Young Performers Theater Fall 2022
Classes run January 9th-May 5th

Grades 6-12 Presenting a Musical April 21-23:

Grades 2-6 Presenting a Musical April 21-23:
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 6-12. In the fall, both age groups will produce different straight plays. In the spring, the older students will work on a full-length Broadway musical, and the younger students will work on an abridged version of the same musical!

Class Schedule:
Class Descriptions:

Grades 2-6: Focus on the Musical – *High School Musical, Jr.*!
In this class, we will spend the majority of the semester preparing to perform the smash hit musical *High School Musical, Jr!* After the culminating performance mid-April, 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!

*High School Musical, Jr Summary*
It’s the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians, and Skater Dudes all find their cliques. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. The couple cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical. Although many students resent the threat posed to the “status quo,” Troy and Gabriella’s alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

Grades 6-12: Focus on the Musical: *High School Musical: On Stage!*
In this class, we will spend the first half of the semester preparing to perform the smash hit musical *High School Musical*. After our culminating performance mid-April, we will spend the end of the semester broadening students’ acting repertoire. We will learn how to take on both comedic and dramatic scenes, how to improvise, 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.

*High School Musical: On Stage Summary*
It’s the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical that is being led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the “status quo,” Troy and Gabriella’s alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well.

**Note for 6th Graders:**
You have the option to choose whether you’d like to join the older or younger group.
**Semester Dates:** Classes for the fall semester will begin Monday, January 9th and end Friday, May 5th. There will be no class the following dates:
- Friday, January 13th
- Monday, January 16th
- Friday, March 3rd
- Friday, March 10th through Friday, March 17th

Note: Class times are adjusted for Tech Week (April 15-23), see below

**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. The following extended/additional tech week rehearsals/performances are MANDATORY:

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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.

**Show Dates & Times:**

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**Participation Fees:**

| Grades 2-6: $80/month or $320/semester + tax | Grades 7-12: $120/month or $480/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](http://www.fineartscamp.org) or email me at zeke@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](http://www.fineartscamp.org/yptinfo).
Covid-19 Precautions & Policies

*By and large, we will be following the policies set forth by the Sitka School District, along with guidance from the CDC, Alaska DHSS, and our local health providers.

*If you’re sick, stay home. Students and teachers testing positive for Covid-19 should not return to class until they have waited the CDC recommended quarantine time and are symptom free.

*Masks are optional.

*Vaccines are recommended, but optional.

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