



Young Performers Design Theater Spring 2025

Classes run January 13-May 04, 2025

Welcome to YPDT!

YPDT is committed to providing an environment where young people's voices are heard; where they are given agency and can develop the empathy and responsibility needed to become future leaders of strong communities. We train young people to be observant listeners, insightful creators, thoughtful critics, passionate thinkers, and committed leaders through the medium of technical theater arts.

WHAT DOES YPDT LOOK LIKE?

YPDT is a kid-focused design training program, exploring what it takes to put on a professional production. In class, we will dive deep into one of the 4 major design categories: Lighting, Sound, Props, and Scenery. Your student will create and implement designs as an assistant, with guidance from a lead designer.

YPDT works in conjunction with Young Performers Theater (YPT) and Young Performers Technical Theater (YPTT) to assist in the design and implementation of technical elements for each production.

Class Schedule:

Because the nature of the class is individual and depends on the needs of each production, the class schedule is created based on how much time the student and teacher has to work, as well as what each production calls for. This will be coordinated before classes start. Ideally, each student will meet with a teacher 2-4 hours a week. Additional class times may be required leading up to tech week.

PREREQUISITE:

All students taking this class must be invited after completing YPTT with substantial

comprehension and interest.

Class Description:

In this class, we will spend a majority of the semester preparing to assist YPT's productions. Students will learn the advanced functions of one major design department for a performance - lighting, costuming, sound, scenery, props. We will dive into design and practicality within the professional theater world. Throughout the semester, students will learn safety within a theater, confident communication, and how to be a creative and adaptive designer.

Registration:

YPDT students will register through the SFAC website for the regular YPT tech program but will have different meeting times and responsibilities as discussed with the instructor.

ALL THE SPECIFIC DATES/TIMES ON THIS PAGE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Semester Dates: Classes for the spring semester will begin the week of January 13 and end Sunday, May 4th. There will be no class the following dates:

Monday, January 20

Monday, February 17

Thursday, March 13 - Friday, March 14

Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 21

Friday, April 25

Attendance: Students will ideally be able to attend all class sessions in a week. If you have other extracurricular activities which conflict, please contact rach@fineartscamp.org.

All students are required to help with YPT's older and younger productions. The following additional tech week rehearsals/performances are **MANDATORY:**

YPT - Older Performance

Tech rehearsals: Week of April 13

Friday, April 18, 5:30-9:00 pm (Show #1)

Saturday, April 19, 5:30-9:00 pm (Show #2)

Sunday, April 20, 12:30-4:00 pm (Show #3)

YPT - Younger Performance

Tech rehearsals: Week of April 27

Friday, May 2, 5:30-9:00 pm (Show #1)

Saturday, May 3, 5:30-9:00 pm (Show #2)

Sunday, May 4, 12:30-6:00 pm (Show#3 + Strike)

Students should arrive no more than 5 minutes before class starts and leave no later than 5 minutes after class ends. Please communicate with me if you anticipate being late or absent.

Location: Classes will move between Odess Theater on the SFAC campus and YAW 101 on the SFAC campus.

Participation Fees: \$85/month (total: \$340/semester + tax)

Financial Aid: We at the Sitka Fine Arts Camp are committed to making opportunities in the arts available to students regardless of financial circumstances. Expense should not be a barrier to the arts. Consequently, need-based financial aid is available for full or partial scholarships. For applications, visit the Youth Theater page at www.fineartscamp.org.

Communication: All communication will be done via email. Please check your email regularly. There is also a callboard webpage with regularly updated information at www.fineartscamp.org/yptinfo.