

Charlotte's Web – A 2011 W.A. Premiere Production

MPAC are proud to present this exciting, NEW musical version of *Charlotte's Web*, the most beloved story ever told, and we are delighted to be bringing a new dimension to E.B. White's classic tale. With music and lyrics by Charles Strouse (Annie, 'Bye, 'Bye Birdie) and book by Joseph Robinette (national award-winning children's playwright), audiences will thrill to a musical score which includes "Eating," Wilbur the pig's humorous yet poignant song about growing up; "Who Says We Can't Be Friends," an enchanting duet between Wilbur and his new-found companion Charlotte; "Welcome to the Zuckerman Barn," featuring all the story's unforgettable characters in a hand-clapping, toe-tapping hoe-down; and "Summer," a haunting, nostalgic chorus number which evokes a time and place from everyone's childhood. This joyous musical will offer BOTH performers and audiences a very special experience.

As MPAC's January 2011 School Holiday production, *Charlotte's Web* will be a Western Australian PREMIERE and a fun, current and colourful family show with a message! The story has also been made as a recent movie (2006 release) starring Dakota Fanning and we advise all auditionees to source and watch either this movie, the 1973 animated movie, or to read the original book, to help with your characterizations.

In addition to the lead roles listed on the attached **Audition Application Form**, there are a variety of additional cameo roles that will be chosen from either lead auditionees or chorus auditionees. These include the roles of Mr. Goose and Mrs. Gander, Sheep, Lamb and Uncle the Pig. The Ensemble also includes a Reporter, Photographer, Spectators, Townspeople, Judges, Fairgoers, Fair Personnel, Owl, Bat and Spiders. **Chosen candidates will be asked to read for any /all of these parts on audition day.**

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE FROM THE PRODUCERS

Dialogue and Script Pieces:

We will be listening for correct American accents with a rural "twang". Please attempt to learn your audition pieces off by heart, this is to your advantage as it makes for a much stronger audition!

Songs:

We will be using specially selected songs (not necessarily from the show) to audition you with, to correctly gauge characterization and vocal range and type. The vocal types listed on the attached Application Form are principally a guideline, and those with a lower or higher vocal range than that which is listed are still encouraged to audition for the part that they may wish for. Please LEARN your songs PRIOR to auditioning and please note:

: Children age 6yrs to 9yrs will be required to sing "We Are Family".

: Those age 10yrs and over will be required to sing the provided section from "Into The Woods".

We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd of August! Registrations will begin at 8.30am SHARP (Please enter through the FISHTRAP Entrance) and we will be commencing the auditions at 9.00am SHARP, so don't be late! Also, please be prepared for a LONG day (but a fun one) so it is advisable for you to bring along drinks and snacks and perhaps a book to read. Finally, we wish you all the very best of luck on your audition for this very special show!

Best Regards

Lee Lawrence –Associate Producer/ In-house Production Supervisor

For and on behalf of The Mandurah Performing Arts Centre