

November 17, 2019

Dear ACT families,

As we head towards the end of 2019, we stand with you in being so proud of what your children have accomplished this year. Their dedication in--and enthusiasm for--the artistic process, their willingness to learn and grow, their excitement about exploring new characters and genres, their incredible work ethic during rehearsals, and finally their infectious energy during performances, are the representation of all that we, at Arlington Children's Theatre, strive for. Despite transitions in leadership and in space in the last couple of years, ACT has continued with its practice of hiring high quality artistic staff to lead your children through each production. From directors and assistant directors, to our choreographers and music directors, and stage managers, each production has met the excellent level of programming, teaching, and community that has come to be associated with ACT. Your children have had the benefit of working with each theater professional involved in the production to learn something new, find something unique about themselves, and reach new depths of understanding about how art is developed. We are so excited to now have Artistic Director Adam Schuler at the helm of ACT to lead these ongoing efforts.

While we are excited about where we are, and where we have been, as we move towards 2020 we also have had to face some tough realities. ACT seeks to offer a high quality educational and theatrical experience to its ACTors and audiences. But the cost of doing that keeps going up. As such, ACT has made the difficult, but necessary, decision to adjust our registration rates to meet our costs. ACT is increasing its registration fees for shows and day programs starting with registration for the Winter Musical, *Seussical*. As a not-for-profit organization, any money earned by ACT above expenses goes back into the organization. Unfortunately, cost increases eliminated earnings beyond expenses in recent years, and ACT has been operating on deficit budgets. The new registration fees will be:

- Standard Production - \$275
- Musical/Main Stage Production - \$400
- February/April Vacation Day Program (5 days/7 hrs per day) - \$375
- Summer Day Program (10 days/7 hrs per day) - \$750

We want to assure you that ACT remains committed to providing access for any child who wishes to participate. In fact, making these changes ensures that we are able to continue to do so. Families who are interested in confidentially inquiring about registration relief in order for their child(ren) to participate at ACT should contact the Treasurer at [acttreasurer@act.arlington.ma.us](mailto:acttreasurer@act.arlington.ma.us).

Thank you for being a part of the ACT community.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors