

YOUNG ARTISTS ENSEMBLE'S HILLCREST PLAYERS
CAST/PARENT MEETING AGENDA FOR
H.M.S. CALAMITY: A COMEDY AT SEA
6:00pm, Wednesday, August 19, 2026

1. **COLLECT PAPERWORK AND PARTICIPATION FEE – No one will be allowed to participate without these 3 things:**
 - a. Acting Contract (fill out and sign page 3, signed by both actor and parent)
 - b. CRPD Code of Conduct (signed)
 - c. Costume Sizing Information (specify Adult or Child sizes)
 - d. Participation Fee of \$210 OR a Request for Financial Assistance OR a Combination of both
 - e. *Optional paperwork – Request to Miss Rehearsal*
2. **INTRODUCTION OF THE PROGRAM by Megan McDonough**
3. **INTRODUCTION OF THE PRODUCTION STAFF**

<i>Director:</i> Lauren Alexander	<i>Costumer:</i> Aspen Gozzo
<i>Playwright/Assistant Director:</i> Taylor Welch	<i>Photographer:</i> Paul Cranmer
<i>Lighting Designer/Tech. Director:</i> Ian Kelley	<i>Managing Director/Producer:</i> Megan McDonough
<i>Stage Manager:</i> Sebastian Hall	<i>Associate Producer/Box Office Mgr.:</i> Natalie DeSavia
4. **A FEW WORDS FROM PRODUCTION STAFF**

a. Lauren	b. Taylor	c. Sebastian	d. Aspen	e. Paul
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5. **PRODUCTION GOALS**
 - a. To create a fun and fulfilling theatrical experience, for both participants and audience members.
 - b. Present 4 public performances of H.M.S. CALAMITY for the Hillcrest Players.
 - c. To provide a positive experience where participants can develop creative talent with an ultimate goal of continued participation in and appreciation of the performing arts.
 - d. To increase self-esteem, self-awareness and self-discipline in the arts through active participation.
 - e. To facilitate positive leadership from experienced staff and encouragement from fellow participants that help the participant develop artistic skills, generosity, and teamwork skills.
6. **WHERE IS REHEARSAL TONIGHT?** A guide to the rooms of the Hillcrest Center for the Arts.
7. **ACTING CONTRACT HIGHLIGHTS**
8. **T-SHIRTS**
 - a. T-shirts are \$20. They are optional.
 - b. T-shirts must be ordered by **5pm. Thursday, September 3, 2026**
9. **ALWAYS CALL ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TAYLOR AT (661) 972-9987 IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE.**
10. **PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** We encourage parents to volunteer as much as possible! We count on our generous volunteers to help us have a successful run.
 - a. Ushers SEE SIGN UP SHEET.
 - b. Set & Costume Construction Helpers SEE SIGN UP SHEET.
 - c. Strike Helpers SEE SIGN UP SHEET.
 - d. Backstage Monitors – must be fingerprinted. SEE SIGN UP SHEET & GRAB FINGERPRINTING FORM
 - e. Headshot Assistant SEE SIGN UP SHEET

11. INVITED DRESS REHEARSAL/VIDEOTAPING THE SHOW:

- a. Families are invited to come watch the YAE Penultimate (2nd to last) Dress Rehearsal on **Thursday, October 8** so that we can have a rehearsal audience.
- b. Video cameras are permitted at the Invited Dress Rehearsal
- c. We will record one of the performances and provide a link to download the video to all families.

12. PHOTO CALL:

- a. This is the only time that parents will be able to take photos of the show. You must bring your own camera and flash is OK. This will be held from **10:30am-11:30am on Saturday, October 10, 2026**. Actors, plan to arrive by 10am.
- b. YAE's photographer, Paul Cranmer, will take photos of dress rehearsals and performances and provide a link to those photos online to all cast families.

13. WEBSITE & E-MAIL LIST: On our website: www.YAEonline.com, we keep up-to-date information and schedules. Be sure to "Bookmark" or make a "Favorite Place" of our website for further information.

14. TICKETS

- a. YAE Show times are **12:30pm and 3pm Saturday October 10 & 17**. All performances will take place at the Hillcrest Center for the Arts.
- b. Tickets are on sale now!
- c. The Hillcrest Center Office will be open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, for walk-up ticket sales, plus evenings and weekends when it is open for activities. You may also call (805) 381-1246 and charge your order on AMERICAN EXPRESS®, MASTERCARD®, DISCOVER®, or VISA®, or go online to HillcrestArts.com to purchase tickets.
- d. For **H.M.S. CALAMITY: A COMEDY AT SEA** reserved tickets cost \$14 for everyone.
- e. A 10% Group Discount for groups of 10 or more per performance is also available. GROUP SALES CANNOT BE CHANGED ONCE ORDERED.

15. ACCOMMODATIONS

- a. If there is anything we should know about your child that may require an accommodation, please come up and chat with us after the meeting.

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