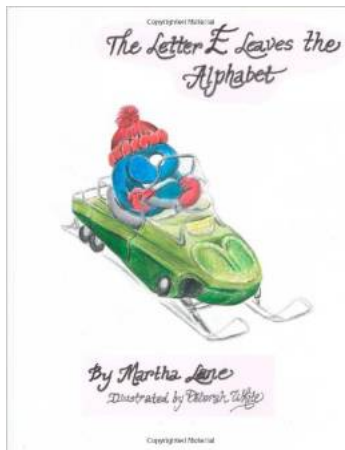




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Charles County Arts Alliance Auditions on March 7 and 8, 7:00 pm for *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*



Play to be Presented at the Watermelon Festival and ArtsFest 2017

The Charles County Arts Alliance, in co-operation with the Life Journeys Writers Guild and Old Waldorf School Foundation, is sponsoring the production of a play adapted from the children's book, *The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet*. Written by Martha Lane, local Charles County author, the book tells the story of the letter E who runs away from home because he can't be the first letter in the alphabet. E has "one whole night and one whole day" to change his mind and return to the alphabet. If he does not make his decision in time, "every E in every word will fly away like a bird."

The story's themes are endless, teaching through the letter E's adventure, the fun of understanding vowels and consonants and rules for the road of life. These rules range from understanding how to deal with anger, family birth order, not being listened to, getting help in the right place with the right person, the desire and need to be first, forgiveness and loyalty, and, most importantly, it is the knowledge that every man, woman and child is an irreplaceable treasure with a wonderful mission and purpose no one else can accomplish.

Auditions will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 7 and 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the Old Waldorf School, 3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD 20601. Please be prepared to recite any nursery rhyme from memory and do a cold reading. Main rehearsals will be held every Wednesday from March 15 to May 24, 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at Old Waldorf School.

Roles are open, except for the Narrator and the Mother. The director and producer is Robert K. Rausch.

Casting for the following roles:

- The Letters E, A, B, C, and D (for ages 13 to 21 years)

- The Father (age 40+ years)
- The Letter Maker (age 40+ years)
- Also needed: Stage Manager, Projection Technician and at least one Stage Hand

The play will be entered into the Watermelon Festival's competition to be held on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4, 2017, at St. Mary's College; and also at ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 10, at the La Plata Town Hall. Other performances may be scheduled at a later date.

Please contact the CCAA Office for more information and if you plan to audition. Phone: 301-392-5900, or email: info@charlescountyarts.org.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.