



Greetings!

After such a tremendous show at Rainier Beach High School this summer, we would like your help in encouraging youth artists from South Seattle to audition for our upcoming production of *Hairspray*. In the past, we have actively invited students from Rainier Beach to participate in our Spring and Fall shows because of our close relationship with the school, and have welcomed several as participants in some of our previous productions here in the North End. Our dedication to an all-inclusive program continues to grow, and we are expanding our efforts to find talent from throughout the South Seattle community to produce spectacular shows this fall.



About the Show:

*Set in segregated 1960s Baltimore, HAIRSPRAY is the story Tracy Turnblad who finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity overnight after winning a spot on the local dance program, The Corny Collins Show. With her larger-than-life personality, Tracy is challenged with three tasks: 1 - vanquish the program's reigning princess; 2 - Integrate the television show; 3 - Find true love (while singing and dancing WITHOUT mussing her hair). HAIRSPRAY is a social commentary on the injustices of parts of American society in the 1960s*

We have a need-based scholarship program that allows eligible students **to participate without cost**, as well as a **transportation stipend** program to assist our young actors who want to participate but cannot afford the tuition and/or the transportation from the South Seattle area to the University District.

*Hairspray* is open to students in grades 7 – 12 and rehearses twice per week from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the University Heights Community Center. *Hairspray* auditions are being held Tuesday, Sept. 7 – Saturday, Sept. 11 at the University Heights Community Center. *Hairspray* will open at Broadway Performance Hall (Capitol Hill) on Friday, Jan. 7 and close on Sunday, Jan. 16. **Each actor MUST sign up for an audition in order to be cast in the show, but every actor who auditions is cast in the show :)**

Broadway Bound participants have the opportunity to grow in a performing arts setting, while being mentored by professional theatre artists from Seattle's rich arts community, including stage directors, choreographers, musicians and designers. We encourage you to forward this information on to any young artists you know who may be interested in participating in *Hairspray*. You can sign up for an audition here - <http://www.broadwaybound.org/fall-2010-auditions>.