

Hello everyone, and welcome!

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. We are very excited to bring this musical to life in North Bend, Oregon. We are committed to making this production a fun and unforgettable experience for the cast, crew, and audience. We want this to be an outstanding audition experience, so please pay close attention to the requirements and expectations set forth in this packet. You must be 16 or older to audition for Putnam County Spelling Bee. If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must read and sign your completed audition form. If you do not audition, you cannot be considered for a role. Audition dates are August 10-11 at 6:00 pm. Please come prepared to sing 16-32 bars (no longer than 30 seconds) acapella. Musical theater songs are preferred, and songs from the show are great! Auditions will also include a cold reading from the script.

Due to the nature of the musical, please be sure you are comfortable with a small amount of improv on the stage. Putnam County Spelling Bee involves audience participation and a few improvised lines, mostly from Rona and Panch. The role of Vice Principal Panch has already been cast.

You must be available for all dress and tech rehearsals, along with all performances. The show will run from October 25th- November 10th 2019. If there are any conflicts, please write them in the calendar included in the packet. Conflicts will be taken into consideration when casting. Scheduled absences are completely acceptable; just make sure we know up front. Please do not leave out conflicts in hopes of increasing your audition chances. We will create the rehearsal schedule around conflicts as much as possible, so please be thorough.

Please take note of the information in this packet. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Mckenzie Rescorla at 541-982-9191. I'm very excited to get started with this production! Thank you, and we'll see you at auditions.

-Mckenzie Rescorla

AUDITION FORM

Please fill out as much of the requested information below as possible or circle the appropriate choice where applicable.

Full Name: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____

Height: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Shoe Size: _____ Eyes: _____ Hair: _____

Sex: MALE FEMALE Phone: _____

Address: _____

NOTABLE PREVIOUS PREFORMANCE EXPERIENCE OR ROLES

_____ Company _____

_____ Year _____

ROLE YOU ARE AUDITIONING FOR:

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

Would you consider other roles? YES NO

MUSIC AND DANCE

Can you read music? YES NO

Singing ability: NONE AMATEUR TRAINED (_____YEARS)

Voice: _____

DANCE/MOVEMENT: Ballet Tap Jazz Other:_____

Other Special Skills:_____

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES WITH US

If not cast as a performer, would you be interested in working as crew or stage manager?

YES NO

Other Applicable skills: LIGHTS SEWING/COSTUMES SET BUILDING SET PAINTING USHER

What is the earliest time you would be able to arrive at rehearsals each evening ? _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

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25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee - Character Breakdown

Chip Tolentino: An athletic, social, boy scout and champion of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at an inopportune moment.

Logainne Schwartzandgrunenierre (Schwartz): Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, often making comments about current political figures. She is driven by internal and external pressure, but above all by a desire to win to make her two fathers proud. She is somewhat of a neat freak, speaks with a lisp, and will be back next year.

Leaf Coneybear: The second runner-up in his district, Leaf gets into the competition on a lark and finds everything about the bee incredibly amusing. He is home-schooled and comes from a large family of former hippies. He has severe Attention Deficit Disorder and spells words correctly while in a trance.

William Barfee: A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, he was eliminated because of an allergic reaction to peanuts and is back for vindication. His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril and a touchy, bullying personality. He develops a crush on Olive.

Marcy Park: A recent transfer from Virginia, Marcy placed ninth in last year's nationals. She speaks six languages, is a member of all-American hockey, a championship rugby player, plays Chopin and Mozart on multiple instruments, sleeps only three hours a night, hides in the bathroom cabinet, and is getting very tired of always winning.

Olive Ostrovsky: A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India, and her father is working late, as usual, but he is trying to come sometime during the bee. Having found comfort in its words and vastness, Olive made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, helping her to make it to the competition. She starts enormously shy, and shyly blossoms.

Rona Lisa Peretti: The number-one realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion herself, and the returning moderator. She is a sweet woman who loves children, but she can be very stern when it comes to dealing with Vice Principal Panch and his feelings for her. Her interest in the competition is unflagging and drives it forward.

Douglas Panch: The Vice Principle. Frustrated with his life, he finds the drive of the young spellers alien to him. After five years' absence from the Bee, Panch returns as judge. There was an "incident" at the Twentieth Annual Bee, but he claims to be in "a better place" now. He is infatuated with Rona Lisa Peretti, but she does not return his affections.

Mitch Mahoney: The Official Comfort Counselor. An ex-convict, Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee, and hands out juice boxes to losing students. He has no idea how to offer comfort, but does find himself wishing he could find a way to make the kids feel better.