Young Performers Theater Spring 2021

Classes run January 10^{th}-May 6^{th}

Grades 2-6 Presenting a Play April 1-3:

gradeswriter

Grades 7-12 Presenting a Musical April 22-24:
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 SPRING?

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:
Class Descriptions:

Grades 2-6: Focus on the Play – *Ghostwriters*!
In this class, we will spend the majority of the semester preparing to perform the spooky, goofy, touching play, *Ghostwriters*! After the culminating performance April 1-3, 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!

*Ghostwriters* Summary
An intrepid team of pre-teen paranormal investigators follow their hearts (and noses!) to discover the truth behind a recent disturbance at the local public library. Ghost stories and the supernatural abound as they wind their way through the maze of books in the middle of the night. At times spooky, at times goofy, the young Ghostwriters will leave no page unturned before they solve this mystery!

Grades 7-12: Focus on the Musical: *Matilda*!
In this class, we will spend most of the semester preparing to perform the inspiring musical *Matilda*. After the culminating performance April 22-24 students will finish the semester with a focus on growing as actors. 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.

*Matilda* Summary
Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence, and psychokinetic powers. She’s unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly lovable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other’s lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to recognize but also appreciate Matilda’s extraordinary personality. Matilda’s school life isn’t completely smooth sailing, however – the school’s mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don’t abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils’ saving grace!
**Semester Dates:** Classes for the fall semester will begin Monday, January 10th and end Friday, May 6th. There will be no class the following dates:
- Monday, January 17th
- Friday, February 18th through Friday, February 25th
- Friday, March 11th through Friday, March 18th
- Friday, April 15th

**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 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, March 27th, 3-5pm
- Wednesday, March 30th, 4-6:30pm
- Thursday, March 31st, 5-7:30pm
- Friday, April 1st, 5:30-8:30pm
- Saturday, April 2nd, 5:30-8:30pm
- Sunday, April 3rd, 12:30-3:30pm

**Grades 7-12**
- Saturday, April 16th, 1-5pm
- Wednesday, April 20th, 5:15-9:00pm
- Thursday, April 21st, 5:15-9:00pm
- Friday, April 22nd, 5:30-9:30pm
- Saturday, April 23rd, 5:30-9:30pm
- Sunday, April 24th, 12:30-4:30pm

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:** Classes will be held in the Odess Theater on the SFAC campus, unless otherwise stated.

**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.

**Show Dates & Times:**

**Grades 2-6**
- Friday, April 1st, 7pm
- Saturday, April 2nd, 7pm
- Sunday, April 3rd, 2pm

**Grades 7-12**
- Friday, April 22nd, 7pm
- Saturday, April 23rd, 7pm
- Sunday, April 24th, 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 or email me at zeke@fineartscamp.org.

**Communication:** All communication will be done via email. Please check your email regularly.
Covid-19 Policies

*All students ages 12 and older are required to be vaccinated to be a part of the program.* Medical exemptions are allowed, please contact office@fineartscamp.org or 907-747-3085 for more information.

*Students younger than 12 are NOT required to be vaccinated,* although they are highly encouraged to do so.

*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.

*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.

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