

# Theatre Classes

Summer 2022

Performance Academy  
production of: *Frozen Kids*,  
Spring 2022



Theatre Classes for Children  
Kindergarten through Grade 12



# What's Inside!

Theatre arts education at The Playhouse provides students with the opportunity to explore, create, imagine, and express themselves, all within a safe, nurturing environment. We have a full schedule of camps, offering a wide variety of theatre experiences for all ages. Whether it's creative drama, devised theatre or Performance Academy, we have something for children of all levels of experience.

We are thankful to be able to offer theatre camps this summer after a very unique year. Thank you for spending part of your summer with us here at The Playhouse!



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Camps for younger students, focused on creative dramatics, are **noted with this icon**. Learn more on page 5.

## Our teaching artists are what makes our program special.



**Our master teachers have over 150 combined years of experience teaching at The Playhouse.**



**The majority of our teachers work in the Des Moines metro and surrounding area school districts teaching a variety of subjects.**



**Currently, almost 50% of our teachers hold master's degrees in education, theatre, or music.**



**Nearly 100% of our teachers hold bachelor's degrees in either education or theatre.**

# June Classes

Please note that spaces fill up quickly. We recommend registering as early as possible. Register today!

CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST (\$Subscriber/ Non-Subscriber)	MAX STUDENTS
Theatre ABCs	K2022-1	Half Day	6/6-6/10	9:30-11:30a	\$135/\$145	12
Cam Jansen	2-3	Half Day	6/6-6/10	1-4p	\$135/\$145	16
Pinocchio	4-6	Full Day	6/6-6/10	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
Wm. Shakespeare's Star Wars	7-10	Full Day	6/6-6/10	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	20
Harry Potter	4-8	Full Day	6/13-6/17	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	60
Fantastical Far Off Places	K2022-1	Half Day	6/20-6/24	1:30-3:30p	\$135/\$145	12
Munchkinland	2-3	Half Day	6/20-6/24	9a-12p	\$135/\$145	16
The Wizard of Oz	4-6	Full Day	6/20-6/24	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	25
10 Minute Plays	7-9	Full Day	6/20-6/24	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	20
Build it Bigger	K2022-1	Half Day	6/27-7/1	9:30-11:30a	\$135/\$145	12
Build it Bigger	2-3	Half Day	6/27-7/1	1-4p	\$135/\$145	16
The Book Scavenger	4-5	Full Day	6/27-7/1	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
The Wizard of Oz	6-8	Full Day	6/27-7/1	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	25

## Theatre ABCs FULL\*

**Kindergarten 2022-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, June 6-10**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**

A is for Actor, B is for Backstage, C is for Costumes...you get the picture! Every day there is a new introduction to new elements, designed to launch a budding interest in theatre! At the end of the course, be ready to demonstrate for parents that *V is for Voice*, and maybe even *S is for Star*!

## Cam Jansen Mysteries

**Grades 2-3, 1:00-4:00 PM, June 6-10**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**

No mystery is too great for super-sleuth Cam Jansen and her amazing photographic memory. Solve mysteries while acting out scenes from the Cam Jansen series of books. Perform favorite scenes for your parents on the final day!

## Page to Stage: Pinocchio FULL\*

**Grades 4-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 6-10**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Needed: 20 actors to bring this timeless story and one big wish to life. Help make the set, choose costumes, rehearse, and then perform for family and friends on the last day of class.

## William Shakespeare's Star Wars: The Merry Rise of Skywalker

**Grades 7-10, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 6-10**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Join Jedi Master Nate Jorgensen in a galaxy far, far away, Shakespeare style. Based on the best-selling series by Ian Doescher, reimagine Star Wars as one of Shakespeare's epic dramas, complete with light saber duels, a hero(ine) in training, and a tortured villain.

## Harry Potter FULL\*

**Grades 4-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 13-17**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

It's back! Come to King's Cross Station, Platform 9¾, to enter the summer session at Hogwarts. After being assigned a house by the Sorting Hat, make a magic wand and Quidditch uniform, and attend classes in potions, divination, and defense against the dark arts. **Students need to read books 1-3 before the first day of camp.**

## Harry Potter Prefect

**Grades 7-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 13-17**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-subscribers**

Please register as a Prefect if your child has taken Harry Potter in any previous summer. Once all Prefect spots are filled, please register on the waiting list for a Prefect spot.

*Please note:* There are only 6 spots available for returning campers who will each assume the role and responsibilities of Prefect. All other spaces are reserved for those who have not taken Harry Potter previously.

## Fantastical Far Off Places ☺ FULL\*

**Kindergarten 2022-Grade 1, 1:30-3:30 PM, June 20-24**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**

Travel to lands of fantasy and mystery, where wizards and fairies are magical, and anything is possible. Create your own magical creatures and imagine and act out their stories!

## Munchkinland FULL\*

**Grades 2-3, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, June 20-24**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**

We all know what happened to Dorothy, but what about the Munchkins? What happened before the house landed on the Wicked Witch of the East? What happened after Dorothy left on the Yellow Brick Road? And, what is the Lollipop Guild, anyway? Let's find out and share with parents on the final day!

## Performance Academy: The Wizard of Oz FULL\*

**Grades 4-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 20-24**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Audition for roles and perform L. Frank Baum's classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Follow Dorothy as she meets The Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and, of course, the Wicked Witch! Perform on the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre stage on the final day. Enrollment guarantees a part in the play!

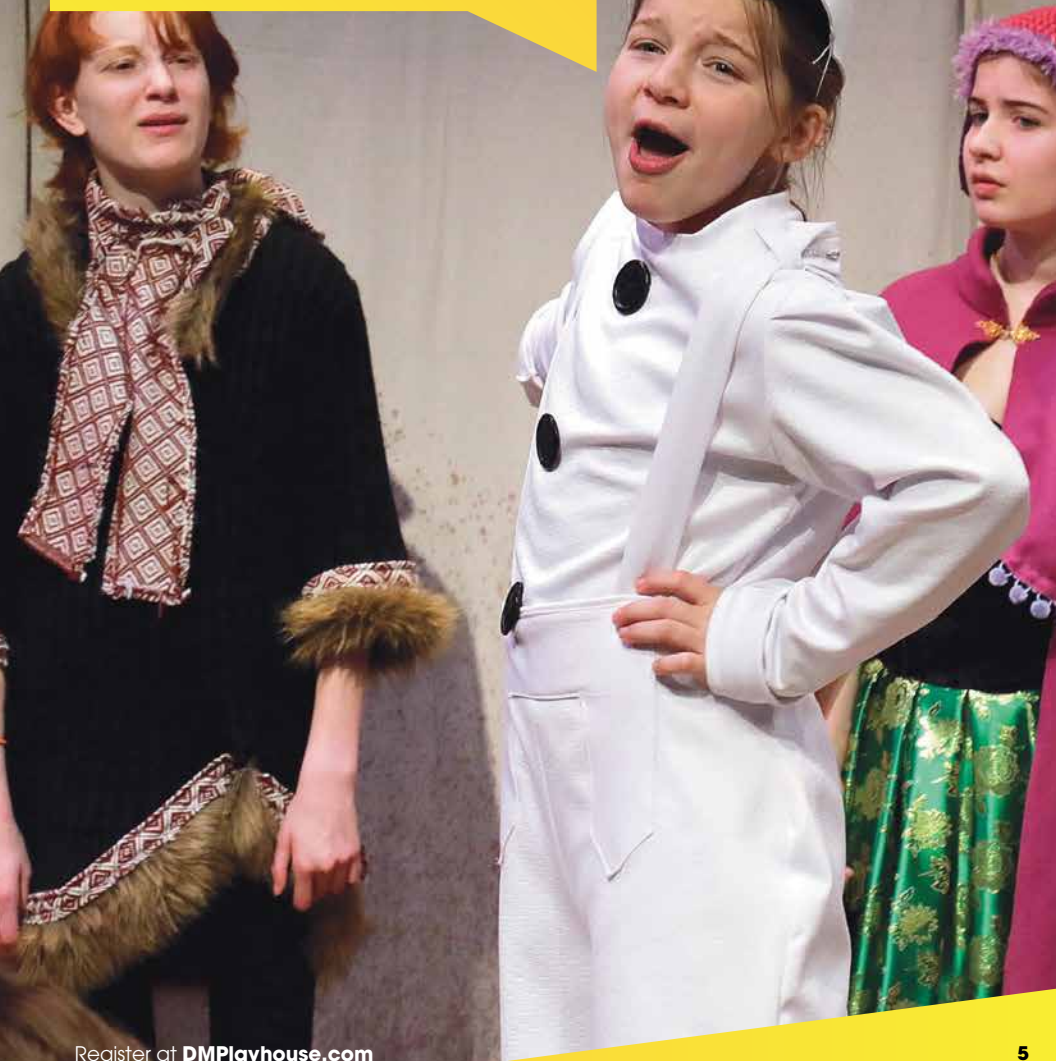
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## What Is Creative Drama?



Most camps for younger students are focused on creative dramatics, and are **noted with this icon**. Creative drama sparks children's natural abilities to become the characters they hear about in the books they love. These camps are literature-based and designed to foster listening and cooperative skills as well as self-esteem and individual expression. A creative drama class does not "perform" on the final day, however students are given encouragement to share each day's story with their families.





## 10 Minute Plays

**Grades 7-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 20-24**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Performers serious about exploring the art of acting are assigned roles in short plays and monologues to emphasize working in a professional environment. Beginners are challenged with learning lines and blocking. Advanced actors can delve in to the emotional life of the character and gain a finer understanding of how to manipulate stage space. Be ready to give it your all! There will be a presentation of our plays on the final day for family and friends.

## Build It Bigger 🤖

**Kindergarten 2022-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, June 27-July 1**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**  
 If 12 cups can build a little pyramid, imagine what can be done with 500. If one box can be made into a clubhouse, imagine what can be done with two dozen. We'll use our creations to act out stories, exercise large motor skills, and encourage cooperation and wide-eyed imagination. This one is for all of our budding scenic designers!

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**Grades 2-3, 1:00-4:00 PM, June 27-July 1**  
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## The Book Scavenger

**Grades 4-5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 27-July 1**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Join Emily and James and discover the mysterious Garrison Griswold's new book that contains a copy of a mysterious new game. Rush from clue to clue to find the secret at the heart of the game, before you become a victim, too. Perform for parents on the final day!

## Performance Academy: The Wizard of Oz FULL\*

**Grades 6-8, 9:00 AM -4:00 PM, June 27-July 1**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Audition for roles and perform L. Frank Baum's classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Follow Dorothy as she meets The Scarecrow, Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and, of course, the Wicked Witch! Perform on the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre stage on the final day. Enrollment guarantees a part in the play!

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# July Classes

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CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST (\$Subscriber/ Non-Subscriber)	MAX STUDENTS
<b>Dragons Love Tacos</b>	K2022-1	Half Day	7/5-7/8	9:30-11:30a	\$106/\$116	12
<b>My Weird School</b>	2-3	Half Day	7/5-7/8	1-4p	\$106/\$116	16
<b>Classroom 13</b>	4-5	Full Day	7/5-7/8	9a-4p	\$210/\$220	18
<b>Audition Workshop Morning Session</b>	5-8	Half Day	7/5-7/8	9a-12p	\$106/\$116	20
<b>Audition Workshop Afternoon Session</b>	5-8	Half Day	7/5-7/8	1-4p	\$106/\$116	20
<b>Koalas and Kangaroos</b>	K2022-1	Half Day	7/11-7/15	1:30-3:30p	\$135/\$145	12
<b>Magic Tree House and Magic School Bus</b>	3-4	Full Day	7/11-7/15	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
<b>Seussical Kids</b>	5-7	Full Day	7/11-7/15	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	30
<b>Matilda Jr.</b>	7-11	Full Day	7/11-7/30	9a-4p	\$570/\$600	40
<b>Broadway Babies</b>	1-2	Half Day	7/18-7/22	9a-12p	\$135/\$145	16
<b>Playhouse TV</b>	4-5	Full Day	7/18-7/22	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
<b>A Wrinkle in Time</b>	6-9	Full Day	7/18-7/22	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
<b>The Bad Guys</b>	1-2	Full Day	7/25-7/29	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	16
<b>The Chocolate Touch</b>	3-4	Full Day	7/25-7/29	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
<b>Roald Dahl</b>	5-6	Full Day	7/25-7/29	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	20

## Dragons Love Tacos 🐉 FULL\*

**Kindergarten 2022-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, July 5-8; \$106 Subscribers/\$116 Non-Subscribers**  
Dragons love tacos. Just don't give them any spicy salsa. Otherwise...watch out! We'll start with this story, and then explore other stories with dragons, unicorns, and other imaginary creatures. Use your imagination and become the characters in your favorite books!

## My Weird School FULL\*

**Grades 2-3, 1:00-4:00 PM, July 5-8  
\$106 Subscribers/\$116 Non-Subscribers**  
There's something wrong at Ella Mentry School! The teachers are brainy, embarrassing, dangerous and just plain bizarre! Miss Daisy is Crazy, Mrs. Roopy is Loopy, and Mr. Klutz is Nuts! We'll read and act out scenes and perform our favorites for parents on the last day.

## Classroom 13

**Grades 4-5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 5-8  
\$210 Subscribers/\$220 Non-Subscribers**  
Classroom 13 is the unluckiest classroom. They've won the lottery, gotten superpowers, become royalty, and are even magically transformed into their Halloween costumes! They're about to learn that sometimes great gifts come with tricky troubles. Perform for parents on the final day!

## Audition Workshop Morning Session

**Grades 5-8, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, July 5-8  
\$106 Subscribers/\$116 Non-Subscribers**  
Work with Playhouse directors to get the experience necessary to be comfortable and successful in auditions for great titles like *Harriet the Spy*; *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*; *Go, Dog. Go!*; *The Hundred Dresses*; and *How I Became a Pirate*. Participation in the course does not guarantee a role but will acquaint students with scenes from the shows, available roles and the audition procedure used at The Playhouse. This class will focus on the scene work from both plays and musicals in the upcoming Playhouse season.

## Audition Workshop Afternoon Session

**Grades 5-8, 1:00-4:00 PM, July 5-8  
\$106 Subscribers/\$116 Non-Subscribers**  
Work with Playhouse directors to get the experience necessary to be comfortable and successful in auditions for great titles like *Harriet the Spy*; *Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella*; *Go, Dog. Go!*; *The Hundred Dresses*; and *How I Became a Pirate*. Participation in the course does not guarantee a role but will acquaint students with scenes from the shows, available roles and the audition procedure used at The Playhouse. This class will focus on the scene work from both plays and musicals in the upcoming Playhouse season.

## Koalas and Kangaroos 🐨

**Kindergarten 2022-Grade 1, 1:30-3:30 PM, July 11-15;  
\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**  
Koalas and kangaroos and kookaburras, oh my! Help explore the stories of *Edward the Emu* and *Katie the Koala* and tell the stories, sing the songs, and play the games of the other animals from the land down under.

## The Magic Tree House and Magic School Bus FULL\*

**Grades 3-4, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 11-15  
\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
Oh, no! The school bus and the tree house have collided in the space-time continuum and it's up to you to put everything back to normal! Design and create backdrops and props for your play. Then rehearse the scenes and perform for family and friends on Friday afternoon!

## Performance Academy: Seussical KIDS

**Grades 5-7, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 11-15  
\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical KIDS*, a 35-minute version of the popular Broadway musical. Enrollment guarantees a part in the show!



## What Is Performance Academy?

In Performance Academy, actors are taken through a more disciplined process: auditioning, rehearsing, and performing a play to learn how to polish skills in a dynamic, challenging environment. While there are no prerequisites to enroll in a Performance Academy class, students should be prepared for a schedule which requires focus and self-discipline. **Attendance is crucial to the process. Students who miss rehearsal may have their role reassigned.**



Performance Academy  
production of: *Alice in Wonderland*,  
Summer 2021

## Performance Academy: **Road Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr**

**Grades 7-11, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 11-30**  
**\$570 Subscribers/\$600 Non-Subscribers**  
**Performances: 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM, Friday, July 29, and 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM, Saturday, July 30\***  
Rebellion is nigh in *Road Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr*, a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson. Enrollment in this three week camp guarantees a part in the show, with auditions to determine role assignment.

*\*Performances take place in the John Viars Theatre.*

## **Broadway Babies FULL\***

**Grades 1-2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, July 18-22**  
**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**  
Sing, dance, and act while learning show tunes and moves in a playful and fun atmosphere. Perform a musical showcase for family and friends on the last day. New songs and script for returning campers!

## **Playhouse TV: Pilot Season**

**Grades 4-5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 18-22**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
Develop and write a 30 minute TV sitcom, complete with commercials, then perform them in front of a live, studio audience of your family and friends.

## Performance Academy: **A Wrinkle in Time FULL\***

**Grades 6-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 18-22**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
**Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, July 22\***  
Join us for a clever one-act adaptation of one of literature's most enduring young heroines, Meg Murry. She's joining forces with Mrs. Whatsit, Charles Wallace, Calvin O'Keefe, and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, save humanity, and find herself. Will love overcome evil?

*\*Performance takes place in the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre.*

## Stagecraft and Stories: **The Bad Guys FULL\***

**Grades 1-2, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 25-29**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
The bad guys are scary, dangerous, and well... just bad. But they want to be heroes. Design and create backdrops and props based on Aaron Blabey's super fun books about bad guys who are ready to do good things. Rehearse scenes from the books then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

## Stagecraft and Stories: **The Chocolate Touch FULL\***

**Grades 3-4, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 25-29**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
John Midas loves chocolate. One day, after wandering into a candy store, he finds out that there might just be such a thing as too much chocolate. Design and paint backdrops and props inspired by the story. Rehearse scenes from the books then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

## Stagecraft and Stories: **Road Dahl**

**Grades 5-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 25-29**  
**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**  
Rehearse scenes from Dahl books such as *James and the Giant Peach*, *Matilda*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and design and create backdrops and props inspired by the stories. Rehearse scenes from the books then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

"I loved every minute of my time with the Performance Academy. It truly prepares you for theatre outside of Des Moines. It gave me a leg up when auditioning and performing outside, and inside, of The Playhouse."

**JESSICA MARTENS**

Triple Threat Award Winner,

Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards 2015

# August Classes

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CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST (\$Subscriber/ Non-Subscriber)	MAX STUDENTS
<b>Dinodrama</b>	K2022-1	Half Day	8/1-8/5	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	12
<b>Broadway Bound</b>	3-4	Full Day	8/1-8/5	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	20
<b>The Lightning Thief</b>	5-6	Full Day	8/1-8/5	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	20
<b>When Bad Things Happen</b>	7-9	Full Day	8/1-8/5	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
<b>Live! At the Improv!</b>	8-12	Evening	8/1-8/5	6-9p	\$125/\$135	18
<b>Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas</b>	2-3	Full Day	8/8-8/12	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	16
<b>Ban This Book</b>	4-5	Full Day	8/8-8/12	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	18
<b>Revolting Children</b>	6-8	Full Day	8/8-8/12	9a-4p	\$265/\$275	20



## Dinodrama 🐲

**Kindergarten 2022-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, Aug. 1-5**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**

Travel back to the Jurassic, Triassic, and Cretaceous time periods to tell dinosaur stories and sing dinosaur songs. From *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* to *Dinosaurs Love Underpants* and everything in between, it will be "dino-mite"!

## Broadway Bound

**Grades 3-4, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 1-5**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Sing, dance, and act while learning show tunes and moves, then perform a musical showcase for family and friends on the last day. New songs and script for returning campers!

## The Lightning Thief FULL\*

**Grades 5-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 1-5**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

Percy Jackson begins a series of adventures when he discovers he is the lost son of Poseidon. Design and paint backdrops and props to create your own Camp Halfblood and the world of Greek mythology. Rehearse scenes from the book then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

## Performance Academy: When Bad Things Happen to Good Actors FULL\*

**Grades 7-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 1-5**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

**Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, Aug. 5\***

A one-act production of *The Wizard of Oz* gets derailed by missed cues, forgotten lines, and a sound board op who refuses to play anything but dinosaur noises. Joins us for a comedy that proves, when it comes to live theatre, everything that can go wrong, will go wrong, and it will be hilarious.

*\*Performance takes place in the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre.*

## Live! At the Improv!

**Grades 8-12, 6:00-9:00 PM, Aug. 1-5**

**\$135 Subscribers/\$145 Non-Subscribers**

Wing it! Ad lib! Watch out because ideas fly by with lightning speed. Participants have been known to bust a gut. Open to newcomers and returning students. Whatever your skills, this class will take them to the next level. Improv showcase, complete with audience participation, on the final night!

## Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas FULL\*

**Grades 2-3, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 8-12**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-Subscribers**

When a fresh bunch of baddies bust up the town, Dog Man is called into action - and this time he isn't alone. With a cute kitten and a remarkable robot by his side, our heroes must save the day by joining forces with an unlikely ally: Petey, the World's Most Evil Cat. Perform on the final day!

## Ban This Book!

**Grades 4-5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 8-12**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-subscribers**

Amy Anne, the heroine of *Ban This Book*, takes action when her favorite book is removed from the library. Using the book as your inspiration, create our own devised performance, focusing on how one person, even you, can make a change in your community. Perform on the final day!

## Revolting Children

**Grades 6-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 8-12**

**\$265 Subscribers/\$275 Non-subscribers**

In the Broadway musical *Road Dahl's Matilda the Musical*, the students take charge of their own story and change their destinies. Using the themes of the show, devise your own work focusing on how anyone, big or small, can make change happen and make a difference. Perform on the final day!

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# What to bring

## Bring (labeled with names, please):

- **Shoes that lace up.** It makes it both easy and safe to move around during play. No flip-flops, Crocs, backless sandals, etc.
- **Nut-free lunch, snacks, and beverage** to full-day camps. Beverages and snacks can be purchased by full-day campers at the noon hour.
- **Nut-free snack and beverage** for half-day camps.
- **Refillable water bottle.**
- **A sweater or jacket** in case the room gets chilly.



## Don't Bring:

- **Electronic devices** (phones, iPads, etc.).  
To encourage community-building, students are not allowed to use phones during class time, including lunch and breaks, unless used as a therapeutic outlet. Students are welcome to contact family members through the education office if needed.
- **Toys, stuffed animals, etc.**

**FREE TICKET**  
TO THE KATE GOLDMAN  
CHILDREN'S THEATRE!\*

## Seeing a show benefits your child's theatre education.

That's why for each class registration, your student will receive one FREE student guest pass good for admission to any 2022-23 Kate Goldman Children's Theatre show!

\*Good for one student admission to the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre. Eligible titles are *Harriet the Spy*; *Go, Dog. Go!*; *The Hundred Dresses*; and *How I Became A Pirate*. Subject to availability. Must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. Guest passes will be distributed at the final class session. Complimentary seats cannot be reserved online. Call the ticket office at 515.277.6261 to reserve your seats.

Junie B. in  
*Jingle Bells*,  
*Batman Smells!*  
2020-21 Season



# Registration

Register online at [DMPlayhouse.com](https://dmplayhouse.com)

## Registration Details

All correspondence regarding your registration, including confirmation and class details, will be sent via email. A valid email address is required.

**Please add [rspahr@dmplayhouse.com](mailto:rspahr@dmplayhouse.com) to your safe sender list to ensure email delivery.**

Any requests for changes or refunds must be made at least one week prior to the first class meeting. You will receive a full refund minus a \$25 processing fee. There will be no refunds after this point, but a credit can be made toward tuition of a future class within a year of the cancellation.

## Grade Levels

Enroll your child in the grade level they will be entering in **Fall 2022**, or their "rising grade."

Children are grouped so we may appropriately serve their developmental needs.

## Subscriber Tuition Discount

"Subscribers" refers to those with season tickets for the John Viars Theatre (formerly Mainstage) or the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre, in either the 2021-22 or 2022-23 season. If you wish to find out more about purchasing season tickets, call The Playhouse ticket office at 515.277.6261.

## Extended Day Fees: Before/After Care

Playhouse staff will provide supervised daycare from 7:30-9:00 AM and 4:00-5:30 PM. The fee is \$6.00 per session per day (\$12.00 per day for both before and after care). This is not a drop-in service; children must be registered. If a parent is later than 5:30 PM, an additional \$20.00 late fee will be charged. **After care is not available on Fridays.**

## Low Enrollment

The Playhouse reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. If a class or workshop is cancelled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be issued.

## Parent/Student Protocol

We understand that a student's successful experience in a Playhouse class is, in part, dependent upon the commitment of parents or guardians. We appreciate your willingness to support your child in this regard. The following are a set of expectations designed to give your child a meaningful and safe experience.

## Arrival

Your children depend on you to drop them off on time. Classes begin at the appointed hour, just like curtain time! Park your car in the lot and walk your child inside. There will be a sign-in sheet. If you need to arrive more than 15 minutes early, sign up for our Before Care Program or plan to stay with your child in the sign-in area.

## Departure

Your children also depend on you to pick them up on time. Park and come inside to sign them out. There will be a Playhouse representative in the sign-out area to make sure that everyone leaves with a safe adult. If you run later than 10 minutes, your child will go into our After Care Program and you will be assessed the \$6.00 fee for an afternoon's stay.

If your student is old enough to drive, bike, or walk to classes alone, please ask the education director for the permission form to fill out that states that your child may come to and leave classes unaccompanied.

## Illness and Medical Needs

**Please do not send your child to camp if they are ill.** If students tell us they are ill enough to go home, we take them at their word. Please make sure that the emergency numbers you provide are for someone who is available to come immediately should your child need to leave. Medical needs should be clearly outlined on the form provided at registration. The more thorough you are, the more efficient we can be. Students may carry their medicine on them, but our staff cannot administer

medicine of any kind (including prescription and over-the-counter drugs or topical ointments).

## Discipline

Some students may find that theatre classroom and performance etiquette is too demanding for them. Our disciplinary policy is as follows:

- To clearly state the rules and expectations up front
- To give the student an opportunity to correct behavior
- To give a reasonable time-out within the classroom

If those steps are not successful, the student will visit with the education director who will decide if a call home is warranted. If teachers and the director are not successful negotiating improvement, a guardian/staff conference may be necessary. Only as a final step would a student be asked to leave class permanently.

Please note that physical violence or threats will not be tolerated and are reason for immediate dismissal from class.

## Mission Statement

The Playhouse education department encourages self-development through the dramatic arts, explores the skills of the theatre, fosters an appreciation of the theatre, and acquaints students with technical theatre knowledge.

## Scholarships

To apply for a scholarship, fill in both the class registration form and tuition assistance form online at [dmplayhouse.com](http://dmplayhouse.com). Do not submit any payment until/unless instructed to do so.

There will be a response to your request within two weeks of application. Call Robin Spahr, education director, at 515.974.5365 or email [rspahr@dmplayhouse.com](mailto:rspahr@dmplayhouse.com) with any questions.

### Jeanne Hopson Angel Endowment Fund

Education scholarships are provided through the Jeanne Hopson Angel Endowment



Fund, named for a long-time Des Moines Community Playhouse teacher, director, and performer. In her memory, the Hopson family established a fund to ensure that any student who wants to enroll for classes in our education department may do so, regardless of financial considerations. Assistance ranges from 10-100% and varies according with stated need.

For information on how you can increase the number of young people whose lives are influenced by this endowment, please contact Ryan Crane, Playhouse director of philanthropy, at 515.974.5370.

The Playhouse, local newspapers, and TV stations will occasionally document or feature Playhouse classes in film and news stories. If you do not want your child photographed, please notify The Playhouse in writing. This is not a school publication and is being provided as a courtesy to inform you of other community activities and opportunities available. Purchase season tickets online at [dmplayhouse.com](http://dmplayhouse.com) or at the Playhouse Ticket Office. For more information, contact The Playhouse Ticket Office at 515.277.6261.

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