

# THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY

## ALADDIN-2024-25

Dear "Auditioners",

September 2, 2024

I want to start by thanking all of you who auditioned for Aladdin. It was amazing to see 40 of our students wanting to create an audition to be able to be part of the cast of our upcoming production. All 9 instructors that were there that night were thoroughly impressed and particularly proud of the time and effort you put into these auditions. It was evident how much our young dancers wanted to be part of the production and we all recognized that. The difficult part of auditions is that we cannot cast everyone. This year we decided to record each audition so that we could review them for our final placements. Upon review of each audition, we discussed these elements about each dancer:

- 1-Did the dancer sing and have emotion?
- 2-What skills did the dancer deliver and how well did they do them?
- 3-Is this dancer known to practice in class each week?

Each dancer was then placed in order from 1-40, with the top 13 getting the major speaking and dancing parts and then we continued down the line for the remaining parts. We cannot take 40 dancers for this production. We used as many as we could and yet we still had to make some difficult cuts.

To all my auditioners: if you didn't get a part or the part you wanted, that doesn't mean you won't in the future. The more you audition the more practice you get at auditioning and one day, it will be your turn. Don't let this deter you from trying again. Never let a 'NO' be an end...let it be the motivation you need to continue improving at your art. I want to encourage you to continue trying because someday that door will open and we'll be on the other side waiting to congratulate you. With that said here are our decisions for the cast of characters for Aladdin.

We will be having a mandatory meeting for **all cast members and a parent** on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30pm. At this time we will discuss schedules and costuming for your characters. Again thank you very, very much for your time, effort, and talent. We are proud of you and we are certainly proud to call you TMDA dancers and tumblers! Congratulations!

## **LIST OF CHARACTERS**

**ALADDIN:** VIV PRASHAW

**JASMINE:** AINSELY CARON

**JAFAR:**LAUREN DUGAL

**DAHLIA:** EMILY COLLINS

**GENIE:** MALLORY MAYNARD

**SULTAN:** ANNA GRIFFETH

**MAGIC CARPET:** CATHERINE MCCRUM

**ABU:** SADIE HUNTER

**IAGO:** KEYAUNA SOUCY

**RAJA:** SHEA BIRMINGHAM

**MAYA:** MADELYN COTE

**PRINCE ANDERS:** PEYTON HALLET

**OMAR:** ADELYN ELLIOT

**LIAN:** MONROE STONE

**HAKEEM:** ISABELLA ALBERT

**JAMAL:** KAYDEN GUERRETTE

**RAOUL:** RHIANNA DESJARDINS

**STOREKEEPER:** MEA OUELLETTE

**2 SHOPLIFTERS:** EMMA GRAVES AND EMMA DOLAN

**2 GUARDS:** PIPER WOOLARD AND KATELYN STEDMAN

**PRISONER:** DANIKA ALLEN

**JAI HO DANCERS:** AIVA ELLIOT, VIV BELL, RHIANNA DESJARDINS,  
AINSLEY CARON, SHEA BIRMINGHAM, CATHERINE MCCRUM

**KNIGHTS:** LAUREN DUGAL, KAYDEN GUERETTE, QUINN CODREY, EMILY  
COLLINS, ISABELLA ALBERT

**HAREM GIRLS:** ELLA DILLON, JENNA STRID, AIVA ELLIOT, VIV BELL,