

# SITKA Fine Arts Camp

Young Performers Theater Fall 2021  
Classes run September 7th-December 17th

Grades 2-6 Presenting a Musical November 19-21:



Grades 7-12 Presenting a Play October 29-31:



# Welcome to YPT!

YPT 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 theater arts.

And perhaps most importantly of all: we play.



## WHAT DOES YPT LOOK LIKE THIS FALL?

YPT is a kid-focused performing arts training program. We will be delving back into the world of live performance, while continuing to be cognizant of local Covid infection rates and public health guidelines. In our regularly scheduled class sessions, we will rehearse for shows, as well as explore other topics in theater.

YPT will be divided into two age groups: Grades 2-6 & Grades 7-12. In the fall, the younger students will be working on a musical, and the older students will be working on a straight play. In the spring, the older students will take on a musical and the younger students will focus on a straight play.

## Class Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<b>Grades 2-6 (3:00-4:30)</b>
<b>Grades 2-6 (4:00-5:15)</b>		<b>Grades 2-6 (4:00-5:15)</b>		
<b>Grades 7-12 (5:20-6:50)</b>	<b>Grades 7-12 (5:20-6:50)</b>	<b>Grades 7-12 (5:20-7:20)</b>	Reserved for dress rehearsals the week of the show	

### Class Descriptions:

#### Grades 2-6: Focus on Musical Theater – James and the Giant Peach!



In this class, we will spend the majority of the semester preparing to perform the whimsical, heartwarming musical *James and the Giant Peach*, Jr. edition! After the culminating performance mid-November, we will explore topics in acting, driven by student curiosity. Have you ever wanted to be someone you aren't? Have you ever wished the world around you was different? That's what acting is! We will play, improvise, disguise ourselves, and reveal our biggest emotions as we learn what it means to act on stage!

#### *James and the Giant Peach, Jr. Summary*

When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls into the ocean and launches a journey of enormous proportions. James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean, facing hunger, sharks, and plenty of disagreements along the way.

#### Grades 7-12: Focus on the Play: A Wrinkle in Time

In this class, we will spend the first half of the semester preparing to perform a beautiful stage adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's classic, *A Wrinkle in Time*. In the second half of the semester, students will broaden their acting repertoire. We will learn how to take on both comedic and dramatic scenes, how to dive deep into character creation, how to give memorable auditions, and how to develop habits to be a strong, creative, adaptable actor. We will also spend time learning how to move beyond the script and make theater that really belongs to us.

#### *A Wrinkle in Time Summary*

Meg Murry is stubborn, protective, and quick to anger. Her father has disappeared, nobody at school understands her, and she has a perfectly weird little brother, Charles Wallace, who just happens to have made friends with the strange Mrs. Whatsit at the haunted house in town. Meg is joined by Calvin O'Keefe and the mysterious Mrs. Who and Mrs. Which on a journey across space and time to rescue her father, save humanity, find herself, and confirm that there IS such a thing as a tesseract.



**Semester Dates:** Classes for the fall semester will begin Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and end Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be no class the following dates:

Friday, October 1st  
Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> through Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, October 29th  
Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26th

**Attendance:** Students will ideally be able to attend all three class sessions in a week. If you have other extracurricular activities which conflict, please contact me at [zeke@fineartscamp.org](mailto:zeke@fineartscamp.org) to make sure you can attend at least 2x/week, as the YPT schedule will not be nearly as flexible as it has been in the past. The following extended/additional tech week rehearsals are MANDATORY:

Grades 2-6

Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-5pm  
Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-6:30pm  
Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-7:30pm  
Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm  
Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30-8:30pm  
Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30-3:30pm

Grades 7-12

Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1-5pm  
Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:15-8:30pm  
Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:15-8:30pm  
Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm  
Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm  
Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 12:30-3:30pm

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:** All classes will be held in the Odess Theater on the SFAC campus.

**Shows:** By enrolling in class, you will be guaranteed a role in your class's show. Auditions will take place during class time, as will almost all rehearsal. As we are still in a pandemic, various mitigation protocol may need to be enforced for the performances, and those protocol will be finalized closer to performance dates.

**Show Dates & Times:**

Grades 2-6

Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2pm

Grades 7-12

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2pm

**Participation Fees:**

Grades 2-6: \$320/semester or \$80/month

Grades 7-12: \$480/semester or \$120/month

**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](http://www.fineartscamp.org) or email me at [zeke@fineartscamp.org](mailto:zeke@fineartscamp.org).

**Communication:** All communication will be done via email. Please check your email regularly.

## Covid-19 Precautions & Policies

\*By and large, we will be following the policies set forth by the Sitka School District.

**\*If you're sick, stay home.** Students and teachers testing positive for Covid-19 must isolate for at least 10 days. Students testing negative should stay home until being symptom-free for 24 hours.

\*Students will wait in line with a 6ft minimum social distance until the teacher lets them in. Then students and teachers will sanitize their hands, have their temperature taken without contact and will answer a short series of health screening questions before entering the building.

\*While the city is in HIGH or MODERATE alert levels, students and teachers are required to wear masks inside the building. In LOW or MINIMAL alert levels, masks are optional. Clean masks will be provided if a student forgets their own.

**\*Travel Policy:** Vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine after travel. Unvaccinated individuals should quarantine for 3 days after travel, and can return after a negative test.

\*No more than one student will be allowed in the bathroom at a time.

\*All high contact surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized before and after every class.

**\*These policies are subject to review and revision at any time.**

