

## MYST - Musical Youth Summer Theatre - Matilda Jr.

This year's MYST program was another successful one! Here are some things to note:

- 22 participants: 15 Juniors (8-12) 7 Seniors (13+)
- 4 Shows (Friday matinee, Saturday matinee, Saturday evening, Sunday Matinee)
- 429 Tickets Sold totalling \$5,805.00 - Net revenue (less tix hub fees and wildcraft commissions = \$5,306.34)
- On track to have a surplus budget of approx. \$600 I am still awaiting confirmation of Surplus Revenue from last year's program.
- We hired a summer student this year, Glitter Esquivias who was a huge support/ addition to the program. She said it was a positive experience and would love to join us next summer too if we are hiring again.

Things for Next year:

- Possibility of using the Shuswap Theatre for the entire 3-week duration of the program
- Approaching local businesses for Community Sponsorship earlier - (January-March)
- Ensuring grant application deadlines are met
- Stage makeup tutorial from Missy MacIntosh - willing and available but it will be \$50/person (which is a discounted rate)
- Possible grants/community funding for purchasing headsets for Shuswap Theatre and/or MTPA

This program is the only one of its kind operating in Salmon Arm and surrounding area. MYST is a joint partnership between Shuswap Community Theatre and Moving Theatre Performing Arts (MTPA). We give young people the opportunity to perform in a fully staged production of a junior version of a Broadway musical. The participants work with industry professionals and are held to a high standard to which they rise and surpass. Because of the experience gained through MYST, our students have gone on to perform in other Shuswap Community Theatre mainstage productions. We offer a safe space for youth of different ages, genders, sexual orientation, race and diverse needs. We accept all registrations in the order they are received and there is no audition process as part of the program.

Our activities included daily rehearsals in Drama, Music, and Choreography/Movement culminating in a final performance of a fully staged and costumed production - this year: Matilda Jr.