



THE WINNIPESAUKEE PLAYHOUSE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# SQUARE PEGS IMPROV COMEDY

## FALL 2022 AUDITIONS!

October 11, 2022 - 6:00-8:00

### Performances:

In the Fall Semester, December 20, 2022 and January 27, 2023

### What is it?

The Winnepesaukee Playhouse Education Department is excited to announce auditions for the improv troupe **Square Pegs!** Students ages 13-18 will learn short form and (eventually) long form improv skills, practice improv games, and put on improv shows—while cultivating a base of adoring fans and rocketing to international stardom... all in the name of eventual world domination.

**About the Troupe:** Individuals cast have the option to become part of the Education Department's **resident troupe**. That means it's a continuing program. Once you're in it, you can stay in it until you decide to leave or "age out." We will hold auditions at the beginning of each semester to fill opens seats vacated as students leave.

**The Schedule:** Though students may be part of this resident troupe continuously after being cast, the schedule will be broken into **three yearly semesters**.

Normally, the troupe will follow this schedule:

**Fall Semester:** October – February  
Auditions in October // Rehearsals once a week

**Spring Semester:** February – June  
Auditions in February // Rehearsals once a week

**Summer Semester:** July – August (only a possible four day commitment)  
No Auditions – open to anyone enrolled in the preceding spring or fall  
No weekly rehearsals. The troupe will do two shows, each preceded by a single rehearsal.

**Performances:** The troupe will have a minimum of two "home" performances at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse each semester. Additionally, there may be any number of off campus "gigs" in which the improv troupe represents the Education Department and the Playhouse at community events. Ideally, all currently enrolled students perform in

the “home” performances. As gigs come up, we will ask enrolled students who are available to sign up to perform.

**Directed by:** Timothy L’Ecuyer

**Who is Eligible:** Auditions are open to anyone ages 13-18.

**Audition Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Students auditioning **SHOULD** plan on staying for the entire audition. Auditions will be run as an improv workshop. There is no preparation required.

**How to Register:** Register for an audition appointment at [www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org](http://www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org) under the “Education” tab OR by calling 603-279-0333.

**What to Prepare:** No preparation is required. The audition will be conducted in a friendly, workshop environment.

**Callbacks:** There are no callbacks for the troupe.

**Parent Meeting:** For students cast, there is a mandatory parent/guardian meeting on **the first day of rehearsal**. This meeting should be attended by the student and at least one parent/guardian. We will cover Education Department policies and procedures, paperwork, and any questions people have. The meeting will take about 30 minutes and rehearsal will begin immediately after the conclusion of the meeting.

**Commitment:** It is, of course, preferred that each troupe member attends every rehearsal and performance. That said, we acknowledge that people have a lot going on and need to fit this project into already busy schedules. We also know it’s unrealistic to ask a student to commit to a future schedule that is not yet fully defined!

At the beginning of each semester, we will publish a schedule including rehearsals and home performances. We will ask students and families to declare conflicts at that time. Additional conflicts (that were not disclosed at the time of auditions) may lead to dismissal from the troupe without a refund of tuition.

Upon casting, we ask that students commit to a full semester. At the beginning of each subsequent semester, we will ask students to either recommit for the entirety of the next semester or leave the troupe. Students who leave and wish to come back are welcome to do so, but would need to re-audition.

**Having to miss a performance is not the end of the world, but is workable if we know at the beginning of the semester.**

**\*\*\*If a student is not able to attend the rehearsal immediately before a performance, they are “benched” for that performance. That means, though they will still be introduced with the troupe, sit on stage during the show, and play the “all-troupe” games, they will not play any individual games.**

**Use of Images:** Permission to use students’ images in promotional materials (including but not limited to all printed and digital publications in still or video format) is implicit in your agreement to participate in this production. Please note the photograph and/or video using the students’ likeness is property of the Winnepesaukee

Playhouse and may be edited, altered, exhibited, published, and distributed for the purpose of publicizing this or any other Playhouse program in perpetuity, and that there will be no compensation of any kind for the use of these images.

- Tuition:** **Tuition is \$100 for each Fall and Spring Semester. There is no charge for Summer Semesters.** Tuition is due at the first rehearsal/meeting in October and February. Your tuition helps to cover the cost of direct instruction by the Playhouse's staff of teaching-artists. In addition, you will receive an improv t-shirt to wear at shows. Tuition does NOT include the cost of tickets to the performance.
- Financial Aid:** Financial assistance and payment plans to help with the cost of tuition may be available. Do not let the cost of participation prevent students from auditioning.
- Safety:** As the changing state of the pandemic makes it necessary to constantly re-evaluate the viability of all Playhouse programming, we are dedicated to prioritizing the safety of students and staff. Decisions about safety are ultimately made by the producing artistic director.
- Inquiries:** Please do not hesitate to contact Education Director Timothy L'Ecuyer with any questions and/or concerns you may have by emailing [timothy@winniplyhouse.org](mailto:timothy@winniplyhouse.org) or by calling 603-279-0333. Information about this production and everything else at the theatre is always available on the website: [www.winnipesaukeeplayhouse.org](http://www.winnipesaukeeplayhouse.org)

# COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS

(REVISED 7/1/2022)

*Please Note: The Winnepesaukee Playhouse reserves the right to alter these guidelines as necessary.*

## Regarding COVID vaccination...

- It is **strongly recommended**—**but not required**—that all students choosing to participate in Winnepesaukee Playhouse Education Department programming be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.
- Staff working directly with students will be fully vaccinated.

## Regarding masks and other precautions...

- The Playhouse will consult the precautions recommended by the CDC based on “Community Level.” Levels can be “low,” “medium,” or “high” and each come with different recommendations. Levels are determined by looking at data by county: hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. The CDC data by county (and more information about how it is collected and used) is publicly available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>
- There may, however, be instances where the Playhouse requires precautions above and beyond the CDC recommendations. If that is the case, we will communicate that clearly to everyone.
- Anyone who feels more comfortable doing so, is of course welcome to wear a mask at any time.
- ***By allowing students to attend rehearsal, parents/guardians are attesting to the student's health status each day. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ATTEND REHEARSAL IF THEY ARE EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:***
  - Bad Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Diarrhea
  - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19
- Cases of students who experience these symptoms will be handled on a case-by-case basis and we **may require documentation of a negative COVID-19 test (rapid test or PCR) before returning to the program.** *In these situations, we want to work with you to do what's best for everyone involved in the production.*
- In a situation where a student has tested positive for COVID, we will follow the guidelines on the CDC's page about quarantine and isolation, especially the Quarantine and Isolation Calculator: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>
- COVID protocols for audiences are posted the Playhouse's website: <http://www.winnepesaukeeplayhouse.org/covid-19-protocols.html>

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## Rehearsal Schedule – Fall 2022

(Tentative—some minor changes possible... updated by auditions.)

### Rehearsal

*Rehearsal for previously enrolled students only:*

Tuesday October 4 6:00-9:00

### Auditions: Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday October 18 6:00-9:00

Tuesday October 25 6:00-9:00

Tuesday November 1 6:00-9:00

Tuesday November 8 6:00-9:00

Tuesday November 15 6:00-9:00

Tuesday November 22 6:00-9:00

Tuesday November 29 6:00-9:00

Tuesday December 6 6:00-9:00

Tuesday December 13 6:00-9:00

### Performance: Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday December 27 -- No Rehearsal

Tuesday January 3 6:00-9:00

Tuesday January 10 6:00-9:00

Tuesday January 17 6:00-9:00

Tuesday January 24 6:00-9:00

### Performance: Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday January 31 6:00-9:00

Tuesday February 7 6:00-9:00

Tuesday February 14 6:00-9:00

### Tentative Spring Auditions: February 21

\*\*\* Rehearsal schedules for subsequent semesters will be similar to this.

