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**CHILDREN'S THEATRE COMPANY ANNOUNCES
SUMMER 2023
EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

Now Enrolling: Musical Theatre Intensives, Summer Labs, Triple Threat Summer Intensive and More!

Minneapolis— January 17, 2023 — Children's Theatre Company (CTC) has announced 2023's summer education and engagement programs, now available for enrollment at childrenstheatre.org/camps.

"We are so excited for summer camp," said Ann Joseph-Douglas, Director of Education at CTC. "It truly is a remarkable time of year. It is such a joy to see the creativity and vibrancy of the students and parents. We are proud to have the chance to work with such talented kids of all abilities and interests. Each week is like a new adventure with incredible story telling. The building is brimming with activity that sparks the imagination and centers youth and their stories."

Summer 2023 Programs Include:

**Summer Adventurers
Grades K-3**

All Summer Adventurers camps are full day camps from 9:30am–3:30pm

Tuition: \$400 Per Week

Extended Care: AM \$60 | PM \$60 | AM & PM \$100 | \$30 Drop In

Summer Adventurers camps focus on dramatic play to explore characters, settings, and themes with an interdisciplinary approach, including visual art, movement, books, and music.

Summer Adventurers | Grades K-3

Destination Dino | June 5-June 9

Life finds a way! Create a world filled with dinosaurs using simple costumes, crafted props, and imagination to explore stories where t-rex and pterodactyls roam the earth.

A Bugs Life | June-12-June 16

Lady bugs, stick bugs, and ants. Explore the amazing life of bugs! Imagine being small enough to live on a button or use a leaf as an umbrella. This week, campers will create tiny worlds that are sure to delight and amaze.

Magical Mishaps | June 19-June 23

Discover a world filled with wily tricksters and mystical creatures to create a whole new magical adventure! Join us as we explore themes from books like *Not Quite Narwhal*, *Mister Fairy*, *Oona the Mermaid*, and more!

Upside Down Fairy Tales | June 26-June 30

Campers will re-imagine familiar stories like *Cinderella* and *Snow White* with surprising new characters, settings, and problems. Perhaps you will meet kind stepsisters or get surprising messages from a magic mirror to discover you are the bravest of them all.

Happiest Place on Earth | July 10-July 14

Step into a 'whole new world' of make-believe. Build a snowman with Anna, swim with Ariel, or fly with Peter Pan! Become these classic Disney characters with simple costumes, crafted props, and lots of imagination.

Art in Action | July 17-July 21

The stage is your canvas! Students will visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art in search of inspiring art. Back in the classroom, we will take concepts from these works and embody them using voice, movement, narrative, and other aspects of the performing arts. Come with us on this interdisciplinary exploration as we bring each piece to life in a new way.

Mysterious Mysteries | July 24-July 28

Get your magnifying glasses ready! There is a mystery afoot. Campers will collaborate to solve the problem and save the day.

Minions | July 31-August 4

Create the next installment of the world's cutest henchman. Spend the week creating an original story starring those lovable yellow characters. Devise new stories that are sure to excite and amaze.

Fairies, Unicorns, and Trolls | August 7-August 11

Join fluttering fairies, tricky pixies, majestic unicorns, and more mythical creatures as they unite for a grand adventure! Embody their magic as you imagine tales of marvel, mystery, and even some mayhem.

How To Train Your Dragon | August 14-August 18

Join Toothless, Stormfly, and Grump during this high-flying week of adventure. Create new dragons and original stories and adventures.

Reading Rainbow | August 21-August 25

Take a look in a book and bring it to life. Through books we can go anywhere and be anything. Students will bring their favorite books to life as stories jump from the page to the stage.

Underwater Adventures | August 28-September 1

Arm wrestle with an octopus or ride a seahorse; campers will dive into the deep blue sea and spend the week exploring the deepest parts of the ocean, discovering strange and unusual marine life.

Summer Studio

Grades 4-6 | Grades 6-8 | Grades 7-12

All Summer Studio camps are full day camps from 9:00am-4:00pm

Tuition: \$400 Per Week

Extended Care: AM \$60 | PM \$60 | AM & PM \$100 | \$30 Drop In

World Premiere (WP) camps focus on creating original scenes or plays through acting exercises, group brainstorm, and improvisation.

Stagecraft (SC) camps use visual art such as puppets, scenery creation, or props as a starting point for theatrical creation. Tuition may include an additional supply fee.

Showtime (ST) camps rehearse and perform from existing scripts.

Musical Theatre (MT) camps rehearse dances, scenes, and songs from existing musicals.

Summer Studio | Grades 4-6

Guardians of the Galaxy | WP | June 5-June 9

Create an original adventure inspired by Marvel’s favorite group of misfit heroes. Travel the galaxy saving new and exciting worlds from the brink of disaster.

Marvel Universe | WP | June 12-June 16

The Marvel comic book and cinematic universe is vast and features many of your favorite heroes and villains. Use your knowledge of these rapidly expanding stories to create your own superhero epic!

Time Turners | WP | June 19-June 23

Use magical devices to turn back the clock and step into your favorite wizarding scenes. Spend time with your favorite characters through live-action role-play and devise alternate endings to reimagine how the chosen heroes save the day!

Lego Mega Build | SC | June 26-June 30

Spend the morning creating the most amazing, outrageous Lego universe and the afternoon devising an original performance to bring that world to life.

World of Fantastic Beasts | SC | June 26–June 30

Using visual arts, transform the classroom into a magic forest and invent creatures and stories to inhabit it. Perfect for students who are interested in design or craft exploration.

It’s a Small World | WP | July 10-July 14

Let's learn about different cultures exploring our favorite Disney movies! Take a deeper dive into the Mexican culture behind *Coco*, Polynesian traditions from *Moana*, Nordic life in *Frozen*, and more.

Hello Mallo! | SC | July 17-July 21

Calling all stuffies! Inspired by Squishmallows, this camp will explore techniques to design your own original character and the fundamentals of writing and performing lore for your favorite squishable.

Spy Kids | WP | July 24–July 28

Calling all spy kids, adventure starts here! Create top secret missions, crack the code, and unravel the mystery.

Aliens vs. Monsters | SC | July 31–August 4

Using visual arts, transform the classroom into a world where monsters and aliens inhabit the land. Create fantastic characters and monstrous worlds that defy imagination.

Encanto | WP | August 7-August 11

We don’t talk about Bruno! Work with an ensemble to create theatre magic. Spend the week exploring the magical world of Disney’s hit movie *Encanto*. Devise new characters, develop original scenes, and learn the amazing music. Your door is waiting!

Avatar: The Last Airbender | WP | August 14-August 18

Enter a fantasy world in which people can manipulate one of the four elements: water, earth, fire, or air. Fly off on adventures with Aang and help maintain harmony among the four nations.

A Wrinkle in Time | ST | August 14-18

Delve into scene work from one of CTC’s most celebrated plays. It’s a dark and stormy night when Megan, Charles, and Calvin defeat the forces of evil as they traverse the space-time continuum in search of their father.

Sideway Stories | ST | August 21-August 25

Welcome to Wayside School, home to a cast of zany characters and a teacher who turns her students into apples. Tackle character development, script analysis, and ensemble storytelling in a workshop setting.

SpongeBob SquarePants | MT | August 28-September 1

Help the residents of Bikini Bottom save their community. Spend the week exploring this under the sea sensation learning songs like “Bikini Bottom Day,” “BFF,” and “When the Going Gets Tough.”

Summer Studio | Grades 6-8

Improv Bootcamp | WP | June 5-9

Make it up as you go! Learn to trust your instincts, make dynamic choices on the fly, and spontaneously create original characters and storylines.

Craft Wars | SC | June 12-June 16

Choose your weapon! Use paper, cardboard, and foam to create swords, daggers, and more while learning the basics of stage combat technique. Devise an original piece as you practice focus, collaboration, and keeping your partner safe.

Wizarding World | WP | June 19 -June 23

Get your letter to Hogwarts and immerse yourself in Harry’s world! Learn acting skills and devise your own magical story, all while perfecting your “swish and flick!”

Magic Duels and Wizard Combat | WP | June 19–June 23

Calling all wizards. Take part in a grand tournament of wonders. Learn stage combat skills alongside spell casting. Create realistic magical combat scenes and fight for the title of Grand Wizard.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | ST | June 26–June 30

Congratulations, you found a golden ticket! Dive into the oh-so-secretive world of Willy Wonka as you study the famed play based on the 1964 children’s novel by Roald Dahl.

Holes | ST | July 10 – July 14

Stanley Yelnats has always been unlucky, thanks to the family curse. Wrongly convicted and sent to Camp Green Lake Detention Center, Stanley stumbles across treasure, romance, and BIG trouble. Tackle character development, script analysis, and ensemble storytelling in a workshop setting.

Matilda | MT | July 24-July 28

Focus your psychokinetic powers to save the day! Channel your inner revolting child as you rehearse songs and scenes from this Tony Award®-winning musical.

Goosebumps | WP | August 7 – August 11

Explore the spooky world of RL Stine and bring those stories to life. With more than 60 stories to choose from, the possibilities are endless.

Star Wars | WP | August 14-August 18

Devise a new saga of interplanetary adventure! Explore your favorite *Star Wars* character with an in-depth character analysis, storyboard your own series, and collaborate with your ensemble to create a brand-new installment in the *Star Wars* universe.

Audition Prep | ST | August 21–August 25

Perfect the art of auditioning with CTC's Audition Prep camp! Students will learn how to prepare an audition songbook, dance combinations, and practice techniques for monologues and cold readings. Once you have the basics down, put them to the test with CTC's own casting director, Traci Shannon, and receive valuable feedback on your performance.

Studio Ghibli | WP | August 28 -September 1

Work as an ensemble to create original worlds, characters, and stories inspired by award-winning Japanese animation like *Spirited Away*, *Castle in the Sky*, and *My Neighbor Totoro*.

Summer Studio | Grades 7-12

Shakespearean Death Scenes | ST | June 5–June 9

Poisoned daggers, venomous snakes, and more! Nobody does death quite like William Shakespeare. Delve into the best of the Bard with scenes ranging from the tragic downfalls of heroes to the slapstick pratfalls of clowns.

The Greatest Showman | MT | June 12–June 16

“Come alive” and celebrate what makes you different through musical numbers and choreography from the smash-hit movie *The Greatest Showman*!

Sketch Comedy | WP | June 26–June 30

Create absurdly comical sketches inspired by student-friendly performances from *SNL*, *Monty Python*, and YouTube legends. Learn the craft of sketch comedy through character development, improv, delivery, and timing.

High School Musical | MT | July 10-14

School’s back for the summer, get your head in the game! Bring your singing voice and dancing feet to join the Wildcats in a different kind of classroom to focus on choreography and vocal skills.

Stage Combat and Acting | ST | July 17-21

If you’ve ever wanted to do the sword fight from *The Princess Bride*, this class is for you! Students will be given basic stage combat techniques and choreography, a script, and the tools to be able to perform believably and safely.

Stranger Things | WP | July 31 – August 4

Strange things are happening at CTC. Create an original Upside Down and work with friends to save Hawkins from impending doom, monsters, and bullies.

Steven Universe | WP | August 14-18

Using the animated series, movie, and epilogue as inspiration, develop a new piece of theatre fit for the Gems of Beach City that combines superpowers, song writing, and the show’s integral LGBTQ+ themes.

Musical Theatre Two Week Intensives

Grades 4-6 | Grades 7-12

Musical Theatre Intensives offer a deep dive into some of today’s most beloved musicals. All camps are full day camps from 9:00 am-4pm

Tuition: \$800

Extended Care: AM \$60 | PM \$60 | AM & PM \$100 | \$30 Drop In

Six | MTI | Grades 7-12 | June 12-June 23

Turning heartbreak into triumph, the six wives of Henry VIII take the stage to remix history. Learn the songs and choreography from Broadway’s newest sensation.

Descendants | MTI | Grades 4-6 | July 10–July 21

The battle between good and evil has been fought since the beginning of time, but none understand the struggle more than the children of your favorite Disney villains! Re-tell your favorite tales from *Descendants* or create your own story!

Hamilton | MTI | Grades 7-12 | July 17-July 28

Work with a music director and choreographer to strengthen vocal technique and expand dance skills to songs from the Tony Award®-winning musical. Content Advisory: *Hamilton* themes include adultery, death, deception, and war; contains mature language and innuendo.

Wicked | MTI | Grades 7-12 | July 31-August 11

Spend the two weeks “Defying Gravity!” Work with a voice teacher and choreographer to strengthen vocal technique and expand dance skills to seamlessly combine these disciplines.

Summer Lab | Grades 9-12

Summer Labs are half-day camps designed for students who are interested in learning more about a variety of aspects of story making and design.

Tuition: \$250 Per Week (Includes lab fees)

Extended Care: AM \$60 | PM \$60 | AM & PM \$100 | \$30 Drop In

Screen Writing | 9am-12pm | July 24-July 28

Learn various aspects of screen play development, including inception, character development, and formatting. Spend the week working with film maker Willis Weinstein developing an original 5-minute screen play.

Costume Design | 1-4pm | July 24-July-28

Explore the basics of costume design from conception to completion. This camp will provide the concepts of creating outrageous costume pieces using unconventional materials.

Theatrical Makeup Design | 9am-12pm | August 14-August 18

Join Hair and Makeup Artisan, Emma Gustafson, to learn the illusion of theatrical makeup. Learn techniques of age, create bruises, wounds, and fantasy makeup to transform the actor.

Movie Making | 1-4pm | August 14-August 18

Lights, camera, action! Students will spend the week filming an original 5-minute film. Learn all the aspects of filmmaking including framing, lighting, and acting.

Triple Threat Summer Intensive

Performance opportunity for grades 8-12

July 10-August 12

Time | 9am-5pm | Tuition \$2,000

Performance Dates: August 11 at 7pm and August 12 at 2pm and 7pm

Auditions: March 22, 2023 | 6:00pm

Theatre Arts Training’s performance opportunities are specifically designed for students who have a demonstrated commitment to their craft as performers and display a positive attitude in their work. Students work with like-minded peers and industry professionals to produce a play or musical. During this five-week intensive, students will spend their mornings in studio classes advancing voice and dance skills; the afternoons are dedicated to rehearsal. The Triple Threat intensive performs on our **Cargill Stage**.

Triple Threat Production: *Head over Heels*

Head over Heels is a bold musical comedy from the visionaries that rocked Broadway with *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *Avenue Q*, and *Spring Awakening*. Set to the iconic music of the Go-Go’s, *Head Over Heels* is a hilarious celebration of love in all its infinite varieties. Set in the kingdom of Arcadia, the royal family must embark on an extravagant journey to save their kingdom and find love and acceptance.

Policies and Important Information

Cancellation

You will receive a refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee if you cancel at least two weeks before your camp begins. No refund or credit will be issued if you cancel less than two weeks before your camp begins. Tuition for summer camps cannot be transferred to academic year classes or tickets. No refund or credit will be issued if a student is registered for an age-inappropriate camp and TAT staff, or the student's family determine it to be an unsuccessful fit. Our age ranges are strict.

Ways to Save

Save 10% off tuition if you register more than one student in your household or register a student for more than one camp (in the same order). Some restrictions apply. Payment plans are available when using a credit card by phone. 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.

Extended Care

Children's Theatre Company offers Extended Care for students in Grades K-12 camps. Before and/or after camp, your child will participate in free play and organized activities with CTC's education staff. For students attending CTC Camps:

- Morning Extended Care is offered from 8-9:30am for \$30 per day.
- Afternoon Extended Care is offered from 3:30-5:30pm for \$30 per day.

How to Register

ONLINE: You can register online at any time at childrenstheatre.org/education/classes-and-camps.

PHONE: You can register over the phone with the Ticket Office at 612.874.0400, Tuesday-Friday, 11am-5pm.

More information online: Sign up to audition for TAT performance programs, find out about CTC professional audition opportunities, meet the faculty, purchase camps, and find information on camp sizes and what to bring! Visit childrenstheatre.org/education.

Theatre Arts Training's Scholarship Program: Made Possible by You

At Children's Theatre Company, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to experience the arts-to learn, grow and discover themselves. But for many families, this exploration is not financially possible. Please consider a donation to help support our Theatre Arts Training Scholarship program. Your gift will help a child live out their dream. Every dollar counts-if we all do a little, we all do a lot. Thank you. Consider donating today. childrenstheatre.org/give

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's engagement and learning programs annually serve more than 93,000 young people and their communities through Theatre Arts Training, student matinees, Neighborhood Bridges, and early childhood arts education programs. 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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