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# SPRING 2023

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**JESSICA DUPLESSIS**  
Director of Education & Community Engagement

## WELCOME PSA STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

Welcome to the third trimester of Season 4 at Paramount School of the Arts.

We are so excited to create with you this Spring! We are bringing back ever popular fan favorites such as Teen Improv, Adult Acting, and Creative Dramatics, but don't worry we have added even more NEW classes to try; like Creative Dramatics A \*Animals and Insects, Adult Musical Theater Vocal Techniques, and Choreography and Improvisation. We will wrap up our Season with our second annual Spring Showcase titled BOOKED! on Monday May 8, 2023.

Continuing our commitment to prioritizing each students needs individually and meeting each of you where you are, we design all of our programming with smaller class sizes to ensure that each of our students receives personalized instruction from our teaching artists during each class meeting time.

We love being part of your artistic journey!

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# WELCOME





// THEATER //

CREATIVE DRAMATICS A  
ANIMALS & INSECTS

Ages 5-6 T Jan 10-Mar 14 5-5:30p \$125

Developed for our younger students, Creative Dramatics incorporates play and exploration through movement, song and storytelling. This spring students will focus on the paradigm of storytelling through movement, incorporating animals and insects along the way. 10 Weeks

KIDS TAKE THE STAGE A  
TELLING STORIES THROUGH MOVEMENT

Ages 7-9 T Jan 10-Mar 14 5:30-6:30p \$175

Kids Take the Stage is the perfect class to teach students basic acting and theater skills including stage directions, scene creation and more. This spring students will focus on bringing stories to life through movement and expand on their understanding of blocking and stage directions. 10 Weeks

BEGINNING ACTING

Ages 9-12 M Jan 9-May 1 5-6p \$200

Beginning Acting is for young artists who want to explore the early fundamentals of acting skills and techniques. Students will enjoy learning about scene work as well as monologue choice and execution. 16 Weeks

BROADWAY BOUND

Ages 9-12 Th Jan 12- Mar 16 6-7:30p \$250

Broadway Bound explores acting, dance and singing through the study of musical theater scene work and development. It is our preparatory program for our YTC program or students interested in trying a musical theater class for the first time. 10 Weeks

KIDS IMPROV

Ages 9-12 W Jan 11-May 3 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 explore creating scenes. 16 Weeks

TEEN IMPROV

Ages 13-18 W Jan 11-May 3 7-8p \$200

Teens continue their exploration of improvisation theater, begin writing their own scenes, and enjoy the art of always saying “yes and also.” 16 Weeks

INTERMEDIATE ACTING

Ages 13+ Th Jan 12 - May 4 6-7p \$200

Intermediate Acting is a semester-long class for students who have taken our beginning class. This class further explores techniques and skills and introduces voice and speech work to prepare students for our Acting Institute or our YTC/MTI programs. \*Beginning level teenage students admitted upon school administrator approval. 16 Weeks

ADVANCED ACTING

Ages 14+ Th Jan 12-May 4 7-8p \$200

Advanced Acting is a semester-long class 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. 16 Weeks

THEATER



// DANCE //

MESSY MOVERS

|          |   |                |         |       |
|----------|---|----------------|---------|-------|
| Ages 3-4 | M | Jan 9 – Mar 13 | 5-5:30p | \$125 |
|----------|---|----------------|---------|-------|

This is the perfect class for your little ones to get their wiggles and their scribbles out! Our young creators will spend time creating together through movement and art focused lessons. The perfect way to kick off your students’ love for the arts. 10 Weeks

LITTLE LEAPERS

|          |   |                |         |       |
|----------|---|----------------|---------|-------|
| Ages 5-7 | T | Jan 10- Mar 14 | 5-5:30p | \$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 fun and physicality of dance. 10 Weeks

BEGINNING DANCE TECHNIQUE

|           |   |                |            |       |
|-----------|---|----------------|------------|-------|
| Ages 7-11 | T | Jan 10 – May 2 | 5:30-6:15p | \$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. 16 Weeks

JUNIOR HIP HOP

|           |   |               |      |       |
|-----------|---|---------------|------|-------|
| Ages 9-12 | W | Jan 11- May 3 | 5-6p | \$200 |
|-----------|---|---------------|------|-------|

Explore the roots of hip hop dance both in technical style and history of the dance movement. 16 Weeks

BALLET & JAZZ TECHNIQUE YEAR 1

|            |   |               |         |       |
|------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Grades 6-8 | M | Jan 9 – May 1 | 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 their dance training and are looking to get back into weekly dance classes. 16 weeks

BALLET & JAZZ TECHNIQUE YEAR 2

|            |   |               |         |       |
|------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Grades 6-8 | M | Jan 9 – May 1 | 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 knowledge and experience as well as begin to explore new skills and tricks. This class is also for YTC Year 2. 16 weeks

DANCE CONDITIONING & CHOREOGRAPHY

|            |   |               |         |       |
|------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Grades 6-8 | M | Jan 9 – May 1 | 7:30-9p | \$250 |
|------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|

Dance Conditioning and Choreography is for dancers who want to work on improving their strength, stamina and flexibility. This class is also for our YTC Year 3. Students will learn new choreography in many different styles of dance as well as explore student choreography techniques. 16 weeks

TEEN TAP

|            |    |               |      |       |
|------------|----|---------------|------|-------|
| Ages 13-18 | Th | Jan 12- May 4 | 7-8p | \$200 |
|------------|----|---------------|------|-------|

This is the perfect class for those looking to create or improve their tap talent. Join us on Thursday nights to brush up on old skills, or gather with friends to explore tap for the first time. 16 Weeks

CHOREOGRAPHY AND IMPROVISATION

|          |   |                |         |       |
|----------|---|----------------|---------|-------|
| Ages 14+ | T | Jan 10 – May 2 | 7-8:30p | \$250 |
|----------|---|----------------|---------|-------|

New This Spring! Looking for a class that allows you to gain confidence in movement improvisation and to create your own choreography? Join us this spring to pair the two elements of dance together and showcase your choreography creations at your end of the semester WIPS performance. 16 Weeks

MUSICAL THEATER DANCE

|             |   |               |         |       |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Grades 9-12 | W | Jan 11- May 3 | 7:30-9p | \$250 |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|

Musical Theater Dance is for dancers who want to work on learning routines from different musicals and choreographers, as well as studying the history of theater classics. This class is also for our MTI year 2 students. 16 Weeks

SPEED CHOREOGRAPHY

|             |   |               |         |       |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Grades 9-12 | W | Jan 11- May 3 | 6-7:30p | \$250 |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|

Speed Choreography is a class for dancers who wish to sharpen their ability to learn choreography quickly, and for our MTI Year 3 students. This class will teach a variety of styles as well as incorporate mock dance calls to prepare our students for auditions. 16 weeks.

INJURY PREVENTION & DANCE STYLES

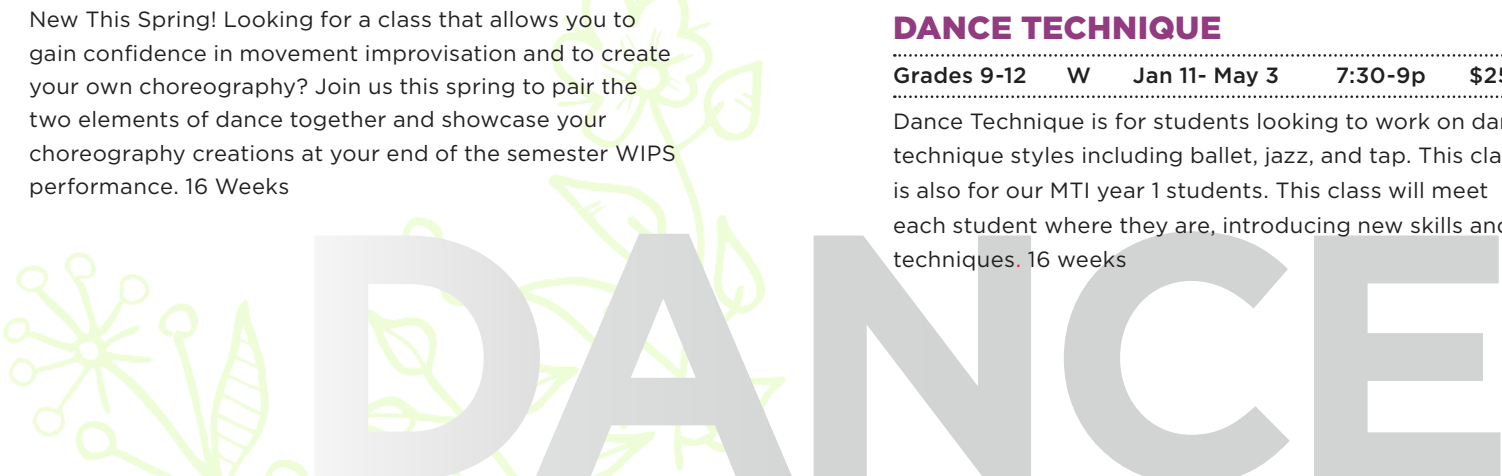
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| Grades 9-12 | W | Jan 11- May 3 | 6-7:30p | \$250 |
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NEW THIS SPRING! Our Injury Prevention & Dance Styles is a 90-minute class focused on somatic movement for the dancer, actor, and musician with a focus on preventing injuries. Additionally, students will explore many different dance styles such as jazz, funk, hip hop, contemporary, and more. Open for all students grades 9 and up and is the free required dance class for our students participating in our MTI Year 4 program. 16 weeks

DANCE TECHNIQUE

|             |   |               |         |       |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Grades 9-12 | W | Jan 11- May 3 | 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. 16 weeks





// MUSIC //

BEGINNING PIANO

Ages 8-10    Th    Jan 12- May 4    5-6pm    \$250

Looking to learn piano for the first time or continue building on your skills. Join us as you explore the fundamentals of the piano, including key placement and learning to read music. Materials included. 16 Weeks

INTERMEDIATE PIANO

Ages 10-12    Th    Jan 12- May 4    7-8p    \$250

Intermediate Piano is for students who have taken 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. Materials included. 16 Weeks

MUSICAL THEATER VOCAL TECHNIQUES  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6-8    T    Jan 10- May 2    6-7p    \$200

Students will explore story telling through vocal performance. They will also work on new song selection for both solo and group work. 16 Weeks

MUSICAL THEATER VOCAL  
TECHNIQUES HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12    Th    Jan 12- May 4    8-9p    \$200

Students will explore story telling through vocal performance as an ensemble and begin working with song analysis and acting the song. They will also work on song selection for both solo and group work. 16 weeks

// TECHNICAL THEATER //

TECH THEATER INSTITUTE YEAR 2

Grades 6-12    Th    Jan 12- May 4    7-9    \$500

NEW THIS SPRING! TTI year 2 will build on the FALL semesters coursework and expand into special materials and prop design and construction. Materials included. 16 Weeks



MUSIC





// ADULT CLASSES //

ADULT TAP 1

Ages 19+    Th    Jan 12 – May 4    8-9p    \$200

This is the perfect class for those looking to create or improve their tap talent. Join us to brush up on old skills, or gather with friends to explore tap for the first time. 16 Weeks

ADULT TAP 2

Ages 19+    M    Jan 9- May 1    7:30-8:30p    \$200

Are you an adult dancer looking to continue your tap journey further this Spring? Adult Tap 2 is for you! Geared at students who have taken tap at PSA previously or the more experienced tapper, you will love this interactive rhythm and groove focused class. 16 weeks

ADULT BALLET & JAZZ

Ages 19+    T    Jan 10- May 2    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. 16 Weeks

ADULT ACTING

Ages 19+    T    Jan 10- May 2    7-8:30p    \$250.

Adult Acting is a class for adults looking to explore acting techniques in scene work, monologues and more. Learn to brush up old skills or dive into acting fundamentals for the first time. 16 Weeks

ADULT MUSICAL THEATER VOCAL TECHNIQUES

Ages 19+    T    Jan 10- May 2    7-8p    \$200

NEW THIS SPRING! Students will explore story telling through vocal performance, with an emphasis on musical theater repertoire. They will also work on song selection for both solo and group work. 16 weeks.

ADULT PIANO

Ages 19+    Th    Jan 12-May 4    8-9p    \$250

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. Adult Piano at PSA is perfect for you. Our interactive piano lab allows our instructors to teach to the whole group as well as work one on one with each student at their own pace. Materials included. 16 Weeks

ADULT IMPROV

Ages 19+    Th    Jan 12- May 4    8-9p    \$200

Adult Improv is for students looking to explore improvisation through acting. Work together on games and techniques that you can use in scene work and creation. 16 Weeks

ADULTS



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PARAMOUNT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS  
SECOND ANNUAL

20  
23  
**SPRING  
SHOWCASE**



**MONDAY, MAY 8 // 7p // PARAMOUNT THEATRE STAGE**

Back again this year, we will be offering an option  
ADD ON class for the last 6 weeks of the semester to  
participate in our Spring Showcase. These classes are  
based on age and the style of performance piece will  
be determined by the number of participants signed up  
for each age group.

Students will rehearse for 6 weeks with their age group  
and perform during the annual showcase.

Registration with the add on class includes a Spring  
Showcase T-shirt to be worn during the performance.

| SHOWCASE MINIS No Class Mar 28 |   |               |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|---------|-------|
| Ages 4-6                       | T | Mar 21- May 2 | 5-5:45p | \$125 |

| SHOWCASE LITTLES No Class Mar 28 |   |               |      |       |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|------|-------|
| Ages 7-9                         | T | Mar 21- May 2 | 6-7p | \$150 |

| SHOWCASE JUNIORS No Class Mar 28 |   |               |      |       |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------|------|-------|
| Ages 10-13                       | T | Mar 21- May 2 | 7-8p | \$150 |

| SHOWCASE TEENS No Class Mar 30 |    |               |      |       |
|--------------------------------|----|---------------|------|-------|
| Ages 14-18                     | Th | Mar 23- May 4 | 7-8p | \$150 |

| SHOWCASE ADULTS No Class Mar 30 |    |               |      |       |
|---------------------------------|----|---------------|------|-------|
| Ages 19+                        | Th | Mar 23- May 4 | 8-9p | \$150 |





// WITH YOUR SUPPORT //

**GIVINGTUESDAY**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 29

GivingTuesday 2022 will take place on November 29. Join this global day of giving by supporting Paramount School of the Arts!

## SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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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|              | CLASS                             | AGE/GRADE   | DAY | DATES         | TIME        | PRICE |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----|---------------|-------------|-------|
| THEATRE      | Beginning Acting                  | Ages 9-12   | M   | Jan 9-May 1   | 5-6pm       | \$200 |
|              | Creative Dramatics                | Ages 5-6    | T   | Jan 10-Mar 14 | 5-5:30pm    | \$125 |
|              | Kids Take the Stage               | Ages 7-9    | T   | Jan 10-Mar 14 | 5:30-6:30pm | \$175 |
|              | Kids Improv                       | Ages 9-12   | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 6-7pm       | \$200 |
|              | Teen Improv                       | Ages 13-18  | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 7-8pm       | \$200 |
|              | Broadway Bound                    | Ages 9-12   | Th  | Jan 12-Mar 16 | 6-7:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Intermediate Acting               | Ages 13+    | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 6-7pm       | \$200 |
|              | Advanced Acting                   | Ages 14+    | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 7-8pm       | \$200 |
| DANCE        | Messy Movers                      | Ages 3-4    | M   | Jan 9-Mar 13  | 5-5:30pm    | \$125 |
|              | Ballet & Jazz Technique Year 1    | Grades 6-8  | M   | Jan 9-May 1   | 6-7:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Ballet & Jazz Technique Year 2    | Grades 6-8  | M   | Jan 9-May 1   | 6-7:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Dance Conditioning & Choreography | Grades 6-8  | M   | Jan 9-May 1   | 7:30-9pm    | \$250 |
|              | Little Leapers                    | Ages 5-7    | T   | Jan 10-Mar 14 | 5-5:30pm    | \$125 |
|              | Beginning Dance Technique         | Ages 7-11   | T   | Jan 10-May 2  | 5:30-6:15pm | \$175 |
|              | Choreography & Improvisation      | Ages 14 +   | T   | Jan 10-May 2  | 7-8:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Junior Hip Hop                    | Ages 9-12   | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 5-6pm       | \$200 |
|              | Speed Choreography                | Grades 9-12 | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 6-7:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Injury Prevention & Dance Styles  | Grades 9-12 | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 6-7:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Dance Technique                   | Grades 9-12 | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 7:30-9pm    | \$250 |
|              | Musical Theater Dance             | Grades 9-12 | W   | Jan 11-May 3  | 7:30-9pm    | \$250 |
| MUSIC & TECH | Teen Tap                          | Ages 13-18  | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 7-8pm       | \$200 |
|              | MT Vocal Techniques-Middle School | Grades 6-8  | T   | Jan 10-May 2  | 6-7pm       | \$200 |
|              | Beginning Piano                   | Ages 8-10   | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 5-6pm       | \$250 |
|              | Intermediate Piano                | Ages 10-12  | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 7-8pm       | \$250 |
|              | MT Vocal Techniques-High School   | Grades 9-12 | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 8-9pm       | \$200 |
| ADULT        | Tech Theater Institute Year 2     | Grades 6-12 | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 7-9pm       | \$500 |
|              | Adult Tap 2                       | Ages 19+    | M   | Jan 9-May 1   | 7:30-8:30pm | \$200 |
|              | Adult Acting                      | Ages 19+    | T   | Jan 10-May 2  | 7-8:30pm    | \$250 |
|              | Adult Ballet & Jazz               | Ages 19+    | T   | Jan 10-May 2  | 7:30-9pm    | \$250 |
|              | Adult MT Vocal Techniques         | Ages 19+    | T   | Jan 10-May 2  | 7-8pm       | \$200 |
|              | Adult Tap 1                       | Ages 19+    | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 8-9pm       | \$200 |
|              | Adult Piano                       | Ages 19+    | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 8-9pm       | \$250 |
|              | Adult Improv                      | Ages 19+    | Th  | Jan 12-May 4  | 8-9pm       | \$200 |





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