

## 2017 SUMMER WORKSHOP CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### PERIOD 1

**SHOWTUNE WORKSHOP 1** (ages 8-12) For kids who like to sing and dance, culminating in a mini-revue of popular Broadway songs. Meets for two periods.

**ON THE SCENE/THEATRE INTENSIVE** (ages 14-18) On the Scene explores acting technique through contemporary scene work culminating in the performance of a one-act play. Meets for two periods.

**SHAKESPEAREAN INSULTS** (ages 9-18) “Me scorns you, scurvy companion! More of your conversation would infect my brain.” No one can sling an insult quite like William Shakespeare! Learn the background and plots of some of his most beloved plays, and then sling with the best of them—amaze your friends and others with your wit and amazing knowledge of the King’s English and a great use of vocabulary. It will be creative and fun to invent your own too.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** (ages 9-18) From selfies to storytelling, portraits and action shots; learn to take great pictures and explore the possibilities of making your photos special. Computer editing will be a part of the course. Each student’s best work will be displayed at Arts Festival. Student must own a camera or smartphone.

**GREAT MOVIE MOMENTS** (ages 13+) Do you love movies? After watching film clips for guidance and inspiration, the class will re-enact great movie moments! The next star of the silver screen could be you!

**YOUTUBE SENSATION** (ages 8+) After learning what makes a must see YouTube sensation, the class will create a parody based on popular and viral videos. Cell phones are useful for this class, but not required.

**ACCENTS** (ages 11-18) So many accents, so little time! This course is for the actor who longs to understand the difference between Cockney and Proper British. Learn to fake being French or Italian, and then explore the differences in our own country, from the Deep South to the ever popular Bahstan accent! This course provides real tools for mastering accents for the stage.

**IMPROV** (ages 8-11) The art of improvisation is a lot of fun for both beginning and advanced actors. The spirit of creativity is sparked through theatre games and participation in various styles of improvisation, resulting in creating scenes from funny or unusual situations. You will learn how to think fast and be a supportive acting partner. Everyone will take away valuable skills that improve you as an actor and add to your confidence in auditions and beyond.

**COSTUME DESIGN** (ages 11-18) This class will have a true costumer’s experience as they conceptualize, design, and execute the costumes for a special performance on Arts Festival Day.

**MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP** (ages 11-18) Have you ever dreamed of creating your own Broadway style hit? In just 3 weeks, the class will invent a plot, characters and songs that help tell the story to create an original mini-musical! A great opportunity to combine your talent with others resulting in a one-of-a-kind premiere musical!

**BOLLYWOOD** (ages 12-18) Indian dance comes to ACT! Dancers will learn a great combination of classic Bollywood and Indian Bharatanatyam movements as they create an exciting and unique dance. You will receive your own authentic ankle bells. (Lab Fee \$20.00 Lab Fee for those who do not own ankle bells)

**STAGE COMBAT** (ages 8-11) Learn the finesse of stage combat! For all ages-boys and girls! Falling, rolling, punching and noises! This will be fun and safe!

**CHARACTER CREATION** (ages 8-18) Creating a story through stock character such as the ingénue, villain, fem fatale, charmer, gangster, king pin, the princess... then together writing and creating a story using these characters, with the aid of props and costumes.

**FAUX GLASS** (ages 8-18) Think Super-Sized Shrinky Dinks meets Recycle Art. Students will transform ordinary plastics (start saving those water bottles, caps and #6 plastics) into beautiful, colorful, flowing artwork. Creations will include individual projects such as mobiles, sculptures, sun catchers (using Gallery Glass products) and possibly jewelry, and culminate in a large class project to be installed at the theatre for all to enjoy!

### PERIOD 2

**TAP 1 & 2** (ages 8-18) Our great American art form will be so much fun for dancers of all ages and experience. We will first split the class in half by ability and then work on technique, steps and rhythms! Tap shoes are required. This class taught together by John Crampton and Sally Ashton Forrest.

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**CHILDREN'S ACTING** (ages 8-12) Learn the fundamentals of acting: stage presence, how to use body language when interpreting scene work, theatre etiquette, and confidence building. Students will learn improv exercises, viewpoints, and scene work in a fun and supportive environment.

**ANIMATION** (ages 10-18) Bring drawings and clay figures to life and learn the fine art of creating animation on video. (Patience is required for this art form.)

**A CAPELLA** (ages 12-18) Let your voice be your instrument! A Capella is the art of singing without any accompaniment by an instrument. Some of the best harmonies are to be found in jazz, do-wop, barbershop, contemporary and other forms of A Capella choral singing. This is truly an "outside the box" way to make music!

**FRACTURED FAIRY TALES** (ages 8-18) Perform a funny short play which features favorite fairytale characters and stories...with a twist!

**SEWING** (ages 8-18) The art of sewing is making a comeback! Girls and boys will learn to understand a pattern, hand sew and master a machine as they create a final project. You will never have to hire a tailor for those little sewing projects!

**SONGWRITING** (ages 10-18) Writing your own music and lyrics can be very rewarding and fun. Students will work on individual as well as group songs. (Students should have some musical experience).

**LIGHTING 1** (ages 9-11) Join this fun hands-on intro to lighting, which includes learning the names and usage of lighting instruments, basic hookup, and fun creating shadows and colors.

**SCENIC PAINTING** (ages 11-18) Learn painting techniques that will create the illusion of wood, brick, stone, marble etc. as well as an introduction to painting props and background pieces.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** (ages 9-12) Is breakfast your favorite meal? Then learn how to whip up some breakfast goodies-egg dishes and casseroles, pancakes, waffles and crepes, muffins and other AM favorites! **Lab Fee \$22.00**

### PERIOD 3

**MULTI-ARTS** (ages 12-18) An advanced class which combines acting, music, movement, slides, video, and special effects resulting in a multi-media performance art.

**ACE YOUR AUDITION** (ages 8-18) Develop the skills needed to get noticed in an audition room and increase your chance of getting cast. Actors in Ace Your Auditions will collaborate with the Directing class and perform in their final ACT performance project.

**MOVEMENT FOR MUSICAL THEATRE** (ages 8-18) Students learn to interpret Broadway songs through facial expressions, as well as receive guidance in how to choreograph their own movements for selected songs.

**DIVAS** (ages 8-11) An acting class for youngsters which will explore different characters with confidence and sass!

**DIRECTING** (ages 13-18) Learn how to block a scene and work with others as an actor and a director. A class for students with prior acting experience.

**TV PRODUCTION** (ages 8-18) Actors, camera operators, directors needed! The class becomes a production company that creates and stars in their own videos. This class meets for two periods.

**ACT NEWSPAPER** (ages 9-18) Our camp produces a weekly newspaper. Students write articles, interviews, movie reviews, cartoons and a gossip column.

**SKETCH COMEDY** (ages 10-18) Do you love to make people laugh? Some of the greatest comedians got their start just like you being the "class clown" or the kid who tells the best jokes. The art of two and three person comedy sketches will be explored, and students will practice and perform routines and skits. Be prepared to laugh a lot!

**VOICE** (ages 10-18) A smaller class which will learn the proper techniques of singing and work on individual songs.

**JAZZ** (ages 8-18) Come and join Jocelyn and Sally in a fun jazz class. We will split the class in half by ability but then work together on a combined project. Learn splits, new steps and sass!

**PROPS** (ages 11-18) Learn techniques of prop building, using a wide variety of materials. Students will meet with the director and help create unique pieces to be used in The Company Theatre's production of *The Little Mermaid*. Themes include creating ship details, Ariel's underwater grotto, Ursula's lair the creation of electrified jellyfish and much more, encompassing the enchanting "under the sea" theme.

**COOK OUT** (ages 10-18) – Campfire 101—toasting the perfect marshmallows for S'mores, roasting potatoes, hotdogs and much more! Fire safety will be emphasized. Rainy day cooking activities will be provided in the kitchen. **Lab Fee \$22.00**

**OPERA** (ages 10-18) An introduction to the great world of opera. Learn about different composers and learn to sing arias!

## PERIOD 4

**LIGHTING 3** (ages 13-18) More advanced cabling, use of gels, gobo making, tuning, maintenance and repair of equipment. Designing a small show or concert and programming the light board. Respect for safety will include an overview of the loading gallery, fly rail, spiking, labeling. Students will assist with the lighting design for Arts Festival.

**MOVEMENT FOR ACTORS** (ages 13-18) A class for the non-dancer. Learn how to move your body to enhance your interpretation of a character.

**IMPROV** (ages 13-18) The art of improvisation is a lot of fun for both beginning and advanced actors. The spirit of creativity is sparked through theatre games and participation in various styles of improvisation, resulting in creating scenes from funny or unusual situations. You will learn how to think fast and be a supportive acting partner. Everyone will take away valuable skills that improve you as an actor and add to your confidence in auditions and beyond.

**YOGA** (ages 8-18) Our yoga master will guide this class into positions for stretching, strengthening, energizing, relaxation and meditation. Namaste.

**STAGE COMBAT** (ages 12-18) Learn the finesse of stage combat! For all ages-boys and girls! Falling, rolling, punching and noises! This will be fun and safe!

**MYTHOLOGY** (ages 9-18) The origins of theatre come alive in the primal art of storytelling myths and legends. Students will learn stage presence and how to perform a narrative with little or no props. Several cultures will be covered, including Greek/Roman, Celtic and Native American.

**GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES** (ages 8-18) Not for the squeamish! This mini play will create all aspects of production including sets, costumes and props as they re-create a classic fairy tale—a little scary and a lot of fun!

**MAKEUP** (ages 7-12) Learn how to visually create a character with costumes, wigs, and makeup. Special effects, animals and horror are featured!

**THE BAND** (ages 11-18) Your chance to be in a band is here and now! Students who play any instrument at any level can add to the performance of fun songs! Please fill in your instrument on [My Class Choices Page](#).

**OPTIMISTIC VOICES** (ages 8-13) Students will learn the basics of vocal technique that will increase their range, power and confidence!

**CHOREOGRAPHY** (ages 12-18) Advanced dancers have the opportunity to learn styles while developing their own moves and routines and executing them with their classmates.

**SCENIC SCULPTURE** (ages 12-18) Have you ever wanted to visit Ariel's Grotto? Now you can be part of a team that will build it!

**SKULL ART** (ages 8-18) Colorful "Sugar Skulls" used in traditional celebrations in Mexico may be painted with flowers, animals, scenes or any way you like! Students will be provided with the skulls to paint and decorate, and will also create other kinds of art with a Mexican influence.

**BAKING** (ages 10-13) Who doesn't like eat yummy cupcakes and cookies. Now you can learn how to bake them for your friends and family.

**MUSICAL THEATRE REPERTOIRE** (ages 11-18) Do you love classic musical theatre such as *Oklahoma!* and *Carousel!*? Learn about the classic musical theatre shows and how to approach singing a song from the oldies but goodies!

## PERIOD 5

**SHOWTUNE WORKSHOP 2** (ages 13-18) A two-period course for the experienced performer. Students learn more advanced harmonies, choreography and lyric interpretation while working on popular musical theatre numbers.

**HEATHERS THE MUSICAL** (ages 14+) The cast will rehearse Heathers to be performed during the third week of our workshop. Auditions on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Call the box office for more information. Two periods

**KIDS SCENES FROM MUSICALS** (ages 8-12) This class will enjoy acting kid's roles in scenes from Oliver!, Annie, The Sound of Music and other Broadway favorites. You will certainly be ready for any of the shows covered after learning about the characters and stories, what directors look for, and of course the experience of having acted from the script!

**ACT JR (ages 5-7)** A new program designed to introduce youngsters to the arts and explore their creativity! Children will arrive at 12:30pm and be picked up at 2:30pm. The class will involve dancing, singing, crafts and theatre games. Meeting the same three weeks as our Full Program, ACT JR will not perform on our final day, Arts Festival Day.

**GREAT TV MOMENTS** (ages 13-18) The class will watch and then recreate favorite scenes from classic TV shows!

**ACTING FOR FILM** (ages 8-12) Acting for film and TV is different from acting on stage. Relate to your fellow actor in a believable conversation while finding your mark, using your eyes, face, and subtle body language to convey emotion. This class will explore the fine acting techniques used in film and television, and give you the confidence to act in front of a camera.

**RADIO SHOW** (ages 8-18) Before computer! Before TV! There was RADIO! Recreate the Golden Age of the Classic Radio Program. The final project will be a performance in the style of the old-tyme radio complete with advertisement and sound effects.

**COMMEDIA DELL' ARTE** (ages 8-18) Long ago in Italy, the Improv was the thing; and colorful masks were used to help tell the stories. Students will create masks and have a blast with their interpretations of funny stories.

**BROADWAY DANCE 1 & 2** (ages 8-18) Learn the wonderful style of Broadway production numbers. The class will be split in half according to ability. So much fun!!

**LIGHTING 2** (ages 12-18) Students with previous experience will have the opportunity to design the Multi Arts Project and On the Scene Workshop for Arts Festival Day.

**HEATHERS TECH** (ages 10-18) Be a part of the technical process of the backstage work for HEATHERS. Needed: carpenters, painters, props builders and people who love to work with their hands!

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**THEATRE GAMES** (ages 8-18) So much fun to play games that help young ones learn about character, team work and movement through games.

**ACTING THE SONG** (ages 12-18) This limited enrollment acting class teaches students how to give effective musical theatre performances through analysis of specific acting moments in various Broadway solos and/or duets.

**LYRICAL** (ages 10-18 with 2 or more years of dance class experience) Students will learn how to tell a story through movement and choreography.

**MODERN DANCE** (ages 10-18 with 2 or more years of dance class experience) The style of Martha Graham is known as one interpretation of Modern Dance. Expand your knowledge and learn new ways to move different than jazz or lyrical.

**CREATURE SHOPPE** (ages 8-18) Designing and creating Muppet style puppets, learning how to maneuver and bring to life the creatures that we create, then writing and performing a puppet show for Arts Festival.

**ARTIST'S WORKSHOP** (ages 8-18) Be inspired by the great artists while dabbling in different mediums! Young artists will explore painting, drawing, landscapes and more....