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# OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER

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## The Ohnward Fine Arts Center Maquoketa, IA

Present  
Auditions for



**Auditions:**

**Monday July 18 at 10 AM and 1 PM.**

**Rehearsal dates - July 19 - Aug. 12**

**Performances sates - August 13 at 7:00 PM**

**And August 14 at 2:00 PM**

The Ohnward Fine Arts Center is will be holding auditions for Honk Jr., Monday, July 18 at 10 AM and again at 1 PM, at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center. **Students from ages 8 – 18 can audition for this show. Both male and females are invited to audition.** The cost for kids to participate is \$35. This covers all Scripts, scenery, a Honk Jr. T-shirt and workshops.

# Honk JR.

*This delightful adaptation of the beloved fable and the award-winning musical is a heartwarming celebration of what makes us special.*

*Honk! JR. is a heartwarming celebration of being different that is sure to delight audiences of all ages with its sparkling wit, unique charm and memorable score. Witty and hilarious, but also deeply moving, Honk! JR. will treat your audiences to equal amounts of laughter and tears.*

*Ugly looks quite a bit different from his darling duckling brothers and sisters. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping. Feeling rather foul about himself, the little fowl finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, all the while unknowingly outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a whole flock of unique characters and finds out being different is not a bad thing to be.*

The **cost** for kids to participate is **\$35**. This cost covers all, music, scripts, scenery, a Honk Jr. T-shirt, all rehearsal materials.

## **Parts include:**

**Ducklings** - Beaky, Fluff, Billy, Downy are Ugly's siblings - cute little kid types. They are among the "popular" ones in the duck yard who enjoy making Ugly feel left out. They sing as a group.

**Ugly** - The ugly duckling and the main character of HONK! JR. Innocent, easily confused and very impressionable, Ugly doesn't understand why it is wrong being different.

**Ida** - Ugly's mom. Ida is extremely protective of her son and committed to his safety.

**Drake** - Ida's husband. Drake is a sarcastic character. He is the stereotypical sitcom father - often shirking his parental duties.

**Maureen** - A moorhen and Ida's best friend. Maureen genuinely loves Ida, but she can't resist a bit of good gossip.

**The Cat** - The sly, cunning villain of the show. All of the other animals are deathly afraid of him. He is manipulative, cunning, witty and above all, HUNGRY.

**Greylag** - A somewhat pompous goose and washed-up British military type.

**Dot** - A motherly type, she is genuinely concerned with helping Ugly find his mother.

**The Bullfrog** - A laidback, self confident frog with whom Ugly comes into contact in the second half of the show.

**Penny** - The young, beautiful swan that Ugly saves from a tangled fishing net. She is able to see beyond Ugly's looks and she loves him for who he is.

**Father Swan**

**Mother Swan**

**Grace** - The most distinguished duck on the lake. Very aristocratic, she is considered the queen of the duck yard. All of the other animals look up to Grace and respect her.

**The Turkey** - The headmaster of the ducklings' school. The Turkey is a bit snobbish and joins in the fun of teasing Ugly. There is of course one word that send shivers down his spine - THANKSGIVING!

**Henrietta** - A hen and another of Maureen's friends. Henrietta and Maureen gossip about the goings on in the duck yard. She takes great pleasure in making fun of Ugly.

**Jay Bird** - An investigative reporter. A very "in your face" bird, all she/he cares about is getting a good story.

**The Farmer** - The only humans in the show.

**Ensemble** - The remaining actors in the company play a number of different roles. Throughout the action of the play they take on roles as barn yard animals, geese, children at play, and froglets.

**Rehearsals** will begin on Tuesday July 19. Not every student will have to be at every rehearsal. The rehearsal times will be from 10:00 AM through Noon Monday through Fridays. Expect longer rehearsal times from August 8 through 12.

This show will be directed by Ohnward Fine Arts Centers executive director Richard Hall and Angie Ruley. Piano accompanist will be Jenna Junge and choreography by Taylor Fishwild. For questions please call the Ohnward Fine Arts Center at 566-652-9815 or email Richard Hall at [Director@ohnwardfineartscenter.com](mailto:Director@ohnwardfineartscenter.com).

**Honk Jr.** will have two public performances on Saturday August 13 at 7 PM and Sunday August 14 at 2 PM. Tickets for the public performances will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. If purchased at the door on the day of the performances tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$7.00 for students. Tickets can also be purchased at The Ohnward Fine Arts Center (*from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm call 563-652-9815*).

**The shows approximate runtime is one hour.**