Jump into Classes Spring 2021

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THE DULUTH PLAYHOUSE
THREE STAGES. ONE THEATRE.

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TAKE CENTER STAGE.
Whether you are a first-time theatre dabbler wanting to try something new, or a young rising star seeking every opportunity to hone their craft, you want to be at the Playhouse School of Performing Arts!

WHY THE PLAYHOUSE SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS
Our staff is dedicated to providing professional theatre education experiences. Classes are designed to develop skills for the stage and foster individual artists. Students of all ages are challenged in new and exciting ways that strengthen acting, dance, and voice techniques such as projection, character choices, and self-confidence. Personal development skills like collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving are also modeled through class exercises and training. Plus, it’s a TON OF FUN!

STATEMENT OF INCLUSION
The Duluth Playhouse makes intentional choices in our classroom practices to make sure we are a welcoming space for peoples of all abilities, ethnicities, economic statuses, sexual orientations, and gender identities. Our programs include need-based scholarships and staff happy to work with families to meet students’ individual learning and social needs.

COVID SAFETY STATEMENT
We are dedicated to the safety of our students and staff as the pandemic continues to affect our every day. Safety guidelines will be in place for all spring students, such as social distancing within rehearsal studios, wearing masks at all times, and no access to class spaces to outside participants per Minnesota State Health Department and CDC guidelines. Review our full safety guidance plan at www.duluthplayhouse.org/covid19.

CLASS LOCATIONS
All classes will be held at one of the following locations:
- Playhouse Family Theatre - 506 W. Michigan St., inside the Depot
- NorShor Theatre - 211 E. Superior St., on the 3rd floor
Check your class confirmation for your specific class location.

WINTER BREAK CAMPS:
FEBRUARY 15-19

Ages 5 & 6  PARTY ANIMALS: “LET IT GO”
CREATIVE MOVEMENT
9:00am-Noon, Monday-Friday  |  $120
Performance Showcase: February 19 at 12:00pm
Dance and move along to the all-time favorite song, “Let It Go” from Disney’s Frozen while strengthening imaginations, expressing movement, and gaining spacial awareness. In this five-day class, students will build visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and tactile skills as they learn about their body and the space around them.

Ages 7-18  MAKE IT YOUR OWN: DEVISED THEATRE!
9:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday  |  $220
Performance Showcases: February 19 at 2:30pm (ages 7-9), 3:00pm (ages 10-12) and 3:30pm (ages 13-18)
Imagination, vocal training, collaboration, comic timing, character development, focus and spontaneity; these and more are essential skills for an actor, and students in this 5-day camp will explore them in the most dynamic way possible: by creating their own performance to stage on the final day of camp! Students will learn general tools of acting, apply their growing knowledge of story structure, and engage their imaginations in devising their own piece of theatre work.

Students who need to be dropped off before 8:45am, or picked up after 3:00pm can attend extended day for an additional cost. Extended day activities include puzzles, coloring, board games, and other activities. Please provide students with their own snacks.

- AM Extended Day (7:45am-8:45am) - $20 for the week
- PM Extended Day (3:00-5:00pm) - $25 for the week
THEATRE ACTING CLASSES

Explore acting choices, building characters and gain self-confidence while making new friends!

Ages 5 & 6  PARTY ANIMALS GET SUPER POWERS!
February 20-April 24 (Saturdays, 9:00am-10:00am)  |  $120
Final Showcase: May 1 at 9:30am
Dr. Zany's new science experiment is super; it gives you SUPER powers! What kind of mischief will the Party Animals get into with their new abilities?

Ages 7-9  TEAM ESCAPADE: DON'T BRING AN ALLIGATOR TO SCHOOL
February 20-April 24 (Saturdays, 10:30am-Noon)  |  $200
Final Showcase: May 1 at 11:00am
It's Show-and-Tell Day at school and everyone has something to share. What happens when someone brings an ALLIGATOR to school? What will the teacher do? How will they get the ‘gator back to the swamp?!

Ages 10-12  SLOPPY JOE ADVENTURE CREW GOES MEDIEVAL
February 24-April 28 (Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00pm)  |  $200
Final Showcase: May 5 at 5:00pm
It's time for the Renaissance Fair! Everyone is excited until a mystery threatens to ruin the fun. Can ye olde Sloppy Joe Adventure Crew save the day?

Ages 9-14  IMPROV THEATRE
February 20-April 24 (Saturdays, 1:00-2:30pm)  |  $150
Final Showcase: May 1 at 1:00pm
Our improv class is fun and engaging while instilling how to be a great listener, a team player, and a creative-thinker. In this class, students will learn the basics of storytelling and staging through improv games and acting exercises. Making strong choices is a cornerstone for any student who wants to perfect their acting abilities.

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

Practice and advance singing, dancing and acting skills for musicals. These classes will help hone skills and help get an actor in shape for the next round of auditions!

Ages 7-9  MUSICAL THEATRE SONG & DANCE: “I JUST CAN'T WAIT TO BE KING”
February 23-April 27 (Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00pm)  |  $200
Final Showcase: May 4 at 5:00pm
Develop valuable musical theatre skills while learning a song-and-dance combination from the musical, The Lion King! This class will help with conditioning your voice for a performance, and improve audition skills, stage foundation, and dancing and acting abilities.

Ages 10-12  MUSICAL THEATRE SONG & DANCE: “FRIEND LIKE ME”
February 25-April 29 (Thursdays, 4:30-6:00pm)  |  $200
Final Showcase: May 6 at 5:00pm
Advance musical theatre skills while learning a song-and-dance number from the musical, Aladdin! Learn how to condition your voice when performing while improving audition skills, stage foundations, and dancing and acting abilities.
Ages 9-12  JUNIOR DANCE INTENSIVE: SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

February 20-April 24
- Jazz: 9:00-9:45am | Final Showcase: May 1 at 9:30am
- Tap: 10:00-10:45am | Final Showcase: May 1 at 9:30am

Improve technique, rhythm, flexibility, and dancing skills in these fast-paced jazz and tap classes.

Ages 13-18  TEEN DANCE INTENSIVE: SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

February 20-April 24
- Jazz: 11:00-11:45am | Final Showcase: May 1 at 11:00am
- Tap: 12:00-12:45pm | Final Showcase: May 1 at 11:00am

Strengthen and condition your dancing skills in these fast-paced tap and jazz classes.

INTENSIVE DANCE CLASSES:
One 10-Week Class Pass - $75
Must choose either Jazz or Tap
Unlimited Class Pass - $150
Good for both dance classes

MEET OUR STAFF

Amber Burns  Family Theatre Artistic Director
Phillip Fazio  NorShor Theatre Artistic Director
Andy Kust  Guest Music Director

Cheryl Skafte  Youth Acting Instructor
Kaylee Peck  Youth Acting Instructor
Rylee Kuberra  Youth & Adult Acting Instructor

Melissa Schroeder  Youth Acting Instructor
Daysha Ramsey  Jazz Dance Instructor
Naomi Christensen  Tap Dance Instructor

Christina Stroup Manchester  Youth Improv Instructor
Jonathan Manchester  Adult Improv Instructor

PRE-PROFESSIONAL DANCE TRAINING
Ages 13-18
SPRING TEEN INTENSIVE:
BROADWAY TODAY!!
February 20-May 15  |  Tech Week: May 17-21  |  $275
(Saturdays, 9:00-10:30am & Mondays, 5:30-6:00pm)
Audition and be cast in a musical theatre variety show celebrating the evolution of contemporary musical theatre, from *Wicked*, *Hamilton*, *Mean Girls*, *Dear Evan Hanson*, *The Prom*, and many more. This show presents an impressive contemporary roster, and students will learn choreography, scene work, and songs taught by our professional teaching artists. This course models the rigor, dedication, and etiquette expected in high standard, professional rehearsal spaces. The age range of this course is intentionally reflective of typical casting for Playhouse productions so students can practice collaborating as an ensemble with a wide age range. Students must have a foundation in basic dance vocabulary and technique. It is also a prerequisite for students to have a mastery of pitch, breath support, and diction.

**Final Teen Intensive Performances: May 21-23**

PRE-PROFESSIONAL THEATRE TRAINING

Ages 9-12
SPRING JUNIOR INTENSIVE:
DISNEY TAKES BROADWAY BY STORM!!
February 20-May 8  |  Tech Week: May 10-14  |  $275
(Saturdays, 11:15am-12:45pm & Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00pm)
In this professional-level intensive, students will audition and be cast in a musical theatre variety showcase of Disney songs, scenes, and dances. This course models the rigor, dedication, and etiquette expected in high standard, professional rehearsal spaces with an emphasis on learning, retaining, and performing choreography and song. The age range of this course is intentionally reflective of typical casting for Playhouse productions to teach students how to collaborate as an ensemble with a wide age range. Students are expected to have a foundation in basic dance vocabulary and technique. It is also a prerequisite for students to have a mastery of pitch, breath support, and diction.

**Final Junior Intensive Performances: May 15-16 at 1:00pm & 4:00pm**

Ages 7-9
SPRING MINI INTENSIVE:
LEGENDARY CREATURES - MAD LIB EDITION!
February 22-April 26 (Mondays, 4:30-6:00pm)  |  $200
Final Showcase: May 3 at 5:00pm

In this professional-level intensive, students will build foundational acting techniques while creating stories of legendary creatures and imaginary animals. This course models the rigor, dedication, and etiquette expected of students when in professional rehearsal spaces. **Students must have taken a previous acting class to enroll in this mini intensive.**

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TAKE NOTE!

For both the Junior and Teen Spring Intensives, an audition is required prior to enrolling. Video auditions must be sent to Amber Burns by February 15, 2021 by 8:00pm.

Visit www.duluthplayhouse.org/auditions for requirements.
ADULT DANCE CLASSES
These dance classes are open to ages 18 and up. These classes will also be taught in-person (limited room capacity) and via Zoom.

BROADWAY TAP
February 20-April 24 (Saturdays, 9:00-9:45am)
Build technique, learn new rhythms, and develop skillful combinations.

MUSICAL THEATRE JAZZ
February 20-April 24 (Saturdays, 10:00-10:45am)
Master the styles of Bob Fosse, Jerome Robbins, and many more! Work on ballet, jazz and hip hop combinations.

EXPRESS TAP
February 15-April 26 (Mondays, 5:15-6:00pm)
Get a workout while we practice dancing skills and combinations!

AMBER'S MIXER
February 17-April 28 (Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00pm)
Mix up your workout in this dance-cardio class!

DANCE CLASS PASSES:
- Unlimited - $100
- 10 Class Pass - $75
- Drop-In Pass - $8
(Good for all dance and workout classes!)

How Much?

ADULT THEATRE CLASSES
These theatre classes are open to ages 15 and up.

CONTEMPORARY THEATRE SCENE STUDY
February 22-April 26 (Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm) | $100
Gear up for a return to live theatre by sharpening your acting skills and discovering several new plays! In this weekly scene study class, led by new NorShor Theatre Artistic Director, Phillip Fazio, we will dissect five contemporary plays. Class time will be split between discussions on character study and active scene work with text from the selected plays. This course will expand knowledge on the contemporary theatre repertoire, strengthen the voice and speech technique, refine the actor’s skillset, and prepare students for a return to live in-person performing.

THE MEISNER TECHNIQUE ON ZOOM
February 24-April 28 (Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm) | $100
In this 10-week acting class, students will gain insight into Sanford Meisner’s technique through an in-depth exploration of repetition. Students will discover how this technique can be applied to auditions, the rehearsal process, and on stage. The Meisner Technique is a valuable asset to any professional performer’s toolkit. As Meisner once said, “The truth of ourselves is the root of our acting.” **Please note that this class will be taught entirely online via Zoom.**

IMPROV THEATRE
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The activities produced by The Duluth Playhouse at the NorShor, Family, and Underground Theatres and the School of Performing Arts is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. The Playhouse and its programming is also supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. To find out more about how National Endowment for the Arts grants impact individuals and communities, visit www.arts.gov.

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