



## CHILDRENS CASTING BRIEF

Based on the beloved books by Australia's P.L. Travers and the classic 1964 Walt Disney film, MARY POPPINS will open at Her Majesty's Theatre Melbourne in July 2010.

Produced by Cameron Mackintosh and Thomas Schumacher, for Disney Theatrical Productions, MARY POPPINS the stage musical features the Academy Award®-winning music and lyrics of Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman.

The stage production has been created, in collaboration with Cameron Mackintosh, by screenwriter Julian Fellowes, who wrote the book, and the team of George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, who composed new songs and additional music and lyrics.

The production is directed by Richard Eyre, with co-direction and choreography by Matthew Bourne. Set and costume designs are by Bob Crowley, co-choreography by Stephen Mear, lighting design by Howard Harrison, orchestrations by William David Brohn. Associate Director is James Powell, Associate Choreographer is Geoffrey Garratt, and Musical Director is Paul Christ.

### **ROLES TO BE CAST**

#### **JANE BANKS**

Pretty and attractive girl. Exuberant but wilful. Occasionally inclined to snobbishness. Must be able to sing. Good coordination required with some dance skills. Must be between 125cm – 148cm. Must be born between May 15, 1997 and May 15, 2000 (10 – 13 yrs old as of May 15, 2010).

#### **MICHAEL BANKS**

Cute and cheeky. Excitable. Naughty. Adores his Father and tries to be like him. Must be able to sing (voice can't have broken). Good coordination required with some dance skills. Must not be taller than 138cm. Must be born between May 15, 1998 and May 15, 2000 (10 – 12 years old as of May, 2010).

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- . Children must be Melbourne based and live within one hours travel of the CBD
- . Birth certificate must be provided on the day of auditions
- . Auditions will be held in Melbourne week commencing January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- . Suggestions must include date of birth (not age) and current height (in centimetres)
- . There is no flexibility on the age or height requirements due to legal and creative reasons

Headshots and biog for the children's roles must be posted to:

Mary Poppins Casting  
PO Box 123  
Montmorency VIC 3094

The deadline for suggestions and hard copies of biog/headshots is **Monday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. We will notify those who are successful in gaining an audition by early December. Please note that emailed suggestions will not be accepted.