DENVER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
Education & Community Engagement

2026/2027
CHILD & TEEN THEATRE CLASSES

Our Winter and Spring Acting Classes are fun, upbeat, and centered on our mission of inspiring and transforming through the power of live theater. Performers learn essential acting skills while building confidence through collaborating with others.

Interested in Summer classes? Registration opens January 12, 2027.

K – 1ST GRADE

AWESOME ME!
This acting class celebrates creativity and curiosity at the heart of every young performer. Through playful theater games and imaginative storytelling, students explore characters and themes inspired by award-winning picture books such as *Journey*, *Quest*, *Return*, and more that celebrate self-discovery and belonging. Creative drama activities nurture self-expression, build self-esteem, and foster empathy as students bring story worlds to life through movement, voice, and cooperative play. Each session invites children to connect, create, and shine in a joyful, supportive environment.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on Mar 20.

6 weeks • $155

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
9 – 10am OR 10:15 – 11:15am OR 11:30am – 12:30pm

ART EXPLORERS
This exuberant K–1 acting class brings famous masterpieces off the wall and onto the stage, transforming the artwork of Ruth Asawa, Jacob Lawrence, Miro, and Kandinsky into living theatrical adventures. Through song, dance, and imaginative play, students explore the styles and techniques of great visual art geniuses, both visually and kinesthetically, using performer tools—body, voice, and creative movement. Guided storytelling and dramatic roleplaying encourage creativity, critical thinking, and expressive confidence as young artists activate bold colors, shapes, and stories in three-dimensional space.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on May 15.

6 weeks • $155

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
9 – 10am OR 10:15 – 11:15am OR 11:30am – 12:30pm

GRADES 2-3

HEROES IN TRAINING!
They may look like villains, sound like villains, or even smell like villains... but these troublemakers just might prove everyone wrong! Inspired by Aaron Blabey's *Bad Guys* graphic novels, this class invites young performers to leap into the comedy and chaos of "baddies" trying their best to do good. Using body, voice, and imagination, students create heroic (or not-so-heroic) characters and build action-packed, silly scenes full of surprises. Through theatre ensemble games and storytelling, the class crafts an original short play celebrating teamwork, big laughs, and the messy journey toward becoming good.

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6 weeks • $155

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
9:45 – 10:45am OR 11am – 12pm

UNLIKELY ANIMAL FRIENDS ON STAGE
Inspired by Kate DiCamillo's award-winning Orris and Timble books, this class brings the unlikely friendship of a rat and an owl to life onstage. Can a rat and an owl really stay friends when the world says they shouldn't? What other uncommon animal friendships could exist? Young actors will use their bodies, voices, and imaginations to explore courage, compassion, and character creation as they build their own barnyard adventures. Through playful storytelling and ensemble work, students will craft an original performance to share with family and friends.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on May 15.

6 weeks • $155

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
9:45 – 10:45am OR 11am – 12pm

GRADES 3-5

MAGICAL BROADWAY SHOWCASE
Take a leap into magical worlds where wishes shimmer, rules are challenged, and adventure is only a Broadway song away. Using fantasy-filled, musicals such as *Wicked*, *The Secret Garden*, and *Into the Woods*, students will create a vibrant musical showcase featuring exciting choreography and bold, imaginative characters. As the ensemble builds this performance, young performers strengthen their acting, singing, and movement skills while learning how to create clear, engaging characters. Students explore how music helps tell stories and bring big ideas to life onstage. The journey culminates in a final Broadway showcase performance for family and friends that celebrates creativity, teamwork, and theatrical magic.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on Mar 20.

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
9:15 – 10:45am OR 11am – 12:30pm

A BROADWAY SHOWCASE ADVENTURE
Dive into a Broadway musical showcase where fantasy worlds, brave heroes, and mysterious clues leap onto the stage! In this high-energy showcase class**,** students will journey through beloved quest-inspired musicals such as *Hadestown*, *Beetlejuice*, and *The Lightning Thief*, exploring stories filled with courage, magic, and myth. Become a triple threat in this playful mash-up where classic Broadway quest songs are tangled, twisted, and remixed into a musical adventure. When a melody goes missing, heroes must rise, forests must be crossed, riddles must be solved, and teamwork becomes the ultimate superpower. Share this showcase adventure in the final class with family and friends

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GRADES 4-5

WINTER IMPROV SHOWCASE
Ready to unleash your imagination? This improv class invites students to explore the power of "yes", spontaneity, and the actor's C.O.R.E. — Character, Objective, Relationship, and Environment — to build bold, instantaneous scenes. Through weekly improv games and storytelling challenges, performers will develop original characters, strengthen ensemble skills, and discover the joy of creating in the moment. The session wraps up with a lively final performance guaranteed to spark smiles and big laughs!

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on Mar 20.

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
9:30 – 11am

SECRETS, SWORDS, AND COMBAT
Set sail on an exciting journey into the world of classic adventure stories! This monologue and scene study course invites young artists to explore bold characters and daring moments inspired by *Peter Pan*, *Robin Hood*, and scenes from *The Princess Bride*. Actors will strengthen essential acting skills through character choices, vocal expression, and dynamic physical storytelling, including introductory stage combat techniques. Adventurous tales filled with secrets, heroes, and high seas action come to life as students take their acting and combat skills to the next level.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on Mar 20.

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
2 – 3:30pm

SPRING IMPROV SHOWCASE
Get ready for big laughs and even bigger creativity as students take the stage in this high energy improv class! Through audience suggestions, quick thinking, and teamwork, students learn essential acting skills while creating hilarious scenes, bold characters, and original stories on the spot—no scripts required. The session builds confidence, collaboration, and the magic of saying "Yes, and!" The class culminates in a joyful improv showcase where friends and family are invited to watch students shine and celebrate their creativity live onstage.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on May 15.

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
9:30 – 11am

ACTING THROUGH ENCHANTED WORLDS
Strengthen your acting craft! A joyful journey into classic literature awaits in this scene and monologue acting class for developing performers. Young actors will explore the depth of scenes and engaging characters from *Beauty and the Beast*, *A Wrinkle in Time*, and *Puffs*, inspired by *Harry Potter* and *The Hobbit*. Ensemble activities will focus on clear storytelling, character choices, and strong vocal delivery. This workshop offers a supportive space for bringing beloved stories to life onstage.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on May 15.

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
2 – 3:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL CORE CLASSES

ACTING TECHNIQUE
Level up your acting! Build your acting toolbox and unleash your creativity. Through solo and partner work, students will dive into essential acting techniques—exploring objectives, given circumstances, imagination, scene work, and monologues. This fun, high-energy class introduces foundational acting theory found in our higher-level courses while keeping the focus on play, discovery, and personal expression. Come ready to explore, take risks, and unlock the power of performance!

Winter Session • Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
6 weeks • $230 • 9:30 – 11am

Spring Session • Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
6 weeks • $230 • 9:30 – 11am

ADVANCED ACTING LAB
Ready to take your acting skills to the next level? This advanced acting lab is designed for middle school performers who are ready to deepen their craft through focused training and collaborative exploration. Students work closely with scene partners as they dive into scene study and monologues, strengthening concentration, active listening, and purposeful character choices. Through guided exercises and rehearsal, performers develop a strong acting toolkit that includes emotional truth, physical specificity, vocal variety, and clear intention. Ensemble-based training emphasizes collaboration, creative risk-taking, and supporting one another as disciplined, thoughtful artists. *This course requires either an invitation or an audition to register. Space is limited; connect today by emailing education@dcpa.org.*

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
11:30am – 1pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROV SHOWCASE
Get ready for unscripted fun and big laughs! This high-energy class puts improvisation center stage as students jump into spontaneous storytelling, playful characters, and ensemble-focused creativity. Together, the group collaborates to invent, shape, and practice improv skills and storytelling that highlight quick thinking, teamwork, and imagination. Each session is filled with games, scene work, and joyful exploration as students build confidence and discover the excitement of saying "YES". Throughout the course, the ensemble will rehearse improv games for a final showcase that is sure to surprise and delight friends and family. Be spontaneous—join us and experience the thrill of a one-of-a-kind performance every session, where no two showcases are ever the same and your creativity takes the spotlight!

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class showcase on Mar 20. day of class.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEEN COMPANY
CHEER, CHARM & CONFIDENCE!

Teen Company returns with a comedy-packed session where performers create their own original musical theatre showcase using music from *Legally Blonde*, *Bring It On*, and *Mean Girls*. Drawing inspiration from these bold, contemporary musicals—full of confidence, competition, friendship, and finding your voice—performers sharpen their acting, singing, and choreography skills. Ensemble-based work encourages performers to create big personalities, make strong choices, and support one another as they craft a showcase bursting with humor and heart. The session culminates in an audience ready showcase full of laughter, style, and teen-powered Broadway energy. As part of the class experience, the cost of enrollment includes one ticket to *Legally Blonde*. The Teen Company will attend the Saturday, February 6 matinee together as a full group, making the performance an integrated part of the eight-week session.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on Mar 20.

6 weeks • $495

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 20 (no class on Feb 20)
1:30 – 4:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL
DANCE WITH CONFIDENCE & FLAIR

This middle school choreography workshop introduces students to the essential Broadway steps that form the foundation of showstopping musical theater dance numbers. Through fun, accessible combinations, students learn how classic steps build into confident movement that supports both dance and song. With a focus on style, clarity, and performance energy, dancers gain the tools they need to step into their next musical theater role feeling prepared and expressive. Perfect for performers who want to move with confidence and bring extra flair to the stage.

4 weeks • $170

Sat • Apr 10 – May 1
9:30 – 11am

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEEN COMPANY
SWING, SING & SHINE!

What do musicals such as *The Great Gatsby*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and *Nice Work If You Can Get It* have in common? They all burst with the jazz-fueled energy, glamour, and grit of the Roaring '20s. This spring, both the DCPA Broadway touring shows and Middle School Teen Company step into a world of speakeasies, jazz clubs, and glittering parties inspired by the music of *The Great Gatsby* on the DCPA Broadway stage. This musical revue celebrates the era's bold style and storytelling as students collaboratively create their own original Jazz Age showcase. Hone your triple threat skills—acting, musicality, and choreography—through character-driven scenes, tight vocal harmonies, and dynamic ensemble dance work. As part of the class experience, the cost of enrollment includes one ticket to *The Great Gatsby*. The Teen Company will attend the Saturday, April 17 matinee together as a full group, making the performance an integrated part of the six-week session.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class showcase on May 15.

6 weeks • $495

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
1:30 – 4:30pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTING & AUDITION WORKSHOPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL
COMEDY IN MOTION

Big moves. Big laughs. Big choices. This workshop dives into the playful world of physical comedy and theatrical clowning, where movement leads the story—but voice and sound join the ride. Students explore how gesture, facial expression, timing, rhythm, and physical choices work together to build hilarious, clear characters and moments onstage. Through games, ensemble challenges, and creative experiments, performers learn how their physical and vocal choices connect with an audience and turn ordinary actions into comic genius! Don't miss the opportunity to commit to the bit!

4 weeks • $170

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 6 (no class on Feb 20)
1:30 – 3pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP
READY, SET, AUDITION!

Step into the spotlight and sharpen your audition skills in this dynamic, fast-paced workshop designed to help performers shine from the moment they enter the room. Ideal for school productions, professional callbacks, or building performance confidence, this boot camp offers a backstage pass to audition success. With guidance from a professional actor, the workshop focuses on making a strong first impression, preparing for cold readings, strengthening monologues, managing nerves, thinking on one's feet, and understanding what casting teams seek—everything needed to stand out. The session concludes with practical tools, renewed confidence, and the excitement of saying, "I've got this!" Grab a monologue, warm up that voice, and get ready to own the room.

2 weeks • $95

Sat • Feb 27 & Mar 6
11:30am – 1pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTING & AUDITION WORKSHOPS (Continued)

MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHARACTERS UNLEASHED: ACTING WITH IMAGINATION & ENERGY

Bring your characters to life using bold choices, creativity, and movement! Characters Unleashed is an energetic acting workshop where students explore how imagination, physicality, and voice work together to create memorable characters onstage. Through playful theatre games, guided scenes, and creative exploration, students learn how to build characters that are clear, expressive, and fun to watch. This workshop encourages students to take risks, think creatively, and perform with confidence in a supportive, ensemble-based environment.

4 weeks • $170

Sat • Apr 10 – May 1
1:30 – 3pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP
STORYTELLING THROUGH PUPPETS

Students dive into puppetry by exploring how characters come to life through movement, voice, and imagination. As they develop original characters, they create their own stories and discover the joy of expressing ideas through performance. The workshop encourages curiosity and creative confidence while building storytelling skills in an active, hands-on way. Puppetry becomes a playful tool for turning ideas into stories that feel exciting and alive.

1 week • $100*

Sat • May 8
11:30am – 1pm

**Class fee includes materials.*

MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP
SCENIC PAINTING

Paint the world of the play. In this hands-on workshop, students learn how scenic painters use color, texture, and simple techniques to turn blank surfaces into dynamic stage environments. Through demos and guided practice, participants experiment with brushes, sponges, and layering to create mood and tell stories through paint. Students work collaboratively on a finished scenic piece while building confidence, creativity, and practical backstage skills. Perfect for artists, designers, and anyone curious about how stage magic is made.

2 weeks • $105*

Sat • Feb 27 & Mar 6
1:30 – 3pm

**Class price includes materials*

MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKSHOP
SHAPING STORIES WITH LIGHT

Step into the booth and explore how light transforms a story onstage. This hands-on workshop invites students to experiment with color, angles, and cues to see how creativity and technology combine to shape mood and focus. Designed for emerging designers and curious performers alike, the class offers fresh perspectives on theatrical lighting through exploration and collaboration. With opportunities to try new ideas and build technical confidence, participants gain a brighter understanding of how light supports storytelling. Let your imagination shine.

1 week • $70

Sat • Feb 13
1:30 – 3pm

HIGH SCHOOL CORE CLASSES

HIGH SCHOOL
ACTING TECHNIQUE

Develop a robust toolbox of acting essentials while exploring scene analysis, improvisation, working with objectives, and key theater vocabulary. This class invites students to dig into the craft of character development through hands-on activities and ensemble-based work. Students will practice making bold choices, responding truthfully to partners, and refining their technique through repetition, feedback, and play. Collaboration is at the heart of every session, creating a dynamic, fun, and supportive environment where actors learn from one another while challenging themselves artistically. By the end, students will strengthen their acting skills, deepen their understanding of performance, and build confidence both onstage and in the rehearsal room.

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6 weeks • $230 • 9:30 – 11am

Spring Session • Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
6 weeks • $230 • 9:30 – 11am

HIGH SCHOOL IMPROV SHOWCASE:
OFF THE CUFF!

Spontaneity takes center stage in this laugh-out-loud celebration of creativity and quick thinking! In this 6-week class, high school students jump into the world of improvisational theater, building confidence, comedic timing, and storytelling skills. Through energetic games and playful exercises, they'll develop quick thinking, character creation, emotional expression, collaboration, and the ability to stay present and adapt on the fly. It's all about trusting instincts, taking bold risks, and supporting one another with joy and generosity. To wrap up the experience, family and friends are invited to a final showcase during the last class. These fearless teens will perform a mix of short form and long form improv, filled with fast-paced games, hilarious characters, and spontaneous stories sparked by audience suggestions. Come laugh, cheer, and celebrate the magic of improv—because when it's unscripted, anything can happen!

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class showcase on May 15.

6 weeks • $230

Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
1:30 – 3pm

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

HIGH SCHOOL: **MISCAST**

Flip the script on casting in this high-energy, joy-filled class inspired by the iconic Manhattan Theatre Company's tradition of *Miscast*. This bold and playful experience invites you to take on the Broadway role you have secretly longed to perform — regardless of type, age, or casting norms. Come prepared with a song from your dream role and work collaboratively with DCPA faculty, exploring acting and vocal techniques to bring your chosen character to life in a supportive, risk-taking environment. Challenge yourself, push your acting limits, discover new dimensions of your talent, and embrace the joy of performance without boundaries.

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for a class sharing on the final day of class.

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6 weeks • $230 • 1:30 – 3pm

Spring Session • Sat • Apr 10 – May 15
6 weeks • $230 • 1:30 – 3pm

HIGH SCHOOL
BROADWAY CHOREO BOOTCAMP

Train for the Broadway stage. This fast-paced, choreography intensive dives into the rhythm, style, and storytelling that power today's biggest Broadway show choreography—drawing inspiration from hits like *MJ: The Musical*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Hell's Kitchen*, *The Notebook*, and more. Through dynamic combinations, ensemble work, and guided exploration, students build musical theatre dance skills while learning how choreography reveals character, emotion, and story. Each session emphasizes musicality, performance quality, and confidence—helping performers understand not just what the steps are, but why they matter. Come ready to move big, perform with purpose, and feel the full energy of Broadway dance.

4 weeks • $170

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 6 (no class on Feb 20)
9:30 – 11am

HIGH SCHOOL
ONCE: WHERE MUSIC BECOMES MOVEMENT

Step into the intimate, music-driven world of *Once*, where storytelling lives in every note and movement. This four-day choreography intensive explores the show's folk-inspired physicality, ensemble connection, and emotionally grounded style, where dance grows organically from live music and relationships. Through ensemble focused movement, musician-as-actor work, and expressive phrasing, students build musical theatre techniques while discovering how choreography reveals character and story. Each session emphasizes listening, musicality, and authenticity—so performers move with intention, connection, and meaning.

4 weeks • $170

Sat • Apr 10 – May 1
11:30am – 1pm

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITION WORKSHOPS

HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP: **CALLBACK LAB**

Callback Lab is a high-energy, hands-on workshop where high school performers experience a real professional callback. Bring your own audition material and work side-by-side with Grady Soapes, Casting Director for the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, to refine cuts, strengthen performance choices, and sharpen your storytelling. Students receive direct, actionable feedback, practice callback-style coaching, build strong, specific characters, and gain insider insight into what casting teams truly want.

2 weeks • $95

Sat • May 8 & 15
1:30 – 3:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL TECHNICAL THEATRE CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

HIGH SCHOOL: **PROP SHOP PLAYGROUND**

Get ready to build, paint, and problem solve like a real backstage pro! In this four-week class, students step into a working theater prop shop, where creativity, collaboration, and design bring stories to life. Participants design and construct original props, explore the basics of scenic painting, and learn how visual details help shape characters, settings, and moments onstage. Each week blends hands-on creation with theatrical thinking as students experiment with color, texture, scale, and function. Through teamwork and guided exploration, students discover how designers and crew members play a vital role in making theatrical worlds more believable and exciting.

4 weeks • $170

Sat • Feb 6 – Mar 6 (no class on Feb 20)
11:30am – 1pm