

SUMMER 2024

CHILD & TEEN CLASSES



DENVER CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS
Education & Community Engagement

The Robert & Judi Newman Summer Series

SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Students should register according to their incoming grade level in fall 2024.

PRE-K (Students must have turned 4 before the class start date and must be potty trained)

- July 8 – 12: **Fairytales Take to the Woods** (1 week)
- July 15 – 19: **Jungle Animals on the Loose** (1 week)
- July 22 – 26: **Fairytales Enter the Castle** (1 week)
- July 29 – August 2: **Water Animals Make a Splash** (1 week)

KINDERGARTEN (Students must be starting Kindergarten in fall 2024)

- June 17 – 21: **Triple Threat: Bright Lights of Broadway** (1 week)
- June 24 – 28: **Improv: Fairy Tales** (1 week)
- July 8 – 12: **Spotlight on Mo Willems** (1 week)
- July 15 – 19: **Triple Threat: Broadway Bound** (1 week)
- July 22 – 26: **Improv: Tails! Wings! All Those Theatrical Animal Things** (1 week)
- July 29 – August 2: **Spotlight on P.D. Eastman** (1 week)

GRADES 1 – 5 (Students register according to their incoming grade level in fall 2024)

- June 17 – 28: **Grades 4 - 5 Young Artist Company – *The Gardener* by Mark Kenny** (2 weeks)
- July 8 – 19: **Musical Madness** (2 weeks)
- July 22 – 26: **ImprovAGanza** (1 Week)
- July 29 – August 2: **An Actor's Life for Me** (1 week)

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8) (Students must have completed 5th grade)

- June 17 – 21: **World of Improv: Short – Form Showcase** (1 week)
- June 17 – 21: **Audition Intensive** (1 week)
- June 17 – 28: **Broadway Bound Musical Theatre Showcase** (2 weeks)
- June 17 – 28: **The Brother's Grimm and Their Great Gritty Tales** (2 weeks)
- June 24 – 28: **World of Improv: Short-Form Showcase** (1 week)
- July 8 – 12: **The Acting Factor** (1 week)
- July 8 – 19: **Broadway Bound Musical Theatre Showcase** (2 weeks)
- July 8 – 26: **Puffs by Matt Cox** (3 weeks)
- July 15 – 19: **The Acting Factor** (1 week)
- July 22 – August 2: **Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.** (2 weeks)

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12) (Students must have completed 8th grade)

- June 17 – 21: **World of Improv: Short-Form Showcase** (1 week)
- June 17 – 28: **William Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*: Jazz and Pizazz!** (2 weeks)
- June 24 – 28: **World of Improv: Short-Form Showcase** (1 week)
- July 8 – 19: **Summer Teen Intensive** (2 weeks)
- July 15 – 19: **Audition Intensive** (1 week)
- July 22 – August 2: **Musical Theatre Showcase** (2 weeks)

PRE-K

Students must have turned 4 before the class start date and should bring a daily snack and water bottle.

Our dynamic summertime Pre-K programming takes the traditional setting of a preschool classroom's learning centers and bolsters it theatrically with creative dramatic play and arts and crafts activities. Designed specifically for 4-year-old children, lively daily experiences celebrate and explore a weekly theme promoting imaginative play, social skill development, and creativity. Join in for one week, combine a few, or take them all as each week is an independent and complete experience. This program is recommended for children who are fully potty trained, already used to structured day care, and socially ready to engage in successful independent and whole group play.

Fairytales Take to the Woods

Raise the curtain on Once Upon A Times that lead to theatrical play and beloved tales set among the Great Outdoors!

Mon - Fri • Jul 8 - 12 • 9:30am - 12:30pm • \$250

Jungle Animals on the Loose

Raise the curtain on paws, claws, jaws, and theatrical play and stories celebrating all jungle creatures on the ground, in the trees, and soaring above!

Mon - Fri • Jul 15 - 19 • 9:30am - 12:30pm • \$250

Fairytales Enter the Castle

Raise the curtain on Once Upon a Times that lift the castle gate on fantastical theatrical play and stories set among knights, princesses, and those other adventures of story time!

Mon - Fri • Jul 22 - 26 • 9:30am - 12:30pm • \$250

Water Animals Make a Splash

Raise the curtain on deep diving theatrical play and stories celebrating all the fins, jaws, and claws of aquatic animals!

Mon - Fri • Jul 29 - Aug 2 • 9:30am - 12:30pm • \$250

KINDERGARTEN

Students must be starting Kindergarten in fall 2024 and should bring a daily cold lunch, two snacks, and a water bottle.

We are delighted to offer our summer theatre curriculum developed specifically for Kindergarteners. Our one-week sessions motivate and inspire theatrical play in performers ages 5 or 6. Join in for one week, combine a few, or take them all as each week is an independent and complete experience rich in opportunities for movement, voice, creative dramatic play, and theatrical arts and crafts. Curriculum combines core experiences with daily visits from theatre professionals who further activate students' theatrical skills and sense of ensemble, creativity and expression.

Triple Threat: Bright Lights of Broadway

Broadway's Golden Age musicals infuse this week's acting, dancing and singing!

Mon - Fri • Jun 17 - 21 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

Improv: Fairy Tales

Improvisation's in-the-moment storytelling and role play based on beloved classics creates this week's acting, dancing and singing opportunities!

Mon - Fri • Jun 24 - 28 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

Spotlight on Mo Willems

Elephant, Piggie, Pigeon and other Mo Willems' characters and situations inform the acting, dancing, and singing this week!

Mon - Fri • Jul 8 - 12 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

Triple Threat: Broadway Bound

Contemporary Broadway musicals infuse this weeks acting, dancing and singing!

Mon - Fri • Jul 15 - 19 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

Improv: Tails! Wings! All Those Theatrical Animal Things

Improvisation's in-the-moment storytelling and role play celebrates all things animal and insect in this week's acting, dancing and singing!

Mon - Fri • Jul 22 - 26 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

Spotlight on P.D. Eastman

Dogs that go, birds that nest, and other characters and situations from the wacky, wonderful work of P.D. Eastman inform the acting, dancing and singing this week!

Mon - Fri • Jul 29 - Aug 2 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

GRADES 1-5

Class placement is determined by the grade the student is entering the fall of 2024. Students should bring a daily cold lunch, two snacks, and a water bottle.

TWO-WEEK PROGRAMS

Grades 4 & 5 Young Artist Company: *The Gardener* by Mike Kenny

Celebrate the season of summer by joining in this moving tale of time and growth. Centered around a garden whose caretakers are from the same family but different ages, the play empowers an ensemble to be the many people, plants, and poetic language to grow the story and bloom before an audience. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen acting skills in focus, character, and movement within a play that brings laughs and pulls heartstrings. Actors must be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Audition preparation is not necessary as auditions will be done as part of the first days of the program with a speaking role guaranteed with registration.

Mon - Fri • Jun 17 - 28 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$685

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the performance on Friday, June 28.

Musical Madness

Sing loud and proud at the DCPA! Create original musical magic in our tradition of summer theatricality at its finest. Our two-week session guides students to the creation of their own original 10-minute musical! Every grade level has its own team of theatre educators in acting, singing, and choreography who introduce and then implement theatre's unique power of communal creation. Students craft story and lyrics, inspire dance moves, and create the scenic elements that simply but effectively show character and location. On the final day, students take to our mainstage to share their work with friends and family and to cheer the work of their peers.

Mon - Fri • Jul 8 - 19 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$685

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the premiere performance on Friday, July 19.

ONE-WEEK PROGRAMS

ImprovAGanza

Wow! It's a week filled with the wonderful world of improvisation. From games to songs to dances created on-the-spot, this is a great introduction to the vitality and joy of the performing arts! Every grade level has their own theatre artist as lead teacher with students' artistry furthered within a variety of daily class sessions facilitated by theatre professionals who empower students' theatrical technique, creative response, and sense of self as a cooperative and celebrated member of a creative community. Classes encourage students to contribute, share, and negotiate creative ideas in equal measure providing skill building in communication, teamwork, and empathy.

Mon - Fri • July 22 - 26 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

An Actor's Life for Me!

Improvisation, script work, song and dance, and ensemble-building set the stage for the fun and camaraderie abounding in life upon the stage! Discover the differences and similarities for how stories are told on stage, on screen, and in song. This joyful week of discovery is a terrific introduction to how creative and collaborative skills are honed and sharpened within the performing arts. Every grade level has their own theatre artist as lead teacher with students' artistry furthered within a variety of daily class sessions facilitated by theatre professionals who empower students' theatrical technique, creative response, and sense of self as a cooperative and celebrated member of a creative community.

Mon - Fri • July 29 - Aug 2 • 9:00am - 3:00pm • \$360

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)

Students must have completed the 5th grade and should bring a daily cold lunch, two snacks, and a water bottle.

ONE-WEEK PROGRAMS

World of Improv: Short-Form Showcase

Throw inhibitions aside, build confidence and explore the fun and spontaneous world of improv. Using group activities, short-form structures and improvised scene work, this week-long offering creates a supportive environment for creative play and discovering how to make strong choices that further character and situation. Sessions will focus on developing, preparing, and rehearsing an improv showcase while exploring the world of YES.

(Choose one of the dates listed below)

Mon-Fri • Jun 17-21 • 9:00am-3:30pm • \$385

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the showcase on Friday, June 21.

Mon-Fri • Jun 24-28 • 9:00am-3:30pm • \$385

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the showcase on Friday, June 28.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8) (Continued)

Audition Intensive

Auditioning is one of the most essential and challenging parts of being an actor. The process requires its own training and sensibility as the actor must present authentically and theatrically. This week of immersive training led by dedicated, supportive theatre professionals provides the tools to prepare and develop an effective audition through skill-building exercises, text analysis, cold reads, musical prep, and engaging with the work of world-class playwrights.

Mon – Fri • Jun 17 – 21 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$385

The Acting Factor

Gain the tools to delve into your character! Develop a toolbox of acting essentials while exploring solo and partner work, improvisation, scene analysis, working with objectives and learning key theatre vocabulary. Deepen your acting technique through skill-building exercises while learning core elements of text analysis using material by world-class playwrights.

(Choose one of the dates listed below)

Mon – Fri • Jul 8 – 12 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$385

Mon – Fri • Jul 15 – 19 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$385

TWO-WEEK PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

Broadway Bound Musical Theatre Showcase

What better way to celebrate summer and make friends than to be Broadway Bound?! Musicals are powerhouses of story, community, and individuality. Discover the triple threat in you! Bring your singing, acting, and dancing skills to this focused program that builds your technique through scenes and songs from Broadway musicals – the golden Age to today's masterworks.

(Choose one of the dates listed below)

Mon – Fri • Jun 17 – 28 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$750

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the showcase on Friday, June 28.

Mon – Fri • Jul 8 – 19 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$750

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the showcase on Friday, July 19.

The Brothers Grimm and Their Great and Gritty Tales

Summer acting options looking grim? Then go Grimm! This theatrical collection of beloved favorites including *Snow White and Rose Red*, *Hansel & Gretel*, and *The Water of Life* develops the actor's tools of character, movement, and working with an ensemble. Although classic in their origins, this production adds a sense of the contemporary and embraces the tales as sources of humor, heartbreak, and coming through the dark and into the light. Actors must be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Audition preparation is not necessary as auditions will be done as part of the first day and the program with a speaking role guaranteed with registration.

Mon – Fri • Jun 17 – 28 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$750

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the performance on June 28.

Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.

The Emmy Award-winning Saturday morning educational cartoon series of the 1970s has become a pop culture phenomenon and now is the basis for one of the most fun musicals ever to hit the stage! Become part of dynamic songs that entertain as they teach history, grammar, math, science and other "unsung up until now" subjects. Based in a diversity of musical styles – rock, jazz, pop – the production process empowers performance technique development and ensemble skills. Actors must be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Audition preparation is not necessary as auditions will be done as part of the first days of the program with a speaking role guaranteed with registration.

Mon – Fri • Jul 22 – Aug 2 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$775 (Fee includes performance materials.)

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the performance on Friday, August 2.

THREE-WEEK PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

Puffs by Matt Cox

For seven years a certain boy wizard went to a certain school for wizards and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. The Puffs, short for Hufflepuffs, are a group of well-meaning, loyal outsiders at the center of this comedic yet heartfelt play. Become part of the magic of adventure, ensemble, and scripted theatrical storytelling building skills and performance technique. Actors must be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Audition preparation is not necessary as auditions will be done as part of the first days of the program with a speaking role guaranteed with registration.

Mon – Fri • Jul 8 – 26 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$1,100

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the performance on Friday, July 26

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Students must have completed the 8th grade and should bring a daily cold lunch, two snacks, and a water bottle.

ONE-WEEK PROGRAMS

World of Improv: Short-Form Showcase

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FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the showcase on Friday, June 21.

Mon – Fri • Jun 24 – 28 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$385

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Join us for the showcase on Friday, June 28.

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Mon – Fri • Jul 15 – 19 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$385

TWO-WEEK PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

William Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*: Jazz and Pizazz!

This comedic masterpiece may not have invented the theatrical convention of mistaken identity with its resulting confusion and chaos, but it certainly perfected it by centering the action on two sets of identical twins. This production adds a 1920's setting and pops the cork on jazz-age Cole Porter tunes to heighten the fun. This original adaptation has been created without losing Shakespeare's comedic dialogue yet welcomes both actors and musical theatre performers. Lead by a team of professional theatre creatives, sessions in period style, dance and song, text, voice, and physical theatre are set within a production process that celebrates commitment, positivity, and inclusion. Actors must be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Audition preparation is not necessary as auditions will be done as part of the first days of the program with a speaking role guaranteed with registration.

Mon – Fri • Jun 17 – 28 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$750

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Please join us for the performance on Friday, June 28.

Musical Theatre Showcase

Discover the triple threat in you! Bring your singing, acting, and dancing skills to these focused classes that build your technique through scenes and songs from Broadway musicals – the Golden Age to today's masterworks – crafted as solo, partnered, small group and ensemble numbers providing you with a learn-by-doing musical work out! Celebrate your work in a final revue style showcase. Actors must be able to attend all rehearsals and performances. Audition preparation is not necessary as auditions will be done as part of the first days of the program with casting guaranteed with registration.

Mon – Fri • Jul 22 – Aug 2 • 9:00am – 3:30pm • \$750

FAMILY & FRIENDS: Please join us for the performance on Friday, August 2.

SUMMER STAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Interested in stage management? Apply for this unique, active, hands-on opportunity to be a part of our summer teen performance series and take on the role of production stage manager. With support from technical theatre professionals, you'll be given insight into planning, noting, and calling a production as you work with a theatre director in rehearsals. Students can apply to work on one or more of these projects:

Young Artists Production: *The Gardener*

Middle School Production: *The Grimms*

High School Production: *A Comedy of Errors*

Middle School Production: *Puffs*

High School Musical Theatre Showcase

Middle School Production: *Schoolhouse Rock*

Mon - Fri • Jun 17 - 28

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Mon - Fri • Jul 8 - 19

Mon - Fri • Jul 22 - Aug 2

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\$750 • Apply by May 1st, 2024

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, and dates of interest to education@dcpa.org. Limited spots available.

SUMMER TEEN INTENSIVE

If you are excelling in your school theatre department, our program helps actors prepare for a serious career in theatre and film. Modeled after prestigious curriculums of the nation's top acting programs, these two weeks are a unique opportunity to improve your skills as an actor and rub elbows with acting professionals from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. Students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors in high school to apply. Our Teen Intensive program promises to be a challenging and rewarding conservatory - style actor training experience. Don't miss this excellent opportunity for college acting program prep.

Mon - Fri • Jul 8 - 19 • 9:00am - 5:00pm • \$800

FAMILIES & FRIENDS: Please join us for the performance on Friday, July 19.

Curriculum includes:

- Scene Analysis (Contemporary & Classical)
- Voice and Speech
- Music and Character
- Dance and Movement
- Improvisation
- Auditioning
- Acting for the Camera
- 20th - Century Acting Theory
- Final Showcase

Limited to 24 students. You must be enrolled in high school and have completed the 9th grade.

To apply, please submit:

- One letter of recommendation
- Current resume
- Current photograph
- Student's letter of interest.

EMAIL TO:

education@dcpa.org

OR

MAIL TO:

Denver Center for the Performing Arts Education
Attn: High School Summer Intensive
1101 13th St.
Denver, CO 80204

Deadline: May 31, 2024

Applicants will be notified of acceptance by June 15, 2023.

If you have questions, contact us at 303.446.4892