

The Company Theatre

Summer Workshop Course Catalogue 2019

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. **Instructors: Scott Brenner and John Crampton**

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, Shakespearean rogue, or ninja-come and meet your inner warrior! **Instructor: Sarah Flanagan**

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.

Instructor: Christie Reading

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. **Instructor: Barrie Smith**

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. **Instructor: Christa Dunn**

HIP HOP (ages 10-18) 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. **Instructor: Theo Victoria**

BLOCK PRINT TEES (ages 10-18) Students will learn the techniques of linoleum block printing, then use their handmade designs to create t-shirts and other fabric masterpieces! **Instructor: Josefina Young**

FRENZIED ENSEMBLE (ages 11-18) Frenzied Ensemble is all about creative storytelling and taking risks! In this class, students will work together to create original performances using movement and their own imagination. The class focuses on team building, collaboration, radical creativity, and willingness to try new things. We will be running, jumping, lifting, even flying in this class, so students should expect to show up ready to MOVE and PLAY! **Instructor: Alex Moon**

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. **Instructor: Chris Spencer**

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! **Instructor: Melissa Carubia**

ON THE SCENE (ages 14-18) For the actor who enjoys a challenge, this two-period conservatory style course provides a track for students on a pre-professional or pre-college level. Students will delve into character development, script interpretation, movement, and more. On The Scene explores acting techniques through contemporary scene work, culminating in the performance of a one-act play. **Instructor: Peter Carey**

PERIOD 2:

SEWING (ages 8-18) Learn about different kinds of stitches and techniques as you sew your very own unique piece of art. **Instructor: Josefina Young**

CURTAINS UP! (ages 8-12) This class will focus on the basics of auditioning and learning to act for the stage through various acting exercises and through the use of scripts. Students will gain knowledge in projection, stage direction, and how to develop a character. **Instructor: Christie Reading**

LIGHTING DESIGN (ages 8-15) Join this fun hands-on intro to lighting design class, which includes learning the names and usage of lighting instruments and terminology, looking at how light helps tell a story, and learning to play with shadows and colors. **Instructor: Adam Clark**

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.) **Instructor: Tim Kilburn**

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). **Instructor: Scott Brenner**

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. **Instructor: Theo Victoria**

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 with depth and realism. **Instructor: Denise Feeney**

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. **Instructor: Alex Moon**

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BROADWAY DANCE 2 (ages 12-18) For students who already have a background in jazz or a similar style, Broadway Dance 2 will explore more advanced techniques in this distinctly American art form through floor exercises, across the floor combinations, and putting together a performance piece for the Arts Festival. **Instructor: Jocelyn Ulloa**

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. **Instructor: Sarah Flanagan**

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. **Instructors: Ryan Barrow and James Valentin**

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! **Instructor: Chris Spencer**

PERIOD 3:

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 **Instructor: Christa Dunn**

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

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. **Instructor: Peter Carey**

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. **Instructor: Tim Kilburn**

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 ACT performance project. **Instructors: Christie Reading and Maddy Wendell**

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! **Instructor: Alex Moon**

COSTUME DESIGN (ages 10-18) Learn basic hand sewing skills such as attaching buttons and hemming before creating costume concepts for all kinds of themes—fantasy, animals, historical periods. Students will work to create one of the pieces from their concept as a finished project to display at the Arts Festival. **Instructor: John Crampton**

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! **Instructor: Scott Brenner**

PROPS (ages 11-18) Have you ever wondered how artists create real looking plants, animals, food, etc, for theatre? Now it's your turn to learn the techniques of prop building, using a wide variety of materials. **Instructor: Denise Feeney**

DRAG CABARET (ages 11-18) Drag is an art form where performers create a whole persona and matching look, take the stage and wow the crowd. In this class, students of all genders will create a larger-than-life personality, learn to do outrageous makeup, hair and costuming to bring their creation to life, and put together a performance piece for the Arts Festival. **Instructors: Melissa Carubia, Ryan Barrow, James Valentin**

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. **Instructor: Jocelyn Ulloa**

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. **Instructor: Chris Spencer**

PERIOD 4:

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. **Instructor: Jake Comeau**

PARTY DANCE (ages 8-18) What's more fun than a party? A party with synchronized group dancing! Learn some classic and more recent party dances in this class, such as The Electric Slide, The Cupid Shuffle, The Hustle, the Wobble, and more! **Instructors: Sally Forrest, Peter Carey, John Crampton**

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. **Instructor: Christie Reading**

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! **Instructor: Maureen O'Neill**

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. **Instructor: Scott Brenner**

FAIRY TALES (ages 8-14) 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—magic, mystery, heroes, villains, and a lot of fun! **Instructor: Maddy Wendell**

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

BAKING (ages 9-14) This year's baking class has a theatre twist! Aside from learning basic baking skills, each week we will be working on a baking project themed after a Broadway show! Please be advised that we may use some ingredients that are common food allergens (dairy, wheat, soy, and possibly nuts). Lab Fee \$22.00 **Instructor: Christa Dunn**

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. **Instructor: Tim Kilburn**

FINE ART: THIS IS ME, THIS IS US (ages 10-18) Come and relax after lunch with an arts class! We will alternate between self-portraits, portraits of our classmates, and take occasional field trips to dance classes and draw our fellow campers. In week three we will focus on a single long-form self-portrait. We are focused on practicing technique and enjoying the process; all skill levels are welcome! **Instructor: Sarah Flanagan**

MULTI-ARTS (ages 12-18) An advanced class which combines acting, music, movement, projections, video, and special effects resulting in a multi-media performance art. Come learn how to convey a powerful message through performance! **Instructor: James Valentin**

SCENIC SCULPTURE (ages 12-18) What starts off as mere paper, wood, foam, wire and paint will become epic scenery. Learn from the pros and be a part of the process of making a vision a reality! **Instructor: Denise Feeney**

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. **Instructor: Jocelyn White**

LIGHTING CREW (ages 12-18) In this hands on course, students will learn how to run lights for a show at The Company Theatre. Respect for safety will include an overview of the loading gallery, fly rail, spiking, and proper labeling. Students will assist with the lighting for Arts Festival. **Instructor: Adam Clark**

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. Meets the same three weeks as our Full Program, with no class on July 4th or 12th. A.C.T. JR does not perform on our final day, Arts Festival Day, but will have a performance for families on July 11th at 2:30pm. **Instructors: Jake Comeau and Maddy Wendell**

CURTAINS UP! (ages 8-12) This class will focus on the basics of auditioning and learning to act for the stage through various acting exercises and through the use of scripts. Students will gain knowledge in projection, stage direction, and how to develop a character. **Instructor: Jake Comeau and Maddy Wendell**

CREATIVE YOGA (ages 8-12) This peaceful after-lunch yoga class will teach students how to do basic yoga poses and will also involve other fun forms of meditation and relaxation, including making bracelets, blowing bubbles, and more. **Instructor: Emily Radziwon**

FAKE OUT FOOD (ages 8-14) Fool your friends with these fun edible projects such as dessert "sushi," cupcake popcorn, cookie "tacos," and an edible beach scene! We use edible materials to make food look like something else. Please be advised that we may use some ingredients that are common food allergens (dairy, wheat, soy, and possibly nuts). Lab Fee: \$22.00
Instructor: Christa Dunn

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. **Instructor: Tim Kilburn**

JEWELRY (ages 8-18) Have creative fun making necklaces, bracelets and anklets out of satin cord, leather cord and chains with a variety of 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
Instructor: Maureen O'Neill

BROADWAY DANCE 1 (ages 8-18) This class for all levels will 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. **Instructor: John Crampton**

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. **Instructor: Christie Reading**

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. **Instructor: Chris Spencer**

PUPPETS (ages 8-18) From sketch to fabric, your characters will come to life! We'll be designing and creating animal, human or monster puppets, then will learn how to maneuver and bring to life the creatures that we create. **Instructor: James Valentin**

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL TECH (ages 10-18) Be a part of the technical process of the backstage work for High School Musical—On Stage! Needed: carpenters, painters, props builders and people who love to work with their hands! **Instructor: Ryan Barrow**

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. **Instructor: Peter Carey**

DRAMATIC IMAGINATION (ages 12-18) This class will introduce students to set design—generating a design concept, developing the look and feel of their show, and creating renderings that align with their concept. We will cover a small amount of text analysis, some different visual styles, and a variety of painting/drawing techniques for textures and landscapes to bring your ideas from the imagination to the page. Week three will be spent on a 3D mini model of your set design! **Instructor: Sarah Flanagan**

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: ON STAGE! (ages 14+) The cast will rehearse High School Musical to be performed during the third week of our workshop. Please note that this show is already cast. Two periods. **Instructors: Steve Shannon and Melissa Carubia**

PERIOD 6 :

TAP (ages 8-18) Our great American art form is fun for dancers of all ages and experience. This class will cover the basics of technique, steps and rhythms, but advanced modifications of combinations will be given to more experienced students. Tap shoes are required. **Instructor: John Crampton**

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. **Instructor: Maureen O'Neill**

THEATRE GAMES (ages 8-12) So much fun to play games that help young ones learn about character, teamwork and movement through games. A great way to build confidence and try acting for the first time! **Instructor: Christa Dunn**

HEROES AND VILLAINS (ages 8-14) This class will focus on the what makes a character a hero or a villain. We will look at examples of heroes and villains in movies, books, and theatre, study the different personalities and habits of these types of characters, and then perform scenes while learning the basics of acting. Come and experience the bright and dark side of people and see if you are a hero, a villain, or a little bit of both! **Instructor: Jake Comeau and Maddy Wendell**

FLEA MARKET FLIP (ages 12-18) This class will introduce students to furniture refinishing and repainting techniques as we upcycle old pieces of furniture into fresh new pieces. Bring your funky design sense and a paint-shirt- we'll be working on large pieces you can take home! Please note: Students will need to provide their own furniture, lamps, etc. to refurbish. **Instructor: Sarah Flanagan**

BACKLOT (ages 8-18) Do you love movies? After watching film clips for guidance and inspiration, this class will learn about behind the scenes techniques by creating their own version of a popular film. Cinematic effects such as foley art, choosing a soundtrack, and voiceover will be explored. **Instructor: Christie Reading**

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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. **Instructor: Chris Spencer**

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