

# SITKA Fine Arts Camp

## Young Performers Theater Fall 2020

Thank you for your interest in theater and arts!

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 DURING THE PANDEMIC?

YPT is a kid-focused performing arts training program. While we feel we cannot responsibly produce live, in-person shows at the moment, we do feel that we can continue to train as actors and use theater as a space to safely explore and express ourselves during a moment of global crisis.

We will be offering limited enrollment, in-person and virtual classes designed to practice acting technique as well as student-driven creative art making to respond to the historic time period we are experiencing.

We will be enacting several health and safety protocols and precautions to ensure the wellness of our students. Please see below for more information.

## Class Schedule:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
(1:00-2:00pm) Grades 2-3 - Creative Drama	(1:00-2:00pm) Grades 4-5 - Creative Drama	(1:00-2:00pm) Grades 2-3 - Creative Drama	(1:00-2:00pm) Grades 4-5 - Creative Drama	
(3:30-5:00pm) High School	(3:30-5:00pm) Middle School	(3:30-5:00pm) High School	(3:30-5:00pm) Middle School	(3:30-5:00pm) Advanced Acting
(5:15-6:15pm) Virtual Class HS/MS		(5:15-6:15pm) Virtual Class HS/MS		

### Class Descriptions:

**Grades 2-3:** Puppets! Playing! Make-Believe! Students will engage in creative drama activities exploring storytelling, expressive movement, and wild and fanciful imagination-filled worlds. Our focus will be on thinking outside the box, laughing, and looking at the world with wonder!

**Grades 4-5:** 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! Students will explore a variety of characters and stories, test their wit by inventing their own. We will play, improvise, disguise ourselves, and reveal our biggest emotions as we learn what it means to act on stage!

**Middle School:** Students will broaden their acting repertoire in this class. 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 strong, creative, adaptable actors. We will also spend time learning how to move beyond the script and make theater that really belongs to us.

**High School:** High school students will continue to refine traditional acting techniques as well as contemporary methods of devising and creating innovative theater capable of adapting to a rapidly-changing world and responding to local and global crises. Textual analysis and scenework will be balanced with a strong focus on self-expression and physical acting.

**Advanced Acting:** Advanced acting is an additional opportunity for Middle & High School students to practice the skills they're learning in their other classes and get more intensive, individual feedback. Students must be enrolled in Middle or High School class to be eligible for Advanced Acting.

**Virtual Class:** Students will work on the same skills as students in in-person classes, as well as focusing on the special artistic opportunities only available through the brand new medium of live digital theater. We will be learning wildly on the cutting edge of modern theater!

**Semester Dates:** Classes for the fall semester will begin Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and end Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no class November 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** All in-person classes will be held in the Performing Arts Center auditorium. Students in virtual classes will be contacted with further instructions on how to connect to live classes.

**Enrollment:** To help maintain social distancing, each class will have a maximum enrollment of 12 students. If there is sufficient demand, additional times may be added for a second section.

**Participation Fees (listed prices do not include tax):**

Grades 2-3: \$290/student (\$72.50/month)

Grades 4-5: \$290/student (\$72.50/month)

Middle School: \$435/student (\$108.75/month)

High School: \$435/student (\$108.75/month)

Virtual Class: \$290/student (\$72.50/month)

Advanced Acting: \$210/student (\$52.50/month) and required to be enrolled in Middle or High School class as well

**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 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)

We understand that finances are difficult for many people at the moment and are committed to providing opportunities to students who want them despite unprecedented circumstances.

Please note that participation fees will look like an increase compared to past enrollment fees for YPT shows. The simple truth is that the program will cost more to run this year, and prices reflect a full-semester program rather than a show-by-show program. Families that are able to pay will help those families that cannot. If you cannot afford the increase in tuition, please join the program with financial aid. Payment can be made in full for the semester, or paid monthly.

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

**Attendance:** 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. Students should bring a water bottle, pencil, and wear clothes they are comfortable moving in.

## **Covid-19 Precautions & Policies**

\*Students and teachers feeling sick in any way must stay home. Students and teachers testing positive for Covid-19 must stay home. Students and teachers who have come into contact with another person who has tested positive for Covid-19 must stay home.

\*Students will wait in line with a 6ft minimum social distance until the teacher lets them in.

\*Students and teachers will have their temperature taken without contact before entering the building.

\*Students and teachers will answer a short series of health screening questions before entering the building.

\*Students will sanitize their hands as they enter the building.

\*Students and teachers are required to wear masks inside the building. Clean masks will be provided if a student forgets their own.

\*Students and teachers will maintain a 6ft minimum social distance from other people inside the building.

\*No scripts, props, set pieces, or costume pieces will be shared.

\*The building water fountain will be off-limits. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle with their name on it.

\*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.

### **What if there's another lockdown?**

We will be following the school district – if they go virtual, we will go fully virtual as well.

### **What if a student tests positive for Covid?**

Please contact me. We will follow public health recommendations on contact tracing and quarantine. If a student travels, they must present proof of a negative test or a two week quarantine before returning to class in person.