



To All Parents

January 2012

PEPPER YOUTH
24 CARAT PEPPER – Annual Pepper Rock Concert
13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21 July 2012

Thank you for your interest in this year's summer rock show. If you are happy for your son/daughter to proceed to audition please complete a registration/consent form and return it to:

Pepper Youth, P.O. Box 334, High Street, Berkhamsted. HP4 1UL,
no later than **Monday 20th February 2012.**
(Please note we cannot proceed without the signed parental consent form)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A LARGE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH CORRECT POSTAGE
(large enough to contain several sheets of folded A4 paper)
for issue of allocation details/rehearsal schedule following the audition.

NO S.A.E. MEANS NO INSTRUCTIONS!

Please note that we will not be in contact with you again prior to the audition dates

The auditions for **singers, dancers and movers** will take place on **THURSDAY 8th MARCH** at Ashlyns School, Chesham Road, Berkhamsted. The audition will be divided into two age groups for singers, dancers and movers:

***Ages 8 to 12 years should attend from 6.30 to 7.30 pm**

Ages 13 to 18 should attend from 7.30 to 8.30 pm
(* indicates age at time of audition)

Each applicant will attend both a short movement and vocal audition and there is no requirement to prepare a piece in advance of the audition.

The audition for musicians will be held for all ages from 7.30 to 9.00pm on THURSDAY 8th MARCH at Ashlyns School, Chesham Road, Berkhamsted.

Please ensure that you bring your instrument with you to the audition, (except drums and piano, which will be available). If you would like to audition for the Pepper Youth rock band, you should be able to play at grade 3 or above (or equivalent).

We ask for a contribution of £12 for first child, £7 second & subsequent children (cheques made payable to Pepper Events Limited). This sum is to assist with the provision of costumes and any props that may be required. However, we would not like any young people to miss the opportunity to take part because of financial difficulties. In cases of hardship, contact can be made in complete confidence, to Katie Koehler (pepperyouth@hotmail.co.uk).

All applicants should be aware that because of the anticipated large numbers wishing to take part we cannot guarantee that all those applying will be offered a place in the show, although we do our best to offer everyone the opportunity to perform. Obviously, in case of an unsuccessful application, the monies referred to above will be refunded.

Rehearsals for all successful Pepper Youth participants will start on **Thursday 19th April 2012**. All rehearsals will take place at Ashlyns School on Thursday evenings, timings will be advised in the allocation letter. Any venue or timing changes will be advised in advance of the rehearsal concerned. If additional rehearsals are necessary you will be advised at a later date. In the final run up to the show, probably from mid June onwards, there will be Sunday rehearsals in addition to the normal Thursday sessions.

In view of the demanding rehearsal schedule and the professionalism of the show, participants will be expected to be available for all rehearsals, as called, unless we have received written notification, in advance, of prior commitments.

Anyone wishing to audition for the show must be available for ALL PERFORMANCES, which take place on

**Friday 13th, Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th July and
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st July 2012**

All participants must also be available for technical/dress rehearsals, which are likely to take place on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, and/or Thursday 12th July 2012.

Because of government legislation relating to children participating in this type of event, **we cannot offer young people the opportunity to participate in the show unless we have parental help with chaperone duties, both for rehearsals and performances, to ensure legal requirements are met for the supervision of children performing in shows.**

We will be allocating parents a chaperone duty for at least one rehearsal session (for approx 45 mins and when your own child is in attendance at rehearsal). Please also consider helping us during the run of the show as a licensed chaperone or helper. **We are always very short of licensed chaperones and would greatly appreciate your support if you would consider becoming a CRB-registered chaperone for Pepper for the show run.**

Please contact me by email for further information.

Yours sincerely

Katie Koehler
Pepper Youth Team
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