

# FALL 2020 COURSES

Theater / Music / Dance / Private Instruction

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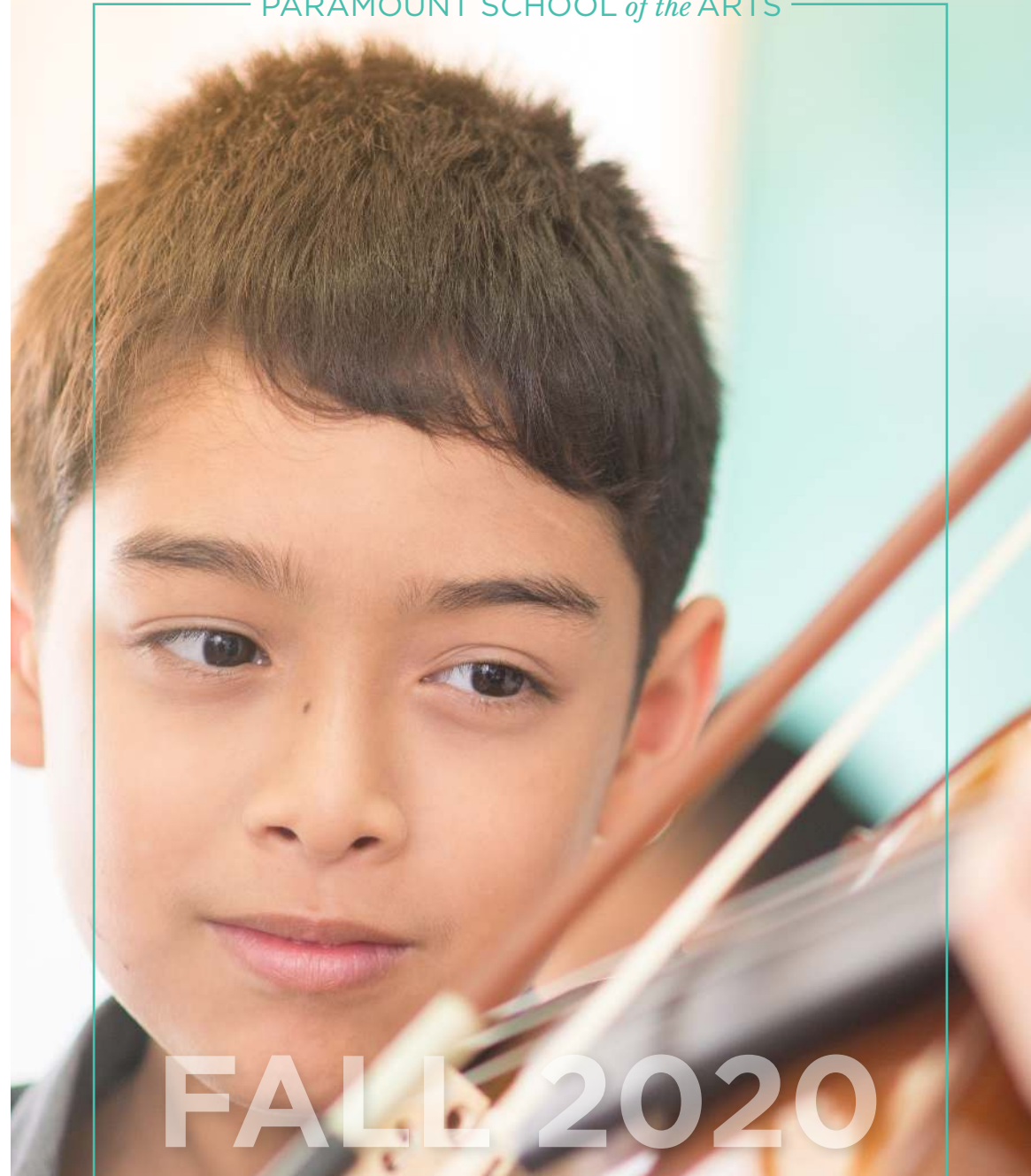
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# VIRTUAL LEARNING THIS FALL

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## VIRTUAL LEARNING

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## SAFE LEARNING

Safety policies updated for proper social distancing, disinfecting, face coverings and more.

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**PRIVATE INSTRUCTION** Work one-on-one with our teaching artists and professionals on most orchestral and band instruments, piano, voice, guitar, ukulele, dance, acting, musical theater and music theory. Available year-round for all ages. Book a single trial lesson for 30 minutes, or set up weekly 30, 60 or 90 minute recurring lessons. Get started at [paramountaurora.com/private-instruction](https://paramountaurora.com/private-instruction).

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# AUDITION-BASED PROGRAMMING

Classes will take place online for the first 7 weeks and, if safe, offered in person starting week 8. We are following all state and federal guidelines to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Video audition submissions due August 21 for these programs:

## YOUTH THEATER CONSERVATORY



**AGE RANGE** Grades 6-8 / Ages 11-13

**DESCRIPTION** For students who have a serious interest in singing, dancing and acting / Intermediate to advanced classes / Good prep for Musical Theater Institute / Full year commitment

**AUDITION VIDEO** 1-minute monologue from a play, film or television show that is a character in your age range, as well as 1 minute of a musical theater song of your choice

### COURSEWORK

— **Year 1:** Mondays 7-8:30 PM / Wednesdays 5-7 PM. **Fall 2020:** Acting Foundations 1, Musical Theater Technique, Ballet & Jazz Technique. **Spring 2020:** Musical Theater Studio, Ballet & Jazz Technique

— **Year 2:** Mondays 7-8:30 PM / Wednesdays 7-9 PM. **Fall 2020:** Acting Foundations 2, Intro to Auditioning, Ballet & Jazz Technique. **Spring 2020:** Musical Theater Studio, Ballet & Jazz Technique

**TOTAL COST** \$400 per semester

**FREEBIES & DISCOUNTS FOR YTC MEMBERS** Free master classes / 10% off PSA merchandise and voice lessons / Free Ballet & Jazz Technique class / Invite to Paramount Theatre dress rehearsals / YTC nights at Paramount Theatre Broadway Series shows / Talk-backs with the creatives of Broadway Series shows

## MUSICAL THEATER INSTITUTE



**AGE RANGE** Grades 9-12 / Ages 13-18

**DESCRIPTION** For students planning to major in musical theater in college or perform professionally / More advanced classes with professional Paramount artists / Must enroll in private voice / Full year commitment

**AUDITION VIDEO** 1-minute monologue and 1-minute musical theater song of your choice

### COURSEWORK

— **Year 1:** Mondays 5-8:30 PM. **Fall 2020:** Fundamentals of Acting 1, Voice & Speech, Ballet & Jazz Technique. **Spring 2020:** Song Interpretation, Ballet & Jazz Technique

— **Year 2:** Mondays 5:30-9 PM. **Fall 2020:** Fundamentals of Acting 2, Text Analysis, Musical Theater Dance. **Spring 2020:** Musical Theater Workshop, Rehearsal Methods, Musical Theater Dance

**TOTAL COST** \$400 per semester

**FREEBIES & DISCOUNTS FOR MTI MEMBERS** Free master classes / 10% off PSA merchandise and voice lessons / Free Ballet & Jazz Technique class for Year 1 students / Free Musical Theater Dance class for Year 2 students / Invite to Paramount Theatre dress rehearsals / MTI nights at Paramount Theatre Broadway Series shows / Talk-backs with the creatives of Broadway Series shows



Video Auditions due August 21, 2020  
Submit yours at [ParamountAurora.com/Fall20](https://ParamountAurora.com/Fall20)

## NEW! PARAMOUNT DANCE PROJECT



**AGE RANGE** Grades 9-12 / Ages 14-18

**DESCRIPTION** For students with a serious interest in pursuing dance in college or as a career / Technique and artistry focused / Explore your creativity while improving technical abilities through technique, conditioning and artistic classes / Full year commitment required

**AUDITION VIDEO** Must perform the following technical elements: 1st arabesque right and left / Grande Jete right and left / Saute de Chat right and left / Leap in second right and left / Pirouette En Dehors and En Dedans right and left, parallel and turned out / 1 minute of original choreography in any style of dance / Must be age appropriate

**COURSEWORK** 2 days per week.

— **Tuesdays 5-7 PM:** 2-hour Ballet & Jazz Technique Class.

— **Thursdays 6-9 PM:** 1-hour Conditioning Class with training in strength, endurance, flexibility and anatomy understanding. Plus, 2-hour Artistry Class to learn and create original choreography in different dance styles.

**TOTAL COST** \$830 per semester

**FREEBIES & DISCOUNTS FOR PDP MEMBERS** Free master classes / 10% off PSA merchandise and private dance lessons / Free Teen Tap class / Invite to Paramount Theatre dress rehearsals / PDP nights at Paramount Theatre Broadway Series shows / Talk-backs with creatives of Broadway Series shows

Pre-Professional Training Programs by Audition  
for Grades 6-12 / Ages 11-19





# Kindermusik® MIXED AGE

# Creative Dramatics

These Kindermusik classes are perfect for those preferring a mixed-age setting for a single child or multiple children of different ages. Kindermusik educators will help modify movement activities, group dances and instrument-play activities for all developmental levels. *Families must pay tuition for each student enrolled.*

ONLINE / SESSION 1 September 9–December 16				
Wednesdays	15 Weeks	10:30a–11:15a	6 mo–5 yrs	\$200

ONLINE / SESSION 2 September 5–December 19				
Saturdays	15 Weeks	10:30a–11:15a	6 mo–5 yrs	\$200
No class November 28				

Students use their imagination, senses, concentration, voice and body to play drama-based games and improvise from age-appropriate stories, poems, legends and world events.

ONLINE / SESSION 1 September 8–October 20				
Tuesdays	7 Weeks	4–4:45p	4–6 yrs	\$90

IN-PERSON / SESSION 2 October 27–December 8				
Tuesdays	7 Weeks	5:30–6:15p	4–6 yrs	\$115

IN-PERSON / SESSION 3 October 29–December 17				
Thursdays	7 Weeks	5:30–6:15p	4–6 yrs	\$115



# Musical Characters

Sing, dance and act through the best songs from Disney’s massive collection while exploring the ornery and heroic traits of all your favorite characters.

ONLINE / SESSION 1 September 8–October 20				
Tuesdays	7 Weeks	5:30–6:30p	6–8 yrs	\$125

IN-PERSON / SESSION 2 October 27–December 15				
Tuesdays	8 Weeks	5:30–6:30p	6–8 yrs	\$165

# KIDS TAKE THE STAGE

It's never too early to get a head start in the theater world. Young performers will work with scripted scenes to strengthen acting skills and theater technique.

## ONLINE / SESSION 1

September 8–October 20		
Tuesdays	7 Weeks	5:15–6:15p
7–8 yrs		\$100

## IN-PERSON / SESSION 2

October 27–December 8		
Tuesdays	7 Weeks	5:15–6:15p
7–8 yrs		\$125

# BROADWAY BOUND!

This dynamic musical theater class dives into both modern musical theater and the classics. Learn acting, voice and dance technique while working on group numbers and scenes.

## ONLINE / SESSION 1

September 8–October 20		
Tuesdays	7 Weeks	6:30–7:45p
9–11 yrs		\$165

## IN-PERSON / SESSION 2

October 27–December 15		
Tuesdays	8 Weeks	6:30–7:45p
9–11 yrs		\$185

# BEGINNING ACTING

This class is for students who want to become proficient actors. Through scene work and monologues, learn a variety of acting techniques to deliver honest and moving performances.

## ONLINE / SESSION 1

September 7–October 26		
Mondays	8 Weeks	5–6p
9–11 yrs		\$125

## IN-PERSON / SESSION 2

November 2–December 21		
Mondays	8 Weeks	5–6p
9–11 yrs		\$160

# INTERMEDIATE ACTING

Build on skills learned in Beginning Acting by applying vocabulary and technique to scripted material. Delve deep into next-level acting skills as we analyze text for objectives, stakes, obstacles, tactics and playable actions.

## IN-PERSON / SESSION 1

September 10–December 17		
Thursdays	14 Weeks	6–7p
11–13 yrs / Grades 6–8		\$200

No class November 26  
Classes take place online until safe to meet in person.  
Must have taken both Beginning Acting and Kids Take The Stage.

# MUSICAL THEATER DANCE

Structured just like musical theater dance classes at NYC studios, students learn original Broadway choreography from all styles of musical theater. This class is designed for busy theater students to learn a combination of musical theater dance, ballet technique, jazz and multiple Broadway styles. In the performing business, auditions are your tests, and dance classes are where you study. In addition to learning a variety of choreography styles, students will learn the history behind each choreographer. This class will help students win their next dance call and be a more well-rounded performer!

Full year commitment required; students will be auto enrolled into the next semester.

## ONLINE / SESSION 1

September 7–December 14		
Mondays	15 Weeks	5:30–7p
11–18 yrs	\$200 (Free for Year 2 MTI students)	

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# YOUTH THEATER CONSERVATORY *Grades 6–8*

Read more about YTC on page 4. Audition and full-year commitment required. Classes will take place online for the first 7 weeks and, if safe, offered in person starting week 8.

## YTC YEAR 1

September 9–December 16		
Wednesdays	14 Weeks	5–7p
11–13 yrs / Grades 6–8		\$400

Year 1 combines core classes including Acting Foundations 1 and Musical Theater Techniques. Students will receive pre-professional acting and musical theater training while strengthening skills and technique. By purchasing this course, you

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will receive the required Ballet & Jazz Technique class free of charge.  
No class November 25.

Full-year YTC commitment required; students will be auto enrolled into the next semester.

## YTC YEAR 2

September 9–December 16		
Wednesdays	14 Weeks	7–9p
11–13 yrs / Grades 6–8		\$400

Year 2 combines core classes including Acting Foundations 2 and Intro to Auditioning. Students will receive pre-professional acting and musical theater training while strengthening skills and technique. By purchasing this course, you will receive the required Ballet & Jazz Technique class free of charge.

Must have taken both Musical Theatre Techniques and Intermediate Acting. No class November 25.

# BALLET & JAZZ TECHNIQUE *September 7–December 14*

Mondays	15 Weeks	11+ yrs / Grades 6+
7–8:30p	\$200 (Free for Year 1 & Year 2 YTC and Year 1 MTI students)	

Ballet is the foundation of all dance forms, and jazz builds on classic ballet technique. We'll begin at the barre where students perform movement sequences to develop strength, coordination, balance and proper alignment. These skills are reinforced through center and across floor combinations. Not only are classical technique and vocabulary taught, but students will also learn a variety of jumps and turns, as well as innovative choreography in this athletic class. Get exposed to a variety of jazz styles — from Broadway jazz to lyrical jazz. Class time will be devoted to learning jazz technique, as well as funky jazz dance combinations. Full year commitment required; students will be auto enrolled into the next semester.



# MUSICAL THEATER INSTITUTE *Grades 9-12*

Read more about MTI on page 4. Audition and full-year commitment required. Classes will take place online for the first 7 weeks and, if safe, offered in person starting week 8.

## MTI YEAR 1

September 7-December 14		
Mondays	15 Weeks	5-7p
14-18 yrs / Grades 9-12		\$400

This 2-hour weekly class will further students' acting study with Fundamentals of Acting and get their first exposure to learning the technical aspects of Voice and Speech. This class is an examination of the principles and practice of freeing the natural voice, proceeding from the notion that "voice" and "acting" are inseparable. Although an introduction to the use of voice in theater, it's in no way limited to the actor. A specific progression of exercises will be presented to facilitate freeing the body of tensions, discovering natural breath, releasing vibrations of sound from the body and opening the channel for sound (throat, jaw, tongue). Resonance, vocal freedom and articulation will also be explored. Techniques for accessing emotional and psychological truth will be practiced as fundamental to the actor's creative process, as well as the groundwork for physical and vocal presence.

## MTI YEAR 2

September 7-December 14		
Mondays	15 Weeks	7-9p
14-18 yrs / Grades 9-12		\$400

This 2-hour weekly class will continue students' acting study with Acting Fundamentals 2. They will move beyond contemporary scripts and begin working on acting styles in classical theater literature. Students will also have a course in Text Analysis focusing on the tools that allow an artist to understand the dramatic "score" and ultimately translate the playwright's words into action onstage. The playwright's tools - Style, Setting, Mood, Theme, Environment, Character, Language, Action, Objective, Obstacles - will be defined and discussed.

*Must complete MTI Year 1 (Song Interpretation and/or Audition Techniques).*

*MTI Year 2 students are required to take Musical Theater Dance (at no charge).*

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# MUSICAL THEATER DANCE

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*Full year commitment required; students will be auto enrolled into the next semester.*

# NEW! PARAMOUNT DANCE PROJECT *Grades 9-12*

Read more about PDP on page 5. Audition and full-year commitment required. Classes will take place online for the first 7 weeks and, if safe, offered in person starting week 8.

## PDP TECHNIQUE TUESDAYS September 8-December 15

Tuesdays	15 Weeks	5-7p	14-18 yrs / Grades 9-12	\$415
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During this 2-hour technique class, Paramount Dance Project company members will train in ballet and jazz technique focusing on form and proper body alignment. They will learn to work together to achieve group goals, as well as improve their own technical abilities through ballet and jazz class curriculum.

*Full year PDP commitment required; students will be auto enrolled into the next semester.*

## PDP TONE-IT THURSDAYS September 10-December 17

Thursdays	14 Weeks	6-9p	14-18 yrs / Grades 9-12	\$415
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This 3-hour weekly class will train students in conditioning strength, endurance, flexibility, anatomy and more. Students will also spend time working on artistry in dance, learning choreography from many different dance styles, creating original works to be performed at company showcases, preparing for auditions and more. *No class November 26.*

## TEEN TAP

Teen Tap offers intermediate through advanced level tap for teens ages 14-18. Explore the rhythmic and dynamic dance style of tap including classic technical elements like steps and pick ups. Learn to create your own rhythms and beats by combining classical steps.

*Classes will take place online for the first 7 weeks, and if safe, offered in person starting week 8. No class November 26.*

## September 8-December 15

Thursdays	14-18 yrs /
15 Weeks	Grades 9-12
5-6p	\$200 (Free for PDP students)

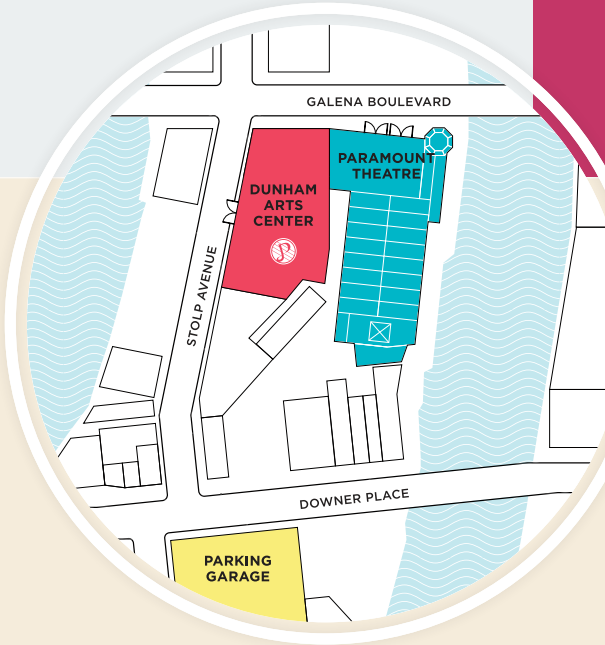
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