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A little red truck pulls into town with everything it takes to mount a full-scale musical production...except the cast.

That's where the children of our community come in.

On Monday, they're cast as characters.

By Saturday, they've *gained* character – the kind that really counts.

Missoula Children's Theatre provides a week-long residency "starring" 50-60 of our local students in a full-scale musical. MCT has been touring now for more than 30 years, visiting nearly 1100 communities annually in all 50 states, 4 Canadian Provinces and overseas. Their **mission** is the **development of lifeskills in children through participation in the performing arts**. Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique and educational project. A team of two professional Tour Actor/Directors arrives in town with scenery, costumes, props, make-up and basic lighting... everything it takes to put on a play - except, *the cast*. This week-long residency begins with an open group audition and culminates in two public performances. Fifty to sixty students grades K-12, or a combination of these ages, are cast and well rehearsed throughout the week, learning lines, songs and choreography to perform as an ensemble in producing a full-length musical. All of their shows are original adaptations of children's stories and fairytales... a twist on the classic stories that you know and love.

AUDITIONS

The audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *The Pied Piper* will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 4:00 PM at the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts, 214 N Main, Victoria, TX 77901. There are roles for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director. **There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.** Students wishing to audition must arrive on time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-30 minutes after the audition.

This is a group audition - **no advance preparation is necessary**, but a smile ☺ never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will be conducted every day from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack.

PERFORMANCES

The performances will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM and will be presented at the Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts. The students in the cast will be called for dress rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for **all** scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers! The residency in Victoria is made possible by Theatre Victoria with help from the Victoria Rotary Club.