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SUMMER 2021 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Welcome back students and families,

After a very long year of virtual classes, we are so excited to go back to in person classes this summer! While we are happy to be in person this summer, we wanted to make sure to let you know the Covid-19 precautions we will be implementing for all of our camps.

We have designed our camps using the current IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) guidelines. Our camps this summer currently have limited spots available to make sure we can safely fit students in each of our classrooms at current IDPH guidelines.

We will also require students, faculty, staff, and visitors to wear masks while in the building, and during camp. Temperature checks will be taken to anyone entering the building. We will also require a signed Covid-19 waiver to be submitted prior to the start of camp. This waiver will be included in paperwork provided to you in the weeks approaching the start of camp.

While we are offering camps that will have singing in them, currently singing is considered one of the riskier activities according to IDPH. To accommodate these guidelines we are planning to limit singing in large groups as much as possible.

We know that we are in an ever changing world, and new information comes out daily. If IDPH guidelines and guidance shift and change as we get closer to camps, we will look to reevaluate some of our Covid-19 safety measures.

If you have any other questions or concerns about Covid-19 safety measures during our summer camps, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to seeing you back in our beautiful school and excited to be part of your arts education journey.



Big hugs,

Jessica M. Duplessis
Director of Education and Community Engagement



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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.

AUDITION COACHING Whether it's your school musical or a professional callback, our audition coaches will help prepare you for each part of the audition process. We want you to feel confident and prepared to bring your best self into the room. Learn more at paramountaurora.com/audition-coaching.



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AUDITION-BASED PROGRAMMING

Exclusively at Paramount School of the Arts (PSA) our teaching artists and staff have built the types of programming we wish we had access to as young performers. These programs are not only packed with intense skill-building curriculum, but also access to professional artists currently working in the entertainment field. All of our audition-based programs are year long commitments. Students get the full benefit from each of our programs by enrolling in them for the entire year. Students in our audition based programming will have various performance opportunities, as well as free classes, free tickets to the Broadway Series shows at the Paramount, free talk-back discussions after the Paramount shows with actors, discounts on private voice lessons, free master classes with Broadway performers, professional headshots, and discounts on all PSA merchandise. You're getting the best training and the best value all in your own backyard.

AUDITIONS

Students currently enrolled in YTC, MTI or PDP are guaranteed a spot in summer camps/intensives, as long as they sign up during the priority registration period. Priority registration for current enrolled students is March 22-April 4, 2021

Audition Submissions for **NEW STUDENTS** for the Summer program are due by **April 16 2021**.

Audition submissions for the Fall program are due by: **August 13, 2021**. This is for **ALL STUDENTS** that wish to participate in the YEAR LONG program that starts in the fall. Space is limited.

MUSICAL THEATER INSTITUTE



AGE RANGE Grades 9-12 / Ages 13-18

DESCRIPTION Our specialized and extremely focused, audition based, training program for high school students who plan to make a career in musical theater will spend the week in professional training in acting, voice and dance. This camp will consist of new and returning students and will focus on training in music, theater and dance that will prepare them for the next semester of YTC in the fall. At the end of the week, all YTC students will present a showcase of the pieces they have worked on throughout the week. At the end of the week, all MTI students will present a showcase of the pieces they have worked on throughout the week.

AUDITION VIDEO 1 minute monologue, 1 minute song, 1 minute video of self performing choreography learned from this video

COURSEWORK

(For MTI Years 1-4) An intensive camp for those truly dedicated to the art form. The morning focus is on training in voice, acting and dance. The afternoon is spent in challenging rehearsals that will have you applying all of your newly acquired skills and techniques in preparation for a public performance

NEW STUDENT CAMP: July 19-23, 9am-3:30pm, Cost - \$300 (Must submit auditions by April 16, 2021.)

RETURNING STUDENT CAMP: July 26-July 30, 9 am-3:30pm, Cost - \$300

FREEBIES & DISCOUNTS FOR FALL AND SPRING 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 Theater dress rehearsals / MTI nights at Paramount Theater Broadway Series shows / Talk-backs with the creatives of Broadway Series shows

YOUTH THEATER CONSERVATORY



AGE RANGE Grades 6-8 / Ages 11-13

DESCRIPTION Youth Theater Conservatory is our audition only, specialized training program for middle school-aged students who are passionate about musical theater. This camp will consist of new and returning students and will focus on training in music, theater and dance that will prepare them for the next semester of YTC in the fall. At the end of the week, all YTC students will present a showcase of the pieces they have worked on throughout the week.

AUDITION VIDEO 1 minute monologue, 1 minute song, 1 minute video of self performing choreography learned from this video

COURSEWORK

(For YTC Years 1-3): This camp intensive builds on the materials learned in the year long programming and introduces new skills to prepare the students to perform their learned skills in a self produced showcase at the end of camp. The morning hours are spent on training voice, acting and dance, while the afternoon is spent applying that training to rehearsal of the showcase The summer program is for students in rising grades 6-8.

NEW STUDENT CAMP: July 5-9, 9am-3:30pm, Cost - \$300 (Must submit auditions by April 16, 2021.)

RETURNING STUDENT CAMP: July 12-16, 9am-3:30pm, Cost - \$300

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

PARAMOUNT DANCE PROJECT



AGE RANGE Grades 9-12 / Ages 14-18

DESCRIPTION This camp is for our PDP company members. This summer they will spend time on injury prevention, choreography creation, improvisation, and take class in many different dance styles. This camp is for preparing our company members for the year long portion of the PDP program. Students will work to prepare original works of choreography that will be showcased at the end of the week long camp.

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

This is one week dance intensive that immerses students in technique and artistry, while working on conditioning and developing their own choreography. The camp culminates in a public student choreography showcase. We currently audition new company members for the Fall and Summer trimesters. The Fall program is a year long commitment and will run in both of our fall and spring semesters.

DATES AND COST: August 9-13, 9 am-1 pm, Cost - \$275 (New students must submit auditions by April 16, 2021.)

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

Walk on the Wild Side

Using stories that feature some of our favorite wild characters, this camp is perfect for the budding performers in your home. Students will learn theater skills while taking inspiration from classic stories like *Where the Wild Things Are*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and more. This is a great camp for young performers.

SESSION 1 June 21-25

Monday - Friday 1 Week 9a-12p 6-9 yrs \$150



SESSION 2 June 21-25

Monday - Friday 1 Week 1p-4p 6-9 yrs \$150



Broadway Bops

Pop, rock and hip-hop are all becoming a part of the musical theater canon. Students will be introduced to modern musical theater in this dynamic musical theater class. Students learn acting, voice and dance technique while working on group numbers and scenes.

SESSION 1 June 28-July 2

Monday-Friday 1 Week 9a -12p 9-11 yrs \$225



SESSION 2 June 28-July 2

Monday-Friday 1 Week 1p -4p 9-11 yrs \$225



ACTING ON CAMERA

Learn the nuances of performing on camera. Students will film scenes from television and cinema and learn proper acting technique for on-screen performances.

SESSION

June 28-july 2

Monday-Friday 1 Week 9a-12p 12-18 yrs \$150



UKULELE CAMP

Learn the origins of the ukulele, the culture that surrounds it and many new songs! Students will explore chords, strumming, picking and melodies, as well as creative exercises in songwriting.



SESSION

July 5-9

Monday-Friday 1 Week 9a-12p 12-18yrs \$150



BEGINNING PIANO

This beginner camp is crafted just for children with little or no experience who want to learn to play the piano in a fun-filled summer camp! Students will learn basic music reading and piano-playing skills. A variety of musical styles are explored, along with lots of ensemble playing to build musicianship and listening skills. Our goal for these beginner camps is for students to have a positive and enriching first experience at the piano.

SESSION

July 12-16

Monday-Friday 1 Week 9a-12p 8-12 yrs \$150



HIP HOP CAMP

Up your game with popping, breakdancing and freestyling, then move on to quick combinations using powerful choreography fused with street style moves. If this camp sounds like your jam, then this is the exact place you'll want to be this summer.

SESSION

August 2-6

Monday-Friday 1 Week 9a-12p
8-11 yrs \$175



TECHNICAL THEATER INSTITUTE

This technical theater camp will build students' skills in everything backstage. Each day of camp students will be introduced to another skill from a theater artisan currently working in the arts. From set design and construction, to properties manager and more, get a peek at all the people that make sure the magic on stage happens safely and looks magical.



SESSION

July 26-30

Monday-Friday 1 Week 9a-12p
12-18 yrs \$250

IMPROV KIDS

August 2-6

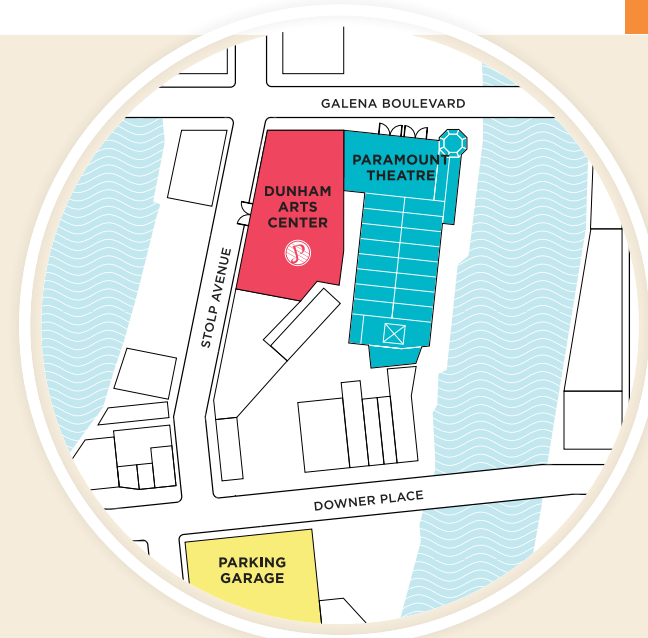
Monday-Friday 1 Week 9-12yrs
1p-4p \$150



There's no script, no blocking, no props, just you and your scene partner working and creating as you go! But when you're done, there's nothing more exhilarating than improv. Students learn critical listening, teamwork and how to think quickly on their feet, plus there is a whole lot of laughter thrown in too! Are you a creative kid that makes up worlds and stories? This camp is for you!



Paramount School of the Arts is located in the John C. Dunham Aurora Arts Center next to Paramount Theater.



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