



# YSMT Company

Grades 7th-12th, Audition Only



## What is the "YSMT Company" team all about?

Our YSMT Company offers a rigorous, comprehensive, and fun program for musical theatre students in grades 7 through 12, who aspire to pursue the arts. Students are exposed to classes in a variety of styles, including acting technique, vocal technique, vocal performance, audition technique, musical theatre history, music theory, pop vocal, stage movement and combat, and stage makeup.

Each year, the YSMT Company offers a number of unique and exciting performance opportunities, where students have the chance to demonstrate the artistic skills and talents they have gained throughout their time in the program. Musical Theatre Conservatory students are provided with one-of-a-kind opportunities to meet, work with, and learn from renowned guest artists, local community members, and industry leaders.

## The Creative Team

Our creative team works together to bring musical theatre training to all YSMT students throughout every program. Our YSMT Company teachers focus on giving each student individualized training and positive feedback throughout classes and rehearsals. Our team understands that every student deserves mentors who are consistently supportive and provide a positive and fun learning environment for everyone. Our Creative Team consists of Ms. Shmaine, Mrs. Lexy, Mr. T, Mr. Dennis, Ms. Alina, and Ms. Robyn. We will also have dance intensives hosted by Mr. Jay and Mr. Jerrod, as well as acting intensives hosted by Joe Walsh.

## Student Experience

Students of all levels and backgrounds are welcome to audition for the YSMT Company. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to learn all aspects of musical theatre in a fun-focused

environment with challenging material and educational value.

All students involved in the YSMT Company will be showcased in numerous performances and will receive hands-on learning experience for the stage and backstage.

### **What are some things a YSMT Company student can expect?**

- Dance intensives: Jazz, Musical Theatre Dance, Hip-Hop, Ballet, Tap.
- Acting technique workshops
- Audition vocal workshops/training
- Vocal training for their specific voice part
- Acting for character roles
- Musical Theatre Performances (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Summer Sleep Away Camp & Summer Intensives
- Team building activities: dances, movie nights, open mic night, attending local community and professional performances, social gatherings, and more.

# **Mainstage Productions & Performance Opportunities**

## **Mainstage**

YSMT Company students will produce two to three mainstage musicals annually. All students will audition at the beginning of the semester for upcoming productions within the first 16 weeks. Throughout the first semester, students will meet on their designated days to learn and rehearse any upcoming productions they may be cast in. Some class days throughout each semester will be devoted to expanding their training through dance intensives, vocal technique workshops, acting workshops, and more.

## **Other Performance Opportunities**

The YSMT Company offers a variety of unique performance opportunities, including a new acting-focused division where students may be cast in a straight play such as Shakespeare. In addition, YSMT Company students will be given the opportunity to participate in Christmas programs as well as mentor elementary or middle schoolers by performing or assisting in their productions. YSMT will also produce a program wide concert and end-of-the-year banquet with multiple performances within the event.

## **Pricing Breakdown**

<b>YSMT COMPANY: What's included?</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Fee</b>

<p><b>Participation in the YSMT Company includes in-class training, 2-3 mainstage productions yearly, being a part of a team on stage and off, and of course; fun!</b></p>	<p>YSMT Company meets Wednesdays &amp; Fridays from 5:30-7:30pm*</p> <p>*Some Mondays or additional hours may be added for rehearsals or classes as necessary.</p>	<p>\$ 200/month</p>
<p>Materials and Fees</p> <p>Extracurricular activities and events (4-5 times per semester*), costume fees/show, meals for show days*, snacks/food during rehearsals*, guest teacher fee (3-4 times per semester), show shirts*.</p> <p>*Optional</p>	<p>Semesterly</p>	<p>~\$350/semester</p>
<p>Additional Materials and Fees</p> <p>Company team merchandise (optional), modesty uniform for under their costumes*, dance shoes*, knee pads*, yearly registration fee.</p> <p>*Can be purchased externally or directly from YSMT (based on availability)</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>~\$175/year</p>

## Behavior Policy and Expectations

At YSMT we have certain guidelines that are designed to allow students an optimum learning experience. We have learned over the past 20 years that this is what works best for our program, while providing every student a positive experience in class, on stage, and backstage.

All students who participate in the YSMT Company must continuously uphold the YSMT standards by maintaining a positive attitude, being a good team player, following rules and expectations, and being a respectful and kind individual.

Students will show courtesy and respect towards others and instructors at all times. If respect and cooperation is not shown, the following steps will be taken:  
1st warning will be verbal with a possible brief sit out of participation.

2nd warning will be a phone call to parent/guardian about behavior, with possible escalation for the student to be picked up from class.

3rd warning may result in the student losing their Company spot or even their role in the show.

**It is solely up to the discretion of YSMT to decide whether a student can return or not after negative behavior has been addressed.**

# Next Steps

## Audition Information

All students who would like to be considered for a singing or speaking role for YSMT Company shows must complete a vocal and acting audition. Those who would like to be part of the supporting ensemble are not required to participate in the vocal audition.

All students interested in auditioning for the YSMT Company will need to attend at least one audition day at the beginning of each semester. These dates will be posted on our website. If a student misses the designated audition day, they can submit an electronic audition or possibly an in-person audition by emailing the studio directly: [ysmtstudio@gmail.com](mailto:ysmtstudio@gmail.com)

## Registration Information

Students will need to be registered at the time of participation to secure their spot. Across all YSMT programs we use a 3rd party system called ClassBug. Once you've made your family's ClassBug account, you can pay the annual registration fee. After registration has been paid, your student is welcome to attend the Wednesday/Friday classes available to them. Auditions and casting for specific roles and shows will be made available throughout each semester.

## Volunteering

Families are asked to volunteer throughout the semester for various roles. If a member of your family has the availability to volunteer, we are always in need of additional help to support our program.

Volunteering could be from selling concessions in the lobby before a show, to teaching our students a new technique to broaden their skillsets. We are always looking for new ways to bring educational value to our program as well as fun events to our students. If you have any ideas or additional time to bring to our team, we would love to have your help.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions about our program. We look forward to meeting your Young Star!

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