

Christian Homeschool Performance Group
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Information Sheet

Director/Teacher

Melissa Heckman. I have been homeschooling for 12 years. I have been putting shows on with whatever kids (church group, homeschool groups) I can round up for the past 6 years. I have a background in dance, gymnastics, singing and some acting. I am also an artist with a mural/portrait company. This all means nothing except it shows that I have a passion for creative and fun experiences and I want to share that with my kids and yours!

What exactly do we do?

We do a variety of different arts. Singing, dancing, acting. Sometimes I find a play and do some editing to fit our kids or sometimes I write it myself. I choreograph dances. We have done hip hop, ribbon dancing, modern dance and ballet. It's all fun and all family friendly! We rehearse weekly for a few months and then put on the show! It's very exciting and a lot of work for everyone. But it's worth it.

Why this group?

I want to allow Christian youth to be able to develop skills, learn new ones in an appropriate setting . To be a part of something that they will remember and cherish. To foster Godly friendships and to build up their boldness for spreading the gospel as they become adults in this world by learning to conquer their fears of speaking in front of people or making mistakes. (a common factor with homeschoolers) Enabling them to become leaders of their church, workplace, homes etc. Also, with this group they will be exposed to different liberal arts. They will be able to have a variety of experiences. Well....these are my hopes and intentions!

Policies and Statement of Faith

These will need to be agreed to and signed to join the group. The Group will exist for the benefit of its members not the community at large; except as an outward ministry for spectators. We will not expect perfection but will continue to strive as a group to have a better understanding and relationship with Christ. But this always works better if they are receiving the same values and beliefs at home.

Schedule

Classes will be determined on how many kids sign up and what I have decided to do for our final performance. We meet once a week for a couple of hours.

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Venues

We have used the Hastings Community Center stage for our last 2 performances. Grace Fellowship has a stage we can use. Eventually I would like to use a more professional stage with lighting and sound. But we make it work!

Costs and fundraising

Tuition is \$25 at this time. This really just covers some of my time and administrative costs to put it all together. We will charge admission to shows and I have some ideas about a fundraising. The proceeds received will be used for stage/costume, equipment, venue costs, overhead and more.

Depending on the future of the group we could get sponsors also.

Also, many things will be needed for classes and shows props, costumes, sound, instruments and so on that families can donate.

Content- Christian....to be or not to be?

Some of our performances will be directly Christian in nature. Some of our performances will not be Christian but will be appropriate for Christian families to participate in. We all have a level of comfort for what we allow our children to watch, listen to or play. I am always a little apprehensive when it comes to teaching classics because frankly it all boils down to witchcraft, magic, romance or other explicit content. I would like to find a common ground that we all can be comfortable with. And I will continue to search for classics that have been censored or changed that will fit our program.

What do I expect from parents?

Parents are the wind beneath the wings of the group! That means I need all parent to volunteer in some way during the each session. I have a list of jobs and sign ups at the beginning of the session. Some jobs are: each class a different parent sign up to assist, help with the set, behind stage help during show, making flyers, advertising the show, music and lighting, ticket door person, after party coordinator, gift bags for the players, video, pictures... Many hands make light work. The students do the hard stuff! Parents also need to make sure kids are practicing at home.

We also abide by Heritage Homeschoolers: Statement of Faith, dress code, code of conduct. All communications will be through email or text or on Heritage Website.

I am excited to have your children a part of our Performance!