



PARAMOUNT
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

FALL 2022

THEATER / MUSIC / DANCE / ALL AGES



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WELCOME PSA STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

We are so excited work with you this fall! We have added over 15 new class options ranging from Messy Movers, Creative Keys, and a fall performance opportunity class: Student Production. Don't worry we are also bringing back community favorites like Broadway Bound, Adult Acting, and Group Vocal Studio!

We design all of our programming with smaller class sizes to ensure that students receive personalized instruction from our teaching artists. Whether you want to brush up on your skills or explore through a new artistic lens, PSA has something for you!

Don't forget to stay up to date with all workshops that will be added throughout the semester. We are committed to bringing our talented actors and creatives to our students.

We can't wait to see what you create at PSA this fall!

BIG HUGS,
Team PSA



FALL 2022
Sept 6-Dec 15
No classes November 22-24



“My daughter and I love it here! Great teachers, great staff, and just overall amazing experience!” – Tamara Harris

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// THEATER //

CREATIVE DRAMATICS A HEROES & VILLAINS

Ages 5-6 T Sep 6-Nov 8 5-5:30p \$125

Developed for our younger students, Creative Dramatics incorporates play and exploration through movement, song, and storytelling. This fall students will focus on the paradigm of storytelling featuring and creating their own heroes and villains. 10 Weeks

KIDS TAKE THE STAGE A BRINGING STORIES TO LIFE

Ages 7-9 T Sep 6-Nov 8 5:30-6:30p \$175

Kids Take the Stage is the perfect class to learn basic acting and theater skills, including stage directions, scene creation and more. This fall, students will focus on bringing stories to life through memorizing lines, learning stage blocking, and performance techniques. 10 Weeks

STUDENT PRODUCTION

Grades 6-12 T Sep 6-Dec 13 7-9p \$300

NEW THIS FALL! Our students will choose, cast, direct, design, construct, and perform a one act performance in our very own McKee Theatre. Students will be mentored by a member of our PSA faculty but will be in charge of this production from start to finish. 14 Weeks

INTRO TO SCENE WRITING

Ages 12+ W Sep 7-Dec 14 6-7:30p \$250

NEW THIS FALL! Sharpen your understanding of scene writing techniques in our Intro to Scene Writing class. Dive into your imagination and put your experiences and creations to the page while working together to develop your writing into workable scenes. 14 Weeks

KIDS IMPROV

Ages 9-12 W Sep 7-Dec 14 6-7p \$200

Kids improv is a great place for new young actors to begin! Students learn the art of improvisation acting, including games, skills, and scene creation. 14 weeks

TEEN IMPROV

Ages 13-18 W Sep 7-Dec 14 7-8p \$200

Students will continue their exploration of improvisation theater, begin writing their own scenes, and enjoy the art of always saying "yes and...". 14 weeks

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

BEGINNING ACTING

Ages 9-12 M Sep 12-Dec 12 5-6p \$200

Explore the early fundamentals of acting skills and techniques. Students will enjoy learning about scene work as well as monologue choice and execution. 14 weeks.

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

INTERMEDIATE ACTING

Ages 13+ Th Sep 8-Dec 15 6-7p \$200

This course further develops acting techniques and skills, and introduces voice and speech work. This is a great class to prepare students for our Acting Institute or our YTC/MTI programs. 14 weeks

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

ADVANCED ACTING

Ages 14+ Th Sep 8-Dec 15 7-8p \$200

Advanced Acting is for students who have taken our Intermediate Acting class. This class continues to explore acting techniques and skills and introduces text analysis work to prepare students for our Acting Institute or our YTC/MTI programs. 14 weeks

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

BROADWAY BOUND

Ages 9-12 Th Sep 8-Nov 10 6-7:30p \$250

Broadway Bound is our preparatory class for our YTC program. This class explores acting, dance, and singing through the study of musical theater scene work and development. 10 Weeks

// DANCE //

MESSY MOVERS

Ages 3-4 M Sep 12-Nov 14 5-5:30p \$125

NEW THIS FALL! This is the perfect class for your little one to get their wiggles and scribbles out! Our Messy Movers will spend time creating together through movement and art-focused lessons. The perfect way to kick off your student's love for the arts. 10 Weeks

LITTLE LEAPERS

Ages 5-7 T Sep 6-Nov 8 4:45-5:15p \$125

Students will explore aspects like skipping, turning, storytelling through movement, and of course, leaping throughout their 30-minute dance class. This is the perfect class to introduce your child to the fun and physicality of dance. 10 Weeks

BALLET & JAZZ TECHNIQUE YEAR 1

Grades 6-8 M Sep 12-Dec 12 6-7:30p \$250

Ballet and Jazz Technique Year 1 is for dancers looking to explore ballet and jazz technique, and for our YTC Year 1 company members. This class is for students who have never taken formal dance training before, or who have had a break in the dance training and are looking to get back into weekly dance classes. 14 weeks

*Yearlong Commitment for YTC Year 1

BALLET & JAZZ TECHNIQUE YEAR 2

Grades 6-8 M Sept 12-Dec 12 6-7:30p \$250

Ballet and Jazz Technique Year 2 is for dancers who have taken dance technique classes before and are looking at continuing to expand their technical knowledge and experience, as well as begin to explore new skills and tricks. This class is also for YTC Year 2 company members. 14 weeks

*Yearlong commitment for YTC Year 2

DANCE CONDITIONING & CHOREOGRAPHY

Grades 6-8 M Sep 12-Dec 12 7:30-9p \$250

Dance Conditioning and Choreography is for dancers who want to work on conditioning that will improve their strength, stamina and flexibility. This class is also for our YTC Year 3 company members. Students will learn new choreography in many different styles of dance as well as explore student choreography techniques. 14 weeks

*Yearlong commitment for YTC Year 3

INTRO TO CHOREOGRAPHY CREATION

Ages 14+ T Sep 6-Dec 13 6-7:30p \$250

NEW THIS FALL! Artists will journey through inspiring and engaging choreography creation techniques culminating in a student performance in our very own Mckee Theatre. 14 weeks

BEGINNING DANCE TECHNIQUE

Ages 7-11 T Sep 6-Dec 13 5:15-6p \$175

Dancers will learn new vocabulary and skills in each class, transferring those skills into choreographed routines to share with family members throughout the semester. 14 weeks

JUNIOR HIP HOP

Ages 9-12 W Sep 7-Dec 14 5-6p \$200

A beginning hip hop class for students ages 9-12. Explore the roots of hip hop dance both in technical style and history of the dance movement. 14 weeks

DANCE TECHNIQUE

Grades 9-12 W Sep 7-Dec 14 7:30-9p \$250

Dance Technique is for students looking to work on dance technique styles including ballet, jazz, and tap. This class is also for our MTI year 1 students. This class will meet each student where they are, introducing new skills and techniques each week that can be put to use in other dance classes. 14 weeks

*Yearlong commitment for MTI Year 1

MUSICAL THEATER DANCE

Grades 9-12 W Sep 7-Dec 14 7:30-9p \$250

Musical Theater Dance is for dancers who want to learn choreography from different musicals and choreographers, as well as studying the history of musical theater classics. This class is also for our MTI Year 2 students. 14 Weeks

*Yearlong commitment for MTI Year 2 students.

SPEED CHOREOGRAPHY

Grades 9-12 W Sep 7-Dec 14 6-7:30p \$250

Speed Choreography is for dancers who wish to sharpen their ability to learn choreography quickly and for our MTI Year 3 company members. This class will teach a variety of styles of choreography each week as well as incorporate mock dance calls to prepare our students for auditions as well as choreography learning during productions. 14 weeks.

*Yearlong commitment for MTI Year 3

INJURY PREVENTION & DANCE STYLES

Grades 9-12 W Sep 7-Dec 14 6-7:30p \$250

NEW THIS FALL! Our Injury Prevention & Dance Styles is focused on somatic movement for the dancer, actor, and musician with a focus on preventing injuries while in movement. Students will explore many different dance styles such as jazz, funk, hip hop, contemporary, and more. This class is open for all students grades 9 and up. 14 weeks

TEEN TAP

Ages 13-18 Th Sep 8-Dec 15 7-8p \$200

This is the perfect class for those looking to create or improve their tap talent. Join us to brush up on old tap skills, or gather with friends to explore tap for the first time. 14 Weeks



DANCE

// AUDITION-BASED PROGRAMMING //



AUDITION DATES:
AUGUST 12 & 13

AUDITION-BASED PROGRAMMING

Paramount School of the Arts provides yearlong (September–May) intensive training programs for students in grades 6–12. Auditions are held in August for program acceptance and placement. If you are interested in taking your training in musical theater, acting, or dance to the next level, Paramount School of the Arts has the programs for you.

Youth Theater Conservatory (YTC) focused on musical theater training in acting, singing, and dancing for middle school students. This program is the preparatory program for students interested in continuing on to our MTI program.

Musical Theater Institute (MTI) focused on musical theater training in acting, singing, and dancing for high school students.

Paramount Dance Project (PDP) a dance company for high school students looking to continue their growth on their technical skills and repertoire as well as develop their skills as young artists and choreographers.

Acting Institute (AI) an acting focused program for students in high school that prepares students for stage and film acting.

Students in our Audition-Based Programming receive various performance opportunities, free tickets to Paramount Broadway Series shows, free talk-back discussions with actors after select Paramount shows, discounts on private voice lessons, free select workshops, professional headshots, and discounts on all Paramount School merchandise. You're getting the best training at the best value.

// MUSIC CLASSES //



PRIVATE LESSONS // COACHING

Work one-on-one with our teaching artists and professionals in a number of private lessons and individual coaching sessions. Paramount School of the Arts is fortunate to be able to offer a variety of private lessons including instrumental and vocal lessons, as well as coaching in theater and dance. Students can book a single 30-minute trial lesson, then set up weekly 30, 60, or 90-minute recurring lessons. Utilizing one of our spacious private classrooms, students receive the very best training in our safe and welcoming facilities. Visit our website to register today!

INTRO TO MUSIC THEORY

Ages 12+ T Sep 6-Dec 13 7-8:30p \$250

NEW THIS FALL! Explore the fundamentals and concepts that will assist in reading, analyzing, and creating music. 14 weeks *Suggested yearlong enrollment

GROUP VOCAL STUDIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8 T Sep 6-Dec 13 6-7p \$200

This group vocal class is for middle school students, providing the foundations for vocal technique and song preparation for both solo and ensemble singing. 14 weeks

INTRO TO SONG WRITING

Ages 12+ W Sep 7-Dec 14 7-8:30p \$250

NEW THIS FALL! Are you a budding lyricist? Do you have a musical theatre score inside ready to break out? Intro to Song Writing will give students techniques and skills that will assist them in crafting their songs into workable pieces of music. This course will focus on lyric writing with the addition of chord preparation and song structure. 14 Weeks

BEGINNING PIANO

Ages 8-10 Th Sep 8-Dec 15 5-6 \$200

Looking to learn piano for the first time? Explore the fundamentals of the piano including key placement and note reading. 14 weeks *Suggested yearlong enrollment

CREATIVE KEYS

Ages 10+ Th Sep 8-Dec 15 6-7 \$200

NEW THIS FALL! Students will apply their skills learned in piano classes and dive into songwriting. They will learn proper notation of their creations and have a chance to perform their pieces at the end of year performance in our very own McKee Theater. This course will focus on score creation, structure, and preparation. 14 Weeks

INTERMEDIATE PIANO

Ages 10-12 Th Sep 8-Dec 15 7-8p \$200

Intermediate Piano is for students who have taken piano lessons before or Beginning Piano at PSA previously. This class will continue to dive into the fundamentals of piano, learning both as a group and individually. 14 weeks *Suggested yearlong enrollment

GROUP VOCAL STUDIO HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12 Th Sep 8-Dec 15 8-9p \$200

This group vocal provides the foundations for vocal technique as well as song preparation for both solo and ensemble singing. 14 weeks

MUSIC

// ADULT CLASSES //



ADULT TAP 1

Ages 19+ Th Sep 8-Dec 12 8-9p \$200

NEW THIS FALL! This is the perfect class for those looking to create or improve their tap talent. Join us to brush up on old tap skills, or gather with friends to explore tap for the first time. 14 Weeks

ADULT TAP 2

Ages 19+ M Sep 12-Dec 12 7:30-8:30p \$200

NEW THIS FALL! Are you an adult dancer looking to continue your tap journey further this fall? Geared toward students who have taken tap at PSA previously or the more experienced tapper, you will love this interactive rhythm and groove-focused class. 14 weeks

ADULT BALLET & JAZZ

Ages 19+ T Sep 6-Dec 13 7:30-9p \$250

Another perfect adult dance class exploring ballet and jazz techniques. Work with your classmates on traditional barre exercises for ballet, fun and challenging jazz skills, and blend them all together in upbeat, modern, and classical combinations. 14 Weeks

ADULT ACTING

Ages 19+ T Sep 6-Dec 13 7-8:30p \$250

Adult Acting is a class for adults looking to explore acting techniques in scene work, monologues, and more. Brush up on old skills or dive into acting fundamentals for the first time. 14 weeks

ADULT VOCAL STUDIO

Ages 19+ T Sep 6-Dec 13 7-8p \$200

NEW THIS FALL! Are you an adult who loves singing and misses the comradery of singing with others? Adult Vocal Studio is the class for you. Come together with friends as you explore your voice, and work together as an ensemble in this fun weekly class. 14 Weeks

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages 19+ W Sep 7-Dec 14 7-8:30p \$250

Explore the basics of your camera's functions, learn how to adjust your settings for the type of shooting you are doing, learn how to pose your subjects, and more. (we suggest bringing your own camera with you) 14 Weeks

ADULT PIANO

Ages 19+ Th Sep 8-Dec 15 8-9p \$200

Are you an adult looking to learn piano for the first time? Or perhaps you have taken piano previously and want to brush up on some skills. Our interactive piano lab allows our instructors to teach to the whole group and work one-on-one with each student at their own pace. 14 Weeks

ADULT IMPROV

Ages 19+ Th Sep 8-Dec 15 8-9p \$200

Adult improv is for our adult students looking to explore improvisation through acting. Work together on games and techniques that you can use in scene work and creation. 14 Weeks

// TECHNICAL THEATER //

TECH THEATER CONSERVATORY

Grades 6-8
T Sep 6-Dec 13 7-8:30p \$350*
materials included

NEW THIS FALL! Created for our middle school students who wish to explore the technical side of theater creation and production. Tech Theater Conservatory will be the starting point of their exploration into the many facets that come together to make a stellar technically supported production. 14 weeks

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

TECH THEATER INSTITUTE YEAR 1

Grades 9-12
Th Sep 8-Dec 15 5-7p \$500*
materials included

Technical Theater Institute is for high school students looking to further their experience in the technical aspects of theater production. In Year 1, students will explore the many aspects that bring live theater to life. This will include draft work, costume design and creation, lighting design, prop creation, and more. In Year 1, students will work with a variety of professionals from Paramount Theatre to explore the many areas of technical theater. 14 weeks

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

TECH THEATER INSTITUTE YEAR 2

Grades 9-12
Th Sep 8-Dec 15 7-9p \$500*
materials included

NEW THIS FALL! TTI Year 2 is the second year of our Technical Theater Institute. Students will spend their semester with a concentrated focus on scenic design and construction, and prop design and construction. They will work with artisans and technicians from Paramount Theatre and have hands-on access to tools and materials to bring their designs to life. 14 weeks

*Suggested yearlong enrollment

TECHNICAL THEATER

// WITH YOUR SUPPORT //

The Paramount School of the Arts brings members of our community exciting opportunities to learn, grow and perform. Your gifts can make an incredible difference. Our tuition and fees rarely reflect the full cost of our classes. Your donation to one of the following funds creates an educational impact benefiting children and families across the region.

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To make your gift visit paramountaurora.com/support and designate it to "Paramount School of the Arts Fund." To hear about other giving opportunities, reach out to our Development Team via donate@paramountarts.com.

// SCHEDULE //

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MULTI-CLASS DISCOUNTS

2 classes
5% OFF each

3 classes
8% OFF each

4 or more
10% OFF each

Payment plans available.

	CLASSES	AGE	DAY	DATES	TIME	PRICE
THEATER CLASSES	Creative Dramatics A	Ages 5-6	T	Sep 6-Nov 8	5-5:30p	\$125
	Kids Take the Stage A	Ages 7-9	T	Sep 6-Nov 8	5:30-6:30p	\$175
	Student Production	Grades 6-12	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	7-9p	\$300
	Intro to Scene Writing	Ages 12+	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	6-7:30p	\$250
	Kids Improv	Ages 9-12	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	6-7p	\$200
	Teen Improv	Ages 13-18	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	7-8p	\$200
	Beginning Acting	Ages 9-12	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	5-6p	\$200
	Intermediate Acting	Ages 13+	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	6-7p	\$200
	Advanced Acting	Ages 14+	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	7-8p	\$200
	Broadway Bound	Ages 9-12	Th	Sep 8-Nov 10	6-7:30p	\$250
TECH THEATER	Tech Theater Conservatory	Grades 6-8	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	7-8:30p	\$350*
	Tech Theater Institute Year 1	Grades 9-12	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	5-7p	\$500*
	Tech Theater Institute Year 2	Grades 9-12	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	7-9	\$500*
DANCE CLASSES	Messy Movers	Ages 3-4	M	Sep 12-Nov 14	5-5:30p	\$125
	Little Leapers	Ages 5-7	T	Sep 6-Nov 8	4:45-5:15p	\$125
	Ballet & Jazz Technique Year 1	Grades 6-8	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	6-7:30p	\$250
	Ballet & Jazz Technique Year 2	Grades 6-8	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	6-7:30p	\$250
	Dance Conditioning & Choreography	Grades 6-8	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	7:30-9p	\$250
	Intro to Choreography Creation	Ages 14+	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	6-7:30p	\$250
	Beginning Dance Technique	Ages 7-11	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	5:15-6p	\$175
	Junior Hip Hop	Ages 9-12	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	5-6p	\$200
	Dance Technique	Grades 9-12	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	7:30-9p	\$250
	Musical Theater Dance	Grades 9-12	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	7:30-9p	\$250
MUSIC CLASSES	Speed Choreography	Grades 9-12	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	6-7:30p	\$250
	Injury Prevention & Dance Styles	Grades 9-12	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	6-7:30p	\$250
	Teen Tap	Ages 13-18	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	7-8p	\$200
	Intro To Music Theory	Ages 12+	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	7-8:30p	\$250
	Group Vocal Studio- Middle School	Grades 6-8	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	6-7p	\$200
	Intro To Song Writing	Ages 12+	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	7-8:30p	\$250
	Beginning Piano	Ages 8-10	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	5-6	\$200
	Creative Keys	Ages 10+	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	6-7	\$200
	Intermediate Piano	Ages 10-12	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	7-8p	\$200
	Group Vocal Studio- High School	Grades 9-12	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	8-9p	\$200
ADULT CLASSES	Adult Tap 1	Ages 19+	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	8-9p	\$200
	Adult Tap 2	Ages 19+	M	Sep 12-Dec 12	7:30-8:30p	\$200
	Adult Ballet & Jazz	Ages 19+	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	7:30-9p	\$250
	Adult Acting	Ages 19+	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	7-8:30p	\$250
	Adult Vocal Studio	Ages 19+	T	Sep 6-Dec 13	7-8p	\$200
	Photography	Ages 19+	W	Sep 7-Dec 14	7-8:30p	\$250
	Adult Piano	Ages 19+	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	8-9p	\$200
Adult Improv	Ages 19+	Th	Sep 8-Dec 15	8-9p	\$200	

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