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OLIVER! AUDITIONS SEPTEMBER 30
AUDITIONS FOR CHILDREN'S ROLES AT
MANHATTAN VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER FOR THE CIVIC LIGHT OPERA OF
SOUTH BAY CITIES' PRODUCTION OF OLIVER!

Does your baby want to be on Broadway? If so, bring your child out to play on Saturday, September 30, for the chance to be *in* a play!

Children who look 8-12 years old may audition from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Manhattan Village Shopping Center, Rosecrans and Sepulveda Blvds., for roles as the children in the Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities' production of *Oliver!*, the musical version of Charles Dickens classic tale of *Oliver Twist*. The musical runs from November 29 to December 17.

Sign-in for pre-registered children is from Noon to 2 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Manhattan Village Shopping Center Concierge Desk or online at www.shopmanhattanvillage.com, where additional details are also posted. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, visit www.shopmanhattanvillage.com or contact the Civic Light Opera at 310.318.2826.

"We love to give our audiences the best entertainment for their dollar with the best civic light opera productions in town," says CLOSBC's Executive Producer James A. Blackman III. "Now we have a chance to give something back for all the support we've received – a chance for talented children to be in our spectacular holiday production of *Oliver!*"

"We are so pleased to host this event – the first of its kind at the Manhattan Village Shopping Center," says Marketing Director Shana Lynn Yao. "We are happy to welcome the children of Los Angeles and support the Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities."

For the audition, children must bring sheet music for on-site piano accompanist, sing no more than 16 bars of selected music and it is suggested they bring a resume and photo.

The largest producing civic light opera in all of Southern California, the Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities is a not-for-profit cultural arts institution dedicated to the preservation and presentation of our unique American musical art forms. Performances are presented at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Blvd. at Aviation Blvd., Redondo Beach.

Note: See Fact Sheet/Calendar Listing following for additional information.

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OLIVER! AUDITION FACT SHEET/CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: NON-UNION AUDITIONS FOR THE CIVIC LIGHT OPERA OF SOUTH BAY CITIES PRODUCTION OF **OLIVER!**

WHO: CHILDREN WHO LOOK 8 TO 12 YEARS OLD

WHEN: **EVENT DATE: Saturday, September 30, 2006**

PRE-REGISTERED SIGN IN: 12 pm - 2 pm**

GATHER IN WAITING AREA: 2pm – 2:30 pm

AUDITIONS: 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

* *Day-of registered children are not guaranteed an audition spot on September 30th and will be informed of a later audition day that will take place at the Civic Light Opera Theatre.*

** *Pre-registration is encouraged for a guaranteed spot on audition day. Pre-registered children will be guaranteed audition time on day of event. Numbers for pre-registered children will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis beginning at 12 p.m. on Saturday, September 30. Registration is valid only after applications are received by the Manhattan Village Concierge.*

WHERE: **MANHATTAN VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER, Center Court
3200 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Rosecrans)
Registration forms are available at the Manhattan Village Concierge desk or online at www.shopmanhattanvillage.com.**

JUDGES: CLOSBC Executive Producer James A. Blackman III
Oliver! Director Jon Engstrom
Musical Director Steven Smith
Associate Producers Stephanie Coltrin and Christopher Beyries

THE PLAY: *Oliver!* is a popular musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic tale of an orphan who runs away from the orphanage and joins a group of boys trained to be pickpockets by an elderly mentor. The Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities will stage the play for the holidays, November 29 to December 17.

AUDITION: Children must:

- Bring sheet music for on-site piano accompanist.
- Resume and photo (suggested)
- Sing no more than 16 bars of selected music

NOTE: ***If cast, children must be available for rehearsals beginning November 1 and be available for every performance. Visit www.civiclighthouse.com for schedule. Also, see registration form for additional important information about the event.***

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