

# 2018 A.C.T. Summer Workshop Class Descriptions

## **PERIOD 1:**

**SHOWTUNE WORKSHOP 1** (ages 8-12) For kids who like to sing and dance, this class will teach vocal techniques and movement skills while preparing a mini-revue of popular Broadway songs. Meets for two periods.

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

**UNARMED STAGE COMBAT** (ages 8-11) Learn the basics of unarmed stage combat! With an emphasis on safety and storytelling, this course for younger students will examine a variety of moves and techniques. Whether superhero, pirate, viking, Shakespearian rogue, or ninja-come and meet your inner warrior!

**HIP HOP** (ages 8-18) Learn the fundamentals of hip-hop from popping and locking to contemporary hip-hop and freestyle! Students will leave with a solid foundation of this constantly evolving style.

**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 with 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.

**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.

**FUN WITH SHAKESPEARE** (ages 9-18) Discover that The Bard doesn't have to be stuffy or boring! In this fun and active class, students don't just sit around analyzing texts. We use movement and games to unlock the meaning of Shakespeare's language. See how these timeless plays inspired many of our modern shows and movies, including Game of Thrones and The Lion King.

**MANGA** (ages 10-16) Do you love manga? In this class you can make your own! We'll be creating a manga that we script ourselves and storyboard out. Everyone will come up with character designs and each be assigned a page to work on for our chapter of a manga. We'll go over the format of Japanese manga and develop something fun together as a group. We'll sketch, ink and produce our product for the Arts Festival which I'll display either as a booklet or have the pages side by side on a poster board, depending on how much is done in time.



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**ACCENTS** (ages 11-18) So many accents, so little time! This course is for the actor who longs to understand the difference between a Cockney and a Proper British accent. 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.

**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 showcase your talents while collaborating with others, resulting in a one-of-a-kind premiere musical!

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

## **PERIOD 2:**

**TAP** (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.

**IMPROV** (ages 12-18) 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 with 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.

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

**LIGHTING 1** (ages 8-11) 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.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** (ages 8-12) 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

**PLAYWRITING** (Ages 12-18) Take your ideas from brain to page to stage as this class explores the unique structure, craft, and style of writing for theatre. Students will learn the fundamentals of dramatic writing as they create their own scripts and examine the techniques behind some of their favorite scenes from stage and screen.



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**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.)

**SONGWRITING** (ages 10-18) Writing your own music and lyrics can be rewarding and fun. Students will learn about song structure, crafting rhymes, and creating chord progressions as they work on individual as well as group songs. (Students should have some musical experience).

**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. Students will also get a chance to help restore the original backdrop from the Ragtime national tour!

**UNARMED STAGE COMBAT** (ages 12-18) Learn the basics of unarmed stage combat! With an emphasis on safety and storytelling, this course for older students will examine a variety of moves and techniques, all while reinforcing good partnering and strong acting choices in our scene-work.

**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!

## **PERIOD 3:**

**MAKEUP** (ages 12-18) Learn how to visually create a character with costumes, wigs, and makeup. Special effects, animals and horror are featured! Note: students will be required to bring their own brushes. A list will be sent to families with what is needed prior to the start date.

**MACRAME** (ages 8-18) Learn different stitch techniques to make bracelets, banners, dream catchers, chokers in this classic fiber art form!

**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.

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

**A.C.T. NEWSPAPER** (ages 8-18) Our camp produces a weekly newspaper. Students write articles, conduct interviews, write television and movie reviews, design cartoons and even create a camp gossip column.



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**TV PRODUCTION** (ages 10-18) 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.

**ACE YOUR AUDITION** (ages 10-18) Develop the skills needed to get noticed in an audition room and increase your chance of getting cast. Actors in Ace Your Audition will collaborate with the Directing class and perform in their final A.C.T. performance project.

**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

**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. Learn how to turn jokes into sketches with zany plots and characters. The art of parody and absurdist sketches will be explored, and students will practice and perform routines and skits. Be prepared to laugh a lot!

**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 ranging from modern hits to classics!

**PROPS** (ages 11-18) Learn techniques of prop building, using a wide variety of materials. Students will meet with directors and help create unique pieces to be used in The Company Theatre’s production of Ragtime and the A.C.T. performance of Rocky Horror Show.

**PUPPETS/CREATURE SHOPPE** (ages 12-18) From sketch to felt, your characters will come to life! We’ll be designing and creating Muppet-style puppets, then will learn how to maneuver and bring to life the creatures that we create.

**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.

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

**A.C.T. CONTEMPORARIES** (ages 13-18) For teens enrolled in our dance pre-professional track, this two-period class offers focused training on dance technique, style, and choreography. The class will learn choreography as well as create their own by exploring choreographic techniques, movement qualities, and other sources of inspiration. In this fast-paced focused environment, dancers will be pushed to their limits and given personalized feedback. The Contemporaries will perform a one-act of various styles of dance that showcases their work at the Arts Festival.



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**MAKEUP** (ages 8-12) Learn how to visually create a character with costumes, wigs, and makeup. Special effects, animals and horror are featured! Note: this class will have a Lab Fee for makeup supplies, and students will be required to bring their own brushes. A list will be sent to families with what is needed prior to the start date.

**MONSTER DANCE** (ages 8-11) Unleash your inner monster by learning how to move like one before learning an easy dance routine to a cool, creepy song!

**A.C.T. CHORUS** (ages 8-13) Students will learn the basics of vocal technique that will increase their range, power and confidence all while singing fun multi-part choral arrangements of different styles of music.

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

**MYTHOLOGY** (ages 8-18) 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 no scenery and minimal props. Several cultures will be covered, including Greek/Roman, Celtic and Native American.

**BAKING** (ages 9-13) Who doesn't like to eat yummy cupcakes and cookies? Now you can learn how to bake them for your friends and family (and yourself!) Lab Fee \$22.00

**TV PRODUCTION** (ages 10-18) 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.

**STORYTELLING** (ages 10-18) Storytelling is an art form where one's confidence, presence, vocal clarity and playfulness are shared with your listening audience as well as an entertaining tale. The class will focus on vocal work, being confident, game playing and sharing stories from each participant's creative mind and from published texts.

**GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES** (ages 10-18) Not for the squeamish! This class will work on a mini-play using all of the aspects of production including sets, costumes and props as they re-create a classic fairy tale—a little scary and a lot of fun!

**LANDSCAPE PAINTING** (ages 10-18) Come and relax before lunch with our landscape painting class! We will alternate between paint-along days (you will be taken step-by-step through the layers of painting a landscape; think Bob Ross), reference days (painting a landscape from your choice of reference photo/picture), and outdoor days (painting some of the lovely outdoor views around Camp!). We are focused on enjoying the process; all skill levels are welcome!



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

**SCENIC SCULPTURE** (ages 12-18) What starts off as mere paper, wood, foam, wire and paint will become the epic scenery of the sweeping mainstage musical, Ragtime, and the A.C.T. production of The Rocky Horror Show. Learn from the pros and be a part of the process!

**BOLLYWOOD** (ages 12-18) Indian dance comes to A.C.T.! 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 for those who do not own ankle bells)

**LIGHTING 2** (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.

## **PERIOD 5:**

**A.C.T. JR** (ages 5-7) A 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, A.C.T. JR with no class on July 13th. A.C.T. JR does not perform on our final day, Arts Festival Day, but will have a performance for families on July 12th at 2:30pm.

**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.

**JEWELRY** (ages 8-18) Have a blast making necklaces, bracelets and anklets out of satin cord, leather cord and chains with beads and charms. Keep for yourself or give to your friends! Note: This class will have a lab fee for jewelry making materials. Lab Fee: \$22.00

**BROADWAY DANCE** (ages 8-18) We will first split the class in half by ability, then focus on jazz and Broadway dance technique while refining general dance skills including body placement, flexibility and positions. In addition, focus will be placed on expression and interpretation in the musical theatre style.

**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.



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**RADIO SHOW** (ages 8-18) Before computers! 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-timey radio complete with advertisements and sound effects.

**CLASSIC COMEDY** (10-18) Explore hilarious scenes from famous stage comedies through the ages! Students will work on scenes from various theatre eras, including the clever wit of Oscar Wilde, the drawing room comedies of Noel Coward, side-splitting British farces, and 20th century comedies of Neil Simon, Christopher Durang and others.

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

**DRAMATIC IMAGINATION** (ages 12-18) This class will take students through the process of reading a script, generating and developing the look and feel of their show, and creating renderings and sketches that fit within their design concept. We will cover some script analysis, different artistic styles, and a variety of painting/drawing techniques to bring your ideas from the imagination to the page.

**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.

**THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW** (ages 14+) The cast will rehearse The Rocky Horror Show to be performed during the third week of our workshop. Auditions on May 31st. Call the box office for more information. Two periods.

## **PERIOD 6 :**

**FAIRYTALE THEATRE** (ages 8-11) In this class we will be learning and performing a short skits from a written script combining different classic fairytale characters in a new way.

**FAIRY GARDENS** (ages 8-11) In this class we will create homes for our fairy friends! We will take organic and recycled items and turn them into little yards and furniture scaled down to the size of a fairy. We will use stones, twigs, beads and many other things to create a fun, earthy environment. The kids will create a design they like and we'll get to work by figuring out what we will need and how we can make it. We can use popsicle sticks to make benches, pine cones as shingles, twigs to make bridges, bottle caps to make chairs and so on. There are so many variables we can use to create a cute sanctuary for our little friends.

**THEATRE GAMES** (ages 8-12) So much fun to play games that help young ones learn about character, team work and movement through games.



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**LIFE DRAWING** (ages 10-18) This class will develop our sense of proportion and how people are put together, as well as our ability to draw moving objects; to grab a “snapshot” sketch and put it on the page. We will draw while looking at many different sources: photos, movie clips, each other, and will even sit in on some of Camp’s dance classes to practice drawing our friends while they are in motion- a great skill to have as an artist!

**GREAT MOVIE MOMENTS** (ages 8-18) Do you love movies? After watching film clips for guidance and inspiration, the class will invent their own great movie moments in a variety of classic styles! The next star of the silver screen could be you!

**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. Emphasis on clarity of emotion and character will help add depth to any dancer’s future performing.

**MODERN DANCE** (ages 10-18 with 2 or more years of dance class experience) Learn about the pioneers of this style such as Martha Graham and how her work is still relevant today. We will be exploring organic movement as well as classic modern steps like sparkles!

**ACTING FOR FILM** (ages 12-18) 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.

**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.

**THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW** (ages 14+) The cast will rehearse The Rocky Horror Show to be performed during the third week of our workshop. Auditions on May 31st. Call the box office for more information. Two periods.

