and for safeguarding purposes we will need to ensure all members stay on site.

We have booked additional rooms within The Leatherhead Theatre to accommodate acts while they are waiting to go on stage.

How much will the tickets to the performance cost?

The evening performance will be £20 per person and is open to family, friends and the public.

Details of when and where the tickets are available to purchase will be advised nearer to the time.

For any other queries, please speak to your unit leader.