Summer Honors Audition Guidelines for Drama class 2018

All students auditioning for a role in the 2018 SHP production of James and the Giant Peach should submit a video in which they perform a memorized monologue and 8-16 bars of a song which includes a vocal range of at least one octave.

**Recommendations:** choose a song and a monologue with bold, cartoonish character as this is the style of the musical. Everything about this production is bright, colorful, and over the top. Monologues are best if they are one character speaking to another about something they feel deeply about right now-rather than telling a story. Plays, movies, poems, and T.V. shows are all good places to find monologues, just make sure the character wants or needs something rather than is explaining something.

Video auditions must include the following:

- 1. A quick introduction with one fun fact or about you
- 2. The title of the play, show, movie from which you have taken your monologue and name of the song you are singing.
- 3. A monologue no more than 2 min. in length (a clip of a speech team performance fine as long as it was a solo performance, the camera was close up on your face and body (rather than across the room) and you portrayed one or more characters).
- 4. 8-16 bars of a song, sung in one of three ways. 1. Acapella or 2. Accompanied by live instrument or 3. Karaoke style with recorded back-up music. Song should be no longer than one verse or chorus. \*If you have a belt range please show it off. Selections from musicals are preferred.
- 5. If you are a dancer, a quick little step or routine would also be helpful, 30 sec. max.
- 6. A brief thank you.
- \*If you are interested in a tech position (we will need a stage manager, a light designer, a sound designer, and a choreographer). In place of items 2-4 speak a little about your experience in or desire for a position as tech crew for this production.

If you have questions about the audition process, please feel free to email the instructor candersonahrens@gmail.com under the heading SHP Drama Audition, 2018.

Please feel free to access samples of all the songs in the show by following the link below and clicking on songs.

https://www.mtishows.com/roald-dahls-james-and-the-giant-peach

I also have added some links to some youtube videos to get a good taste of the songs and characters. There are many more where these came from. <u>https://youtu.be/PYkR5uWT1eY</u>

https://youtu.be/0CvoDVIuONc

https://youtu.be/b0r5G0SGmv0

Break a Leg!