

SUMMER DRAMA CAMP 2017

About Theatre Direct

Theatre Direct is an established, award-winning professional theatre dedicated to engaging young audiences through compelling, thought-provoking and sophisticated theatre. Education is at the core of our mission and is expressed through our work in schools and in the community.

Our community based drama school strives to empower children and youth and instill a deeper appreciation of the power of creativity and imagination in themselves and their peers.

We offer a safe and nurturing environment in which students can explore their fullest potential as young artists. All classes and camps are led by professional theatre artists and guest artists working in dance, design and music.

Classes have narrow age ranges and flexible curriculum to ensure the most successful learning experience.

While our programs encourage the development of solid drama and theatre performance skills, we are not performance or production focused and do not audition or "cast". We are process based and emphasize an inclusive, "ensemble" based approach in our teaching and creative work.

All classes take place in our sunny, spacious and clean Christie Studio and Wychwood Theatre located in the Wychwood Barns.

Drama School Mandate

- To **empower** the child through inclusive play
- To **challenge** the child and push their creative boundaries
- To **develop** the child's capacity for play through drama that supports their entire social and intellectual development
- To **inspire** and **nurture** the artist in each child ready to interpret the world around them through art

For each artist associated with our drama school, teaching young people is a privilege and a source of inspiration. As a professional theatre artist and a mother of two children, I take great pride in our programs and in ensuring they are of the highest quality. – Lynda Hill, Artistic & Executive Director

Access and Inclusion

Theatre Direct is committed to promoting and demonstrating inclusion and accessibility.

Children identified as exceptional by an IPRC including: Behaviour, Communication, Intellectual, Physical and Multiple Exceptionalities are welcome to join Theatre Direct's Summer Drama Camp.

Full and Partial Bursaries are also available for all programs. Contact us for more information 416-537-4191

REGISTRATION

Registration opens Monday February 13, 2017 at 7:00 am. Registration for all programs takes place online. Links to each program registration can be found on our website: www.theatredirect.ca/drama-school/programs/summer-camp. Give us a call if you have any questions or need support while using the online registration system 416.537.4191

Waiting Lists

A waiting list is maintained on our registration system for each session that is registered to capacity. As spaces become available we reach out to families on the waitlist, though we cannot guarantee a place in the program.

Refund / Cancellation Policy

Refund requests must be made in writing to the office 2 weeks prior to the start of each session. Requests are eligible for full refund; however, a \$50 administration fee is applied to all cancellations. After this time, registration fees are non-refundable, except for medical reasons (a doctor's note will be required).

Information of Interest

- Staff Camper ratio is 1:6, 1:4 for our 4-5 year old camp
- All Camp Counsellors are required to be currently pursuing post-secondary education in Theatre or other Fine Arts
- All guest and lead artists are working professionals in their field with extensive experience creating with young people of all ages
- Children will enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities

New this year

- Extended care will be provided at no extra cost to you. Drop your child off as early as 8:30 am and pick up as late as 5:00 pm
- **Real Food For Real Kids** (www.rfrk.com) will be catering all snacks and lunches for camp. This healthy food for the imagination is included in the registration fee

real food
for real kids™
enabling & inspiring healthy eating

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Contact Us

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Ages 4 – 5

Best for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall

July 10 – 14, 2017

All campers are invited to create, play and discover the world of theatre during the morning camp day. A fun and relaxed sharing at the end of the week will integrate activities tailored for this age group.

In the afternoon program, children will enjoy a relaxing, yet stimulating program of activities curated for their age and interest.

"It is beautiful to see what happens when my 5-year-old walks into a Theatre Direct drama camp. She clearly feels immediately at ease in your warm space, happily strides off to join her fellow campers to apply herself with single-minded focus to the diverse creative tasks and leaves self-possessed and full of exciting, empowering stories." – Artist and Parent

\$400 Includes Meals & Extended Care



Ages 6 – 7

Best for children entering Grade 1 or 2 in the Fall

**July 17 – 21, 2017
July 24 – 28, 2017**

This full day camp emphasizes sharing, collaboration and team work as the young artists build their acting and theatre creation skills through improvisation and writing, music and song writing, dance and movement, and design. The campers work towards a short production at the end of the week.

While the program structures of each week are similar, the creative content of each week will change. Campers wishing to register for both sessions are encouraged to do so!

"I continue to be astounded by the amount you accomplish with the kids in one short week. I cannot imagine a program with more integrity. You empower the children and inspire true exploration, creativity and respect for the artistic process, one another and themselves." – Artist and Parent

\$400 Includes Meals & Extended Care



Ages 8 – 10

Best for children entering Grade 3 or 4 in the Fall

July 31 – August 4, 2017

This full day camp is perfect for the creative summer camper ready for theatrical adventure and personal growth. Under the direction of Theatre Direct artists, campers will learn to work together as they create, rehearse and perform a unique presentation integrating their dance/movement, music, design and drama discoveries from the week.

"This was really one of the most fantastically child-centred camps I have ever sent my daughter to. She rarely likes camps or after-school programs. That week however, she always came home excited to tell me about the day's events. Coming from a former teacher of 13 years, I wish school was more like this..." – Parent and Former Educator

\$400 Includes Meals & Extended Care



Ages 9 – 12

Young Theatre Artists Intensive
9-Day Camp

August 8 – 18, 2017

The first week of the program is focused on skill development with workshops in voice, movement, text analysis, writing, and improvisation. The second week is focused on devising a play in a week as an ensemble and integrating skills developed in the first week of the camp. This program for pre-teens provides more time for rehearsal and the integration of design elements. Young people involved in this program often continue into our Wednesday After-School Drama Ensemble.

"By far, Theatre Direct provides the greatest level of engagement I have ever seen. The unique thing about Theatre Direct's program is that there are no "stars" of the show. The equality among the children begets a wonderful and supportive environment." – Parent

\$675 Includes Meals & Extended Care

