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Children's Theatre Company's Academic Year Classes Now On Sale

Minneapolis, Minn.—Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is excited to announce a new slate of Theatre Arts Training academic classes are now on sale. The school year will include a mix of studio classes for all ages, abilities, and interests, a new Theatre Arts Training Academy for advanced students, Institute for pre-professional students, Release Day Camps, and a Student Seminar Series. Parents can sign their children up for fall, winter, and spring offerings now.

Studio classes will be available for ages 2 through 18 and offer a wide range of interests and skills in theatre, storytelling, and technical theatre. New this year is **Theatre Arts Training Academy**, a deeper training program for students who are interested in advancing their skills. Each Academy has a specialty that includes Acting, Voice, and Tech and Design. CTC's **Institute** program is an advanced pre-professional training program for young artists grades 6-12 who are seriously considering a future in the arts. Students will be challenged to expand their skill set in a disciplined and technique driven atmosphere through a variety of classes, like voice and vocal work, viewpoints, Shakespeare, musical theatre dance, and more. The Institute year ends in a showcase performance for family and the CTC casting director. Institute is an auditions-based selection occurring on September 5.

Theatre Arts Training is also offering single and short sessions offerings. The **Student Seminar Series** includes single classes for students to understand what an actor's career looks like and best practices for auditioning. **Release Day Camps** are camps that occur when school is out of session and caregivers are looking for full day options for their children.

"CTC's education staff and I are so excited for the academic year classes," said CTC's Education Director **Ann Joseph-Douglas**. "This year, we are offering a range of new classes and formats that are sure to spark inspiration and creativity for students of all ages and all levels. Our highly skilled, experienced, professional teaching artists are dedicated to ensuring that students will have experiences that grow with them and celebrates all abilities and interests."

Those interested can learn more and register at childrenstheatre.org/education or by calling 612.874.0400. Need-based scholarships are available through the ACT Pass program until all funds are allocated. Apply online at childrenstheatre.org/actpass or call our Ticket Office at 612.874.0400. Those registering more than one student or a student for more than one class can save 10% off tuition. Some restrictions apply.

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Theatre Arts Training's 2022 – 2023 Academic Year

Overview

Studio

Studio classes for Age 2-5 and Grades K-1 emphasize creative discovery through art and imagination!

Students explore story, expression, and play through a multi-lens approach that includes visual art, movement, books, and song.

Studio classes for Grades 2-12 tackle fundamental skills for the stage in a fun and supportive environment!

Offerings include acting, playwriting, improv, musical theatre, and more.

Studio Session dates

Fall Session 1 | September 26-October 24, 2022

Fall Session 2 | October 31-December 5, 2022

Winter Session 1 | January 2-January 30, 2023

Winter Session 2 | February 6 – March 6, 2023

Spring Session 1 | March 13-April 10, 2023

Spring Session 2 | April 17-May 15, 2023

Theatre Arts Training Academy

Theatre Arts Training Academy is for students who have shown a desire to advance their skills and knowledge in performance, design, and production. TAT Academy extends the training experience with classes meeting twice a week for ten weeks. Students receive concentrated training with industry professionals advancing their skills in multiple areas of theatre making.

Academy Session Dates

Fall Session | September 26-December 5, 2022

Winter Session | January 30-March 6, 2023

Spring Session | March 13-May 15, 2023

Institute

CTC's Institute program is an audition-based, pre-professional training program for young artists in grades 6-12 who are interested in advancing their training and may be considering a career in the arts. Highlights include intensive acting and musical theatre training with industry professionals, an annual spring showcase, mentorship by CTC artists, and college audition prep. Classes include voice and vocal work, viewpoints, Shakespeare, musical theatre dance, and more. The year ends in a showcase performance for family and the CTC casting director.

Institute Session Dates

Institute Audition: September 5, 2022 | 5:30-7:30pm

Monday's 5pm-8pm

Fall Session | September 26-December 5, 2022

Winter Session | January 30-March 6, 2023

Spring Session | March 13-May 15, 2023

Showcase Tech Rehearsal | Thursday May 18, 4-8:30pm

Showcase Performance | Friday May 19, 6pm

Offerings

Studio Classes for Ages 2-5 and Grades K-1

Music in Motion (Ages 2-3)

Saturdays | Time: 9-9:45am

Tuition: \$150

Skip, leap, and jump! Experience the joy of locomotion and build skills in rhythm, tempo, and dynamics. Apply these skills and stretch your imagination through movement and dance exercises to strengthen fine and gross motor skills.

Storytime Jam (Ages 2-3)

Saturdays | 10-11am

Tuition: \$150

Jump into award-winning storybooks to become characters, act out scenes, and reimagine tales through movement, music, and art!

Creative Movement (Ages 4-5)

Saturdays | 10am-11am

Tuition \$150

Develop independence, cooperation, and communication in this energetic class. Songs games, and dance emphasize imagination, coordination and body awareness while teaching the elements of dance

Adventurers in The Art of Storytelling (Ages 4-5)

Saturdays | 11:10am-12:10pm

Tuition: \$150

Embrace your inner artist as you explore storytelling and character-building with a big splash of visual art! Read books, act stories, move to the music, and create theatre crafts like costumes, props, and puppet creations.

Discovery Theatre (Grades K – 1)

Saturdays | 12:15-1:15pm

Tuition: \$150

Use your imagination to explore new and exciting parts of the world! Learn theatre games and acting exercises, free your creative spirit, and build a dynamic ensemble of actors.

Dance Disney (Grades K-1)

Saturdays | 11:10-12:10pm

Tuition: \$150

Use Disney music to learn the fundamentals of theatre dance! Dance to songs from Disney favorites like *Aladdin*, *Moana*, and *Frozen* to strengthen posture and alignment while developing confidence, coordination, and creative physical expression.

Sing Disney (Grades K-1)

Saturdays | 1:30-2:30pm

Tuition: \$150

Learn the fundamentals of singing using your favorite Disney and Broadway songs! Create and explore characters through classic musical moments and scenes while building skills in diction, projection, pitch, and vocal expression.

Studio Classes for Grades 2-3

Beginning Musical Theatre Dance (Grades 2-3)

Saturdays | 9-10am

Tuition: \$150

Learn foundational musical theatre dance skills and terminology! Work with songs from beloved musicals to develop rhythm, coordination, and confidence with the right blend of jazz, tap, and modern dance.

Fundamentals of Acting (Grades 2-3)

Saturdays | 10:10-11:10am

Tuition: \$150

Explore story construction, character development, and performance skills through ensemble exercises that activate the actor's tools: body, voice, and imagination.

Fundamentals of Acting II (Grades 2-3)

Saturdays | 1:10-2:10pm |

Tuition: \$150

Fundamentals II is for students who have completed at least two sessions of Fundamentals I. In this class students will take a deeper dive into scene study and character development, learn stage awareness, focus, and vocal techniques.

Sing Out (Grades 2-3)

Saturday's | 2:15-3:15pm

Tuition: \$150

Learn vocal fundamentals by performing songs from Broadway and other musical theatre traditions. Practice vocal expression skills and build the connection between body and voice, all while strengthening diction, projection, and pitch.

Studio Classes for Grades 4-5

Acting (Grades 4-5)

Thursdays | 6:30-7:30pm

Tuition: \$150

Develop clear and expressive physicality and vocal technique! Through improvisation and short scenes, use those skills to take risks, make strong character choices, develop character relationships, and pursue objectives. We recommend students take this class more than once, as this training builds the foundation for many of our higher-level courses.

Broadway Voice Jr. (Grades 4-5)

Saturdays | 12-1pm

Tuition: \$150

Practice the basics of vocal production, strengthen your voice, and discover how to express character through song! For singers who want to act and actors who want to sing, this class develops strong actor-singer skills through group work and solos from contemporary and classic Broadway hits.

Radio Drama (Grades 4-8)

Saturdays | 10:30-12pm

Tuition: \$180

Before television and streaming...there was radio! Explore the world of foley arts and vocal development to create an original radio drama.

Acting II (Grades 4-5)

Saturdays | 12:15am-1:15pm

Tuition: \$150

Acting II takes a deeper dive into scene study and character development. Use advanced techniques to make strong character choices, develop character relationships, and pursue objectives. We recommend that students have previously taken Acting before taking this class.

Studio Classes for Grades 6-12**Acting for the Camera (Grades 7-12)**

Thursdays | 5 -6:30pm

Tuition: \$180

Learn the tools every actor needs when transitioning from stage to film! Understand the techniques it takes to draw your audience in. In this class, you'll explore the differences between auditioning for commercial, film, and television.

Acting 2 – Audition Techniques (Grades 7-12)

Thursday's | 5:00 -6:30pm

Tuition: \$150

Learn techniques to strengthen your audition skills from monologues and cold readings! Students will work to find just the right monologue and have a final sharing with the CTC Casting Director.

Acting (Grades 6-8)

Thursdays | 6-7pm

Tuition: \$150

Develop clear and expressive physicality and vocal technique! Through improvisation and short scenes, use those skills to take risks, make strong character choices, develop character relationships, and pursue objectives. We recommend students take this class more than once, as this training builds the foundation for many of our higher-level courses.

Broadway Voice (Grades 6-8)

Saturdays | 1-2pm

Tuition: \$150

Expand both your vocal and dramatic skills through solos, duets, and ensemble singing from classic and contemporary Broadway songs! Connect your vocal skills to critical dramatic intention by focusing on songs as monologues and how the singer acts the song.

Acting II (Grades 6-8)

Saturdays | 11:15am-12:45pm

Tuition: \$180

Acting II takes a deeper dive into scene study and character development. Use advanced techniques to make strong character choices, develop character relationships, and pursue objectives. We recommend that students have previously taken Acting before taking this class.

TAT**Acting Academy**

Theatre Arts Training Academy is a training program for students who are interested in advancing their skills. TAT Acting Academy classes meet twice a week for ten weeks. Acting students will receive focused

training with industry professionals to advance their skills in acting, character development, script analysis, and voice.

Acting | Tuition \$400 per session

Mondays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:15pm (Grades 4-5)

Mondays and Thursdays 6:30-7:45pm (Grades 6-8)

Fall Session | September 26-December 8 | Class ID

Winter Session | January 2-March 9 | Class ID

Spring Session | March 13-May 18 | Class ID

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Voice Academy

Voice Academy is for those who are interested in intensive vocal training. Students meet twice a week for one group lesson and one small group coaching session. Students will build a foundation of technique to gain control over their singing voice and learn to care for their voice.

Voice | Tuition \$400 per session

Thursday 6:30-7:45pm, Large group Lesson (Grades 4-5)

Thursday 5-6:15pm, Large group Lesson (Grades 6-8)

Fall Session | September 29-December 8

Winter Session | January 5-March 9

Spring Session | March 16-May 18

Once a student has registered for Voice Academy, parents will receive a link to register for coaching sessions. The coaching schedule is below:

Saturdays 9-9:30am

Saturdays 9:40-10:10am

Saturdays 10:20-10:50am

Saturdays 11-11:30am

Saturdays 11:40-12:10pm

Additional Academy Benefits

Final Sharing: Students will have a final sharing at the conclusion of each 10-week session. This is an opportunity for Academy students to showcase their hard work and receive positive feedback on what to work on for the upcoming sessions.

Audition Coaching: If a student is planning to audition for an upcoming show at school or CTC, our teaching staff are available to help prepare any student to have their best audition.

Student Seminar Series: The CTC education department will host a student seminar series during the school year. These seminars are designed to give students an opportunity to learn from industry professionals and experts in the field. Academy students will have the opportunity to attend these workshops at no cost.

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Tech and Design Academy

Design Academy | Grades 8-12 | Tuition \$450.00 per session*

Design Academy is for students grades 8-12 who are interested in learning more about the amazing world of theatrical design and production. Each academy session is 10 weeks with a distinctive design or production focus each session. Students will explore various aspects of design, learn to shape space with

light and set, bring characters to life with costumes and make-up, and dive into the leadership skills of stage-management.

Mondays 5-8pm

Fall Session | September 26-December 12 | Class ID: FAD-M622

Winter Session | January 2-March 13 | Class ID: WAD-M623

Spring Session | March 20-May 15 | Class ID: SAD-M623

Academy Benefits

Students will receive backstage, shop, and studio tours, special workshops with CTC production teams, and sit in on rehearsal of CTC's production of *An American Tail the Musical*.

*Supply fee included in tuition

Pre-Professional Training Program Institute

Institute | Tuition | \$1500

Young Ensemble Grades 6-8 | Class ID: YE-2223

Young Company Grades 9-12 | Class ID: YC-2223

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Audition: September 5, 2022 | 5:30-7:30pm

Class Time: Mondays 5-8pm

Fall Session | September 26-December 12

Winter Session | January 2-March 13

Spring Session | March 20-May 15

Institute Benefits

Year-end Showcase: Institute students will receive a performance showcase. The year-end celebration is hosted in the Cohen Black Box Theatre.

Audition Coaching: If a student is planning to audition for an upcoming show at school or CTC, our teaching staff are available to help prepare any student to have their best audition.

Workshops: The CTC education department will host a student seminar series during the school year. These seminars are designed to give students an opportunity to learn from industry professionals and experts in the field. Institute students will have the opportunity to attend these workshops at no cost.

Student Seminar Series

The Actors Life: "Making It?"

September 19, 2022 | Tuition \$50.00 | Class ID: FS-M522

What does "making it" really mean? Learn firsthand from CTC Acting Company member Autumn Ness about the life of a professional actor! Autumn will teach you how to get an agent and about the difference between acting on stage versus screen. Discover all the secrets to landing the role and what the actor's life is really like.

Auditioning for CTC: Putting Your Best Foot Forward

December 12, 2022 | Tuition \$50.00 | Class ID: WS-M422

We welcome CTC Casting Director Traci Shannon to answer all the questions you have ever had about auditioning at CTC! Learn how to best prepare for your audition and callback.

College Auditions: What to Expect and How to Prepare

May 22, 2023 | Tuition \$50.00 | Class ID: SS-M623

CTC welcomes Aaron Todd Douglas, Director of the B.F.A. Acting program at the University of Minnesota, Guthrie. Aaron offers keen insight into the college audition process and what college programs are looking for.

School Break Programs

Release Day Camps

Under the Big Top | October 19 | \$80

Grades K-3 | Camp ID: SB-3222

Grades 4-6 | Camp ID: SB-3422

Spend the morning at a performance of *Circus Abyssinia: Tulu!* In the afternoon, explore juggling, clowning skills, and character exploration to put together the greatest show on earth.

Stories on Stage | February 20-21, 2023 | \$160

Grades K-3 | Camp ID: SB-MT223

Grades 4-6 | Camp ID: SB-MT423

See a performance of *Corduroy* or *Locomotion*, then work to create an original performance piece based on the themes and characters from the play.

MEA Camps

October 20-21, 2022

9am-4pm | \$175

Pajama Party | Grades K-1 | Camp ID: SB-45222

Build a fort, play favorite theatre games, and invent stories. You are welcome to wear pajamas and bring along a stuffed animal!

Disney Mash Up | Grades 2-3 | Camp ID: SB-45322

Bring your favorite Disney characters together to create an original story! Simple costumes, crafted props, and imagination help you step into a new world of make-believe.

Actor's Workshop | Grades 4-6 | Camp ID: SB-45422

Do you know what it takes to make a play? Come explore lights, costumes, and props, and work as a team to create an original play in just two days.

Children's Theatre Company (CTC) is the nation's largest and most acclaimed theatre for young people and serves a multigenerational audience. It creates theatre experiences that educate, challenge, and inspire for more than 250,000 people annually. CTC is the only theatre focused on young audiences to win the coveted Tony Award® for regional theatre and is the only theatre in Minnesota to receive three Tony® nominations (for its production of *A Year with Frog and Toad*). CTC is committed to creating world-class productions at the highest level and to developing new works, more than 200 to date, dramatically changing the canon of work for young audiences.

CTC is the most significant provider of accessible theatre education opportunities in the region. Every year, thousands of children experience theatre for the first time at CTC. Our student matinees and education

programs demonstrably benefit the community, from the intergenerational conversations sparked by our world premieres, to the sequential skill-building that happens in our Theatre Arts Training, to the pre-K focus of our Early Childhood Initiative. ACT One is CTC's comprehensive platform for access, diversity, and inclusion in our audiences, programs, staff, and board that strives to ensure the theatre is a home for all people, all families, reflective of our community. childrenstheatre.org

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