

MCT AUDITION NOTICE for *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Dorset Playhouse

January 8th, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After the success of *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Pied Piper*, *Cinderella*, and *Hansel and Gretel* the Dorset Players are delighted to once again host the Missoula Children's Theatre group. Auditions for the 2010 Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* will be held on January 18th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Dorset Playhouse. There are roles for students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with a MCT Tour Actor/Director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. **Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session.** (The first rehearsal begins approximately 30 minutes after the audition for the older cast members.)

This is a group audition - **no advance preparation is necessary**, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

Rehearsals will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4:00-6:00 and/or 6:30-8:30 at the Dorset Playhouse. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack dinner or snack.

The performances will be held on Saturday, January 23rd at 3:00 and 7:00 and will be presented at the Dorset Playhouse. The students in the cast will be called for a dress rehearsal before the performance that day, so should have that entire day free. All those cast must be available for **all** scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. The residency in Dorset is made possible by the Dorset Players with help from the Stratton Foundation and additional community businesses and members. In order to cover ever-increasing production costs not covered by our generous corporate and individual sponsors, there will be a fee of \$35.00 for each child who agrees to participate as a cast member in this show. **We are asking that parents make payment of the \$35.00 on Monday evening after the cast assignments have been made.** Should this fee pose a financial problem, please talk to one of Players' Producers about the availability of a scholarship.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sheila Conway at the Dorset Players' office between 10 and 2, M-F at 867-5570 or e-mail dpi@vermontel.net.

Sincerely,

Maureen Chaffee, Producer of MCT Residency, Dorset Players
Kathy Penge, Executive Producer, Dorset Players

