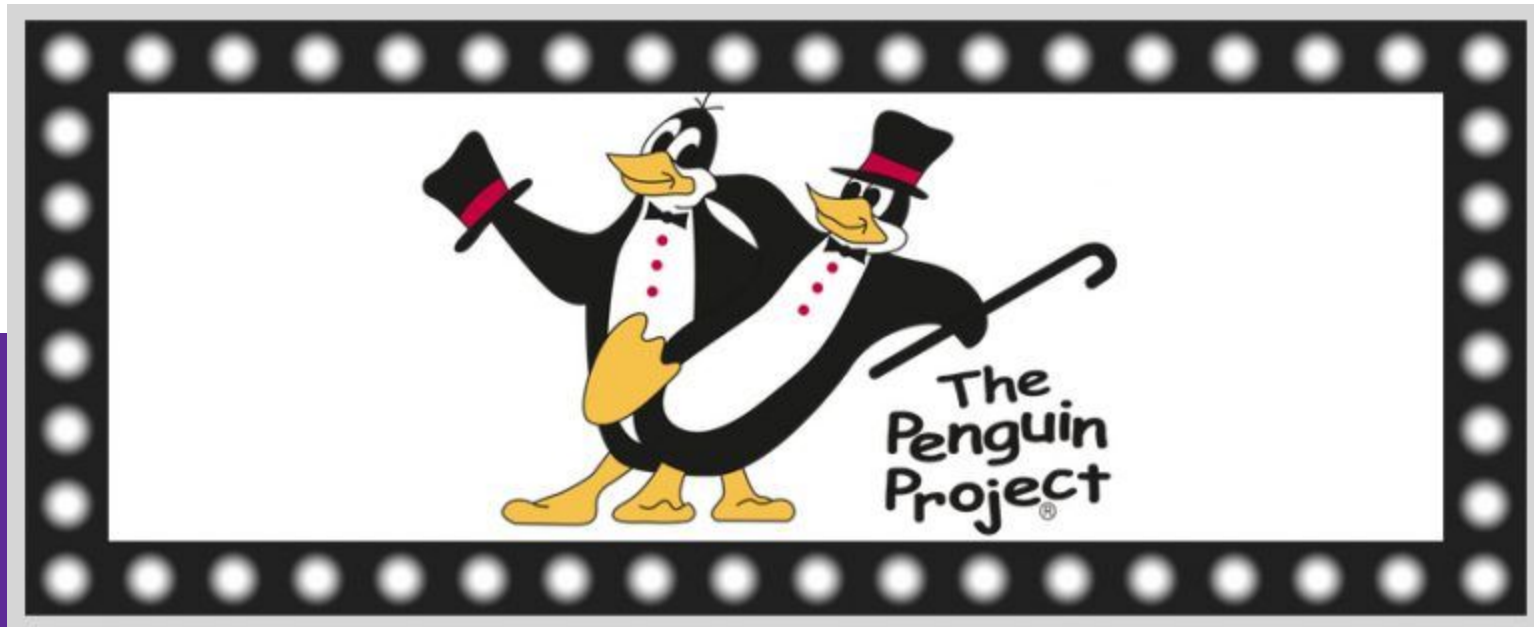




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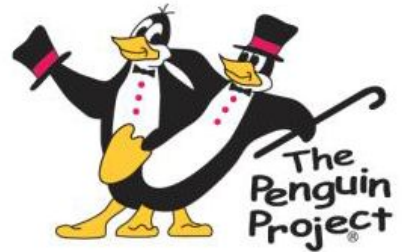
Welcome!

Lorin Furlow, Production Coordinator

Wes Copeland, Director

Connie Marshall, Choreographer

Brandy Weidner, Mentor Coordinator



What is the Penguin Project?

Wes Copeland

- Founded by Dr. Andy Morgan, 2004, IL
- Penguin Project Foundation Established, 2007
- Replicated Across United States is a theater experience for young artists ages 10-21 with special needs who appear on stage with their same-age mentors.
- Brazosport Center Stages Penguin Project (first community theater chapter in Texas); Inaugural Production Annie Jr., 2022



Goals of the Program

Connie Marshall

- Put On a GREAT Show!
- Make Friends!
- Have Fun!

Why is it called the Penguin Project?



Connie Marshall



May 17 at 7:30 pm

May 18 at 7:30 pm

May 19 at 2:30 pm

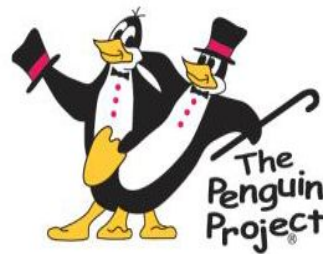
Arrive 1 hour prior to performances

Strike & Cast party after last
performance

Fees and Rehearsals

Wes Copeland

- This is a free program
 - Requested Donation \$30
- Rehearsals
 - Please see Rehearsal Calendar Provided
 - Rehearsals last 1 hr. and 15 minutes (mentors 1.5 hrs)
 - Your attendance & commitment is IMPORTANT
 - Please fill out the conflict calendar



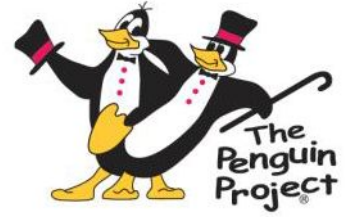
Matching Artists and Mentors

Brandy Weidner

- Mentor Coordinator will match artists and mentors
- Goal to match early in the rehearsal process, however, sometimes changes are necessary
- Everyone will get a script and a link to the music
- The Penguin Project is a safe environment!! No hitting, teasing, or bullying is allowed. If you do any of these things, that affect the safety of others or disrupt the program, you may be asked to leave the program



Time to Dance!



All actors and mentors will move onto the stage with Ms. Connie & Ms. Brandy and learn a fun dance!

*Parents remain here for a more detailed discussion about the program

Outcomes

Lorin Furlow

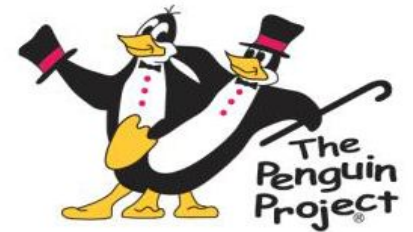
- Actors
- Mentors
- Parents
- Community



Fees

Lorin Furlow

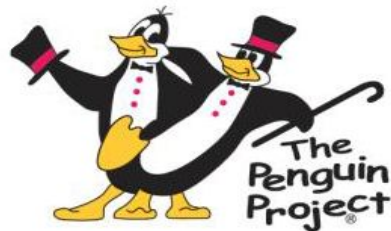
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Rehearsals

Wes Copeland

- Your child's attendance & commitment is VERY important; especially mentors
- List ALL conflicts & turn in on the Calendar
- Wear comfortable, **closed shoes** and appropriate clothing for movement
- Gather in lobby for penguin cheer prior to moving into theater
- Please be prompt in picking up your child
- Please inform us if your child will be leaving rehearsals with other participants



Rehearsals - Important Dates

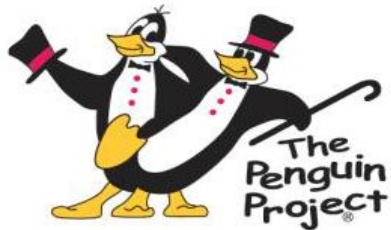
Wes Copeland

- **Mentor Bootcamp**

- 6-7pm
- Feb 26 & 27,
March 4 & 5

- **Rehearsals Begin March 19**

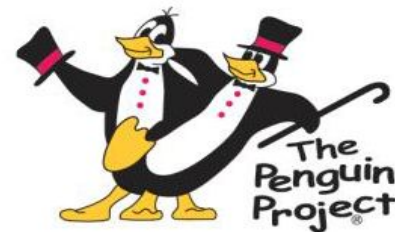
- Mentors Check in 6:00-6:15pm
- Rehearsal for ALL 6:15-7:30pm
- Tues/Thur Rehearsals Mar 19-April 4
- Mon/Tue/Thur Rehearsal April 8-May 9
- Tech Week Rehearsals May 12-15



Communications

Lorin Furlow

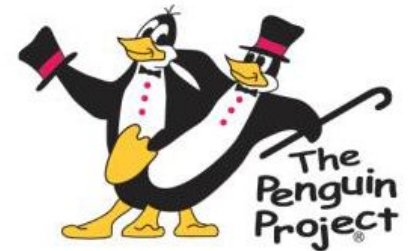
- TEAM App
 - Important Announcements
 - Production Documents
 - Production Music
 - You can use this to notify production crew regarding unexpected attendance changes



Artists & Mentor Expectations

Lorin Furlow

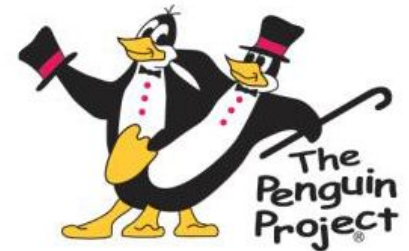
- The Penguin Project is a safe environment!! No hitting, teasing, or bullying is allowed. If you do any of these things, that affect the safety of others or disrupt the program, you may be asked to leave the program
- Mentors & Artists are expected to support each other and stay together during rehearsals



Artists & Mentor Expectations (cont'd)

Lorin Furlow

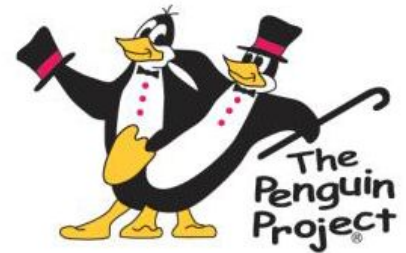
- We ask that issues/concerns are reported immediately to the production staff, no later than the end of the evening.
- Our goal is to do everything possible to make this a safe & supportive environment for everyone!



Roles for Parents

Lorin Furlow

- During rehearsals
- Your child's mentor
- Volunteer Opportunities!!!
 - Rehearsal Rotations, Properties, Set Build & Painting, Costumes, Tech, and Backstage Crew
 - Background check
- Penguin Gear



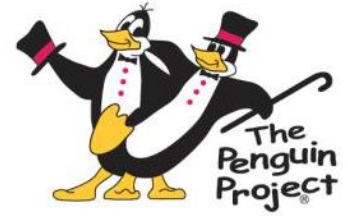
Participation Form

Completion must be
verified prior to your child
attending mentor camp or
rehearsals



<https://forms.gle/uNFGqnHZDDsTqxBD9>

Mini Q&A



The Actors and Mentors will return to show you their dance!

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us at The Center at 979-265-7661.



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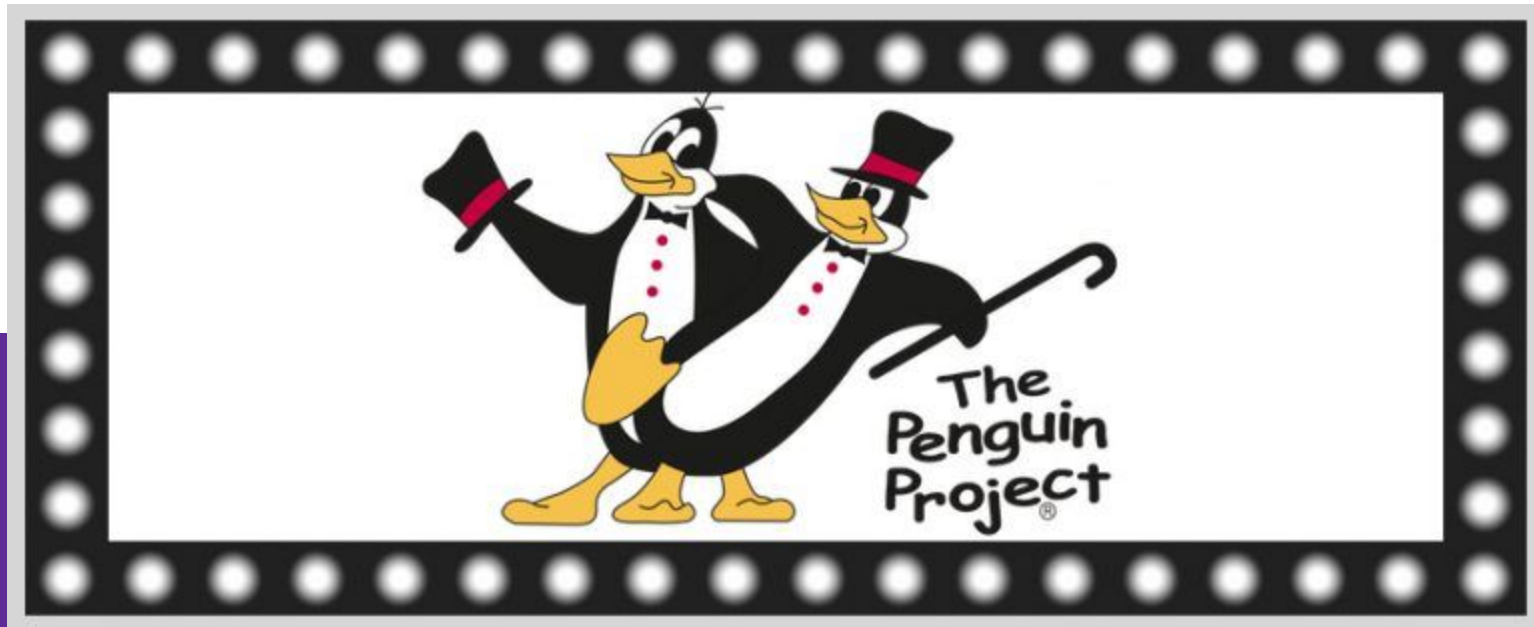


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