

Taproot Theatre Offers In-Person Summer Break Acting Camps

SEATTLE, WA – March 7, 2022 – Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio Summer camps get underway in June, with in-person experiences for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Taproot will be offering a variety of summer camps between June 20 and August 26 including Adventures in Drama, Imagination Quest, Art of Comedy, Stage Combat, Shakespeare, Musical Theatre Supercamp, Playwriting and Advanced Musical Theatre Revue. All camps are taught by Taproot's experienced teaching artists and theatre professionals. Registration and class descriptions are available online at <http://taproottheatre.org/acting-studio> or by contacting the Acting Studio at 206.529.3668 or studio@taproottheatre.org.

In-Person Summer Break Camps

Camps for K – 1st Graders

ADVENTURES IN DRAMA

K-1st grade (Children must be 4 or older and potty-trained.)

Your child's imagination performs front and center in this class that challenges, excites, and inspires young children. Students will learn theatrical terms, play games that reinforce life skills, and work together to tell a compelling story. They will discover the three most important tools in an actor's toolbox: imagination, body, and voice. This class teaches students from a young age that theatre is a wonderful team-building activity where empathy and respect are highly valued. See them apply and use all these skills in their end of week performance. Join us for multiple sessions for a different theme and story each week!

Session 1: June 27 – July 1

Session 2: July 11 – July 15

Session 3: July 18 – July 22

Session 4: August 8 – August 12

Location: Offsite Location

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$220 (1 week)

Teachers: TBD

Camps for 2nd-3rd Graders

IMAGINATION QUEST

2nd-3rd grade

This camp offers young children a great introduction to the world of drama and is a guaranteed imagination builder. Throughout the week, students will discover theatre's ability to build teamwork, spark friendships, and tell an imaginative story. Students will learn the three most important tools in an actor's toolbox: imagination, body, and voice. Every week we will be exploring a different theme or story that will culminate in a final performance, so join us for multiple sessions for more theatrical fun!

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Location: Offsite Location

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$220 (1 week)

Teachers: TBD

ART OF COMEDY FOR KIDS

2nd-3rd grade

What makes funny things so funny? Perfect for the young comedian, Art of Comedy for Kids teaches children the basics of comedy as a performance art. They'll be introduced to improvisation, work together to build comedic scenes, and apply lessons from some of history's great comedians. The camp culminates in a final performance of comedic proportions!

Location: TBA

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 18 – July 22

Time: 10am - 2pm

Cost: \$250 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

MUSICAL KIDS

2nd-3rd grade

The place for your child to sing and act this summer is the Musical Kids camp! Young actors will spend a week learning the foundations of good musical technique — like breathing, projection, and movement — crucial skills for all musical theatre artists. This will be an action-packed week designed for kids who love to perform. Songs appropriate for age and skill level will be selected in preparation for an exciting end-of-week performance.

Location: Offsite Location

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 11-15

Time: 10am - 2pm

Cost: \$250 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

Camps for K – 3rd Graders

DRAMA QUEST

K-3rd grade (Children must be 4 or older and potty-trained.)

Your child's imagination performs front and center in this class that challenges, excites, and inspires young children. Students will learn theatrical terms, play games that reinforce life skills, and work together to tell a compelling story. They will discover the three most important tools in an actor's toolbox: imagination, body, and voice. This class teaches students from a young age that theatre is a wonderful team-building activity where empathy and respect are highly valued. See them apply and use all these skills in their end of week performance.

Session 1: June 20 – June 24

Session 2: July 6 – July 8 (three days only)

Session 3: July 25 – July 20

Session 4: August 1 – August 5

Session 5: August 15 – August 19

Session 6: August 22 – August 26

Location: Offsite Location

Dates: Monday-Friday*

Time: 10am - 2pm

Cost: \$220 (1 week)*

Teacher: TBD

**Session 2 runs Wednesday-Friday and cost is \$180*

Camps for 4th-6th Graders

ART OF COMEDY FOR YOUTH

4th-6th grade

This exciting, challenging, and hilarious camp opens your student's eyes to the comedy all around them. Students will learn the ins and outs of comedic acting, improvisation, how to work together to build comedic scenes, and apply lessons from some of history's great comedians. The camp culminates in a final performance of comedic proportions!

Session 1: June 20 – June 24

Session 2: June 27 – July 1

Session 3: August 1 – August 5

Location: TBA

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$350 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

YOUTH SHOWCASE

4th-6th grade

This camp provides the fun, excitement, and hard work it takes to put on a great production – all in just one week! From auditioning and rehearsing to preparing for a final performance, students will have a great time working together and developing their acting skills. Get ready for an

action-packed, fast-paced theatre adventure as students come together to memorize lines, learn stage blocking, and go through tech rehearsals just like the professionals. Students will be amazed at what they have accomplished when it all comes together with lights, costumes, and a live audience at the end of the week.

Session 1: July 11 – July 15

Session 2: August 15 – August 19

Location: Isaac Studio Theatre

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$400 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

Camps for 7th-12th Graders

ADVANCED MUSICAL THEATRE REVUE (1 WEEK)

7th-12th grade

If this is your student's first Advanced Musical Theatre Revue at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval or to schedule an audition.

Aimed at serious artists in training, this rigorous musical theatre revue camp is fast-paced, challenging, and will hone your student's current musical theatre skills. Students will audition and be cast to perform group numbers, duets, and solos from the musical theatre canon. Friends and family will discover how singing, dancing, and acting all work together in the end of week musical performance!

Location: Isaac Studio Theatre

Dates: Monday-Friday, June 27 – July 1

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$375 (1 week)

Teachers: TBD

PLAYWRITING

7th-12th grade

Join a favorite Taproot playwright in this one-week class that explores the writing process, story structure, and character development of playwriting. Storytellers, aspiring playwrights, and creative writers will collaborate to create a set of scenes that they can continue exploring long after camp is over. This class is perfect for actors interested in writing for the first time. Students will love seeing their written words spoken on the Taproot stage by real Taproot actors at the end of week performance!

Location: TBA

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 11 – July 15

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$350 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

ART OF COMEDY FOR TEENS

7th-12th grade

Make 'em laugh! Don't you know everybody wants to laugh? This exhilarating one-week camp will help develop your teenage actor's comedic timing as they learn the rules of improv, work together on comedic scenes, hone their stand-up skills, and develop their own voice as a comedian. Family and friends will get a chance to laugh until they cry at the end-of-week performance.

Session 1: July 25 – July 29

Session 2: August 15 – August 19

Location: Isaac Studio Theatre

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$350 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

TEEN SHOWCASE

7th-12th grade

It's easy to watch a favorite actor and think, "How do they make that so believable?" This camp takes you behind the curtain, exploring the ins and outs of what an actor should bring to the rehearsal process. Students will present either a one act play or a series of short scenes and learn the wide range of theatrical skills required for performance. This is a fast-paced camp that requires the ensemble to work together, trust each other, and take risks. Students will be amazed at what they have accomplished when it all comes together in front of an audience.

Location: Isaac Studio Theatre

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 18 – July 22

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$400 (1 week)

Teacher: TBD

ADVANCED MUSICAL THEATRE SUPERCAMP (2 WEEKS)

7th-12th grade

Performing: *The Sound of Music: Youth Edition*

If this is your student's first Advanced Musical Theatre Supercamp at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval or to schedule an audition.

Give my regards to Broadway! Aimed at serious artists in training, this fast-paced and challenging camp is perfect for those who want a taste of the professional world of musical theatre. Students will experience the thrill of accomplishment by putting on a show that comes together in just two weeks. Each actor will audition and be cast in a challenging Broadway-style musical.

Location: Offsite Location (week 1), Jewell Mainstage Theatre (week 2)

Dates: Monday-Friday, August 1 – August 5 and August 8 – August 12, plus Saturday, August 13, for morning performance

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$585 (2 weeks)
Teacher: TBD

TEEN INTENSIVE
7th-12th grade

Is your young actor ready for the next level? This camp allows students the opportunity to dive into scene work, character development, and prepare them for auditions. During the week, students will learn from some of Taproot's professional artists who know what it takes to excel in the world of theatre. Our team will guide your student through the process of auditioning from start to finish, giving them tools and tips used by working actors in the industry. Students will receive individual monologue coaching and may prepare selected scenes that will challenge them as an actor. *All Teen Intensive students will be asked to bring two contrasting, age-appropriate monologues to the first day of camp.*

Location: Jewell Mainstage Theatre
Dates: Wednesday-Friday, July 6 – July 8
Time: 10am - 4pm
Cost: \$275 (3 days only)
Teacher: TBD

Camps for 4th-12th Graders

MUSICAL THEATRE REVUE
4th-12th grade

A perfect introduction to musical theatre or a great opportunity to hone their musical theatre craft, your young actor will sing, dance, and act during this week of theatrical fun and friendship. Students will bring their hard work to the stage in a performance on the final day of camp with large group numbers, duets, and more as the entire company sings some of the greatest songs in musical theatre.

Location: Isaac Studio Theatre
Dates: Monday-Friday, June 20 – June 24
Time: 10am - 4pm
Cost: \$375 (1 week)
Teacher: TBD

STAGE COMBAT
4th-12th grade

It's not all just fun and games and swords—well-choreographed fight scenes can dramatically enhance the story of a play. In this camp, students will learn how to push, punch, kick, fall, and move in a *safe* and *theatrical* way. In addition, they will learn how to cue their scene partners, aim for safe targets, and mask tricks from the audience as well as build and escalate the action of a scene. Ultimately, students will discover and explore how stage combat can contribute to the greater story being told onstage.

Location: Offsite Location
Dates: Wednesday-Friday, July 6 – July 8

Time: 10am - 4pm
Cost: \$275 (three days)
Teacher: TBD

MUSICAL THEATRE SUPERCAMP (2 WEEKS)

4th-12th grade

Performing: *Beauty and the Beast, JR.*

If this is your student's first Musical Theatre Supercamp at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval or to schedule an audition.

On your mark...get set...sing, dance, and act! This fast-paced and challenging two-week intensive class will dive deeply into the singing, dancing, and acting techniques needed for musical theatre performance. Not for the faint of heart, this class will challenge even the most experienced young actors. Each student will go through an audition process and be cast in a Broadway-style musical, creating an experience they will never forget. Prepare to be at the edge of your seat as the talented cast performs not once, but twice!

Location: Offsite Location (week 1), Jewell Mainstage Theatre (week 2)

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 18 – July 22 and July 25 – July 29, plus Saturday, July 30, for morning performance

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$585 (2 weeks)

Teacher: TBD

SHAKESPEARE SUPERCAMP (2 WEEKS)

4th-12th grade

Past Showcase or Shakespeare experience recommended. If this is your student's first Shakespeare camp at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org to see if this class would be a good fit for your student.

All the world's a stage, and the actors in this camp are its fantastic players! It's time for your student to brush up on their Shakespeare as they spend two weeks learning the language, movement, voice, and acting techniques needed to make the words of one of the greatest playwrights come to life. This fast-paced and challenging camp culminates in two performances of a shortened version of one of Shakespeare's great plays—and will cultivate a lifetime of admiration for the Bard himself.

Location: Offsite Location (week 1), Jewell Mainstage Theatre (week 2)

Dates: Monday-Friday, July 25 – July 29 and August 1 – August 5, plus Saturday, August 6, for morning performance

Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: \$565 (2 weeks)

Teacher: TBD

About Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio Summer Camps

WHAT: Registration is open for K through 12th grade students for Taproot Theatre Company's Summer Acting Studio camps.

WHEN: Taproot Theatre Company's Summer Acting Studio camps June 20 – August 26, 2022.

WHERE: Classes are held at Taproot Theatre's Jewell Mainstage and Isaac Studio Theatres, 204 N 85th St. and 212 N 85th St, respectively, and Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N.

REGISTRATION: Registration and class descriptions are available online at <http://taproottheatre.org/acting-studio>, by contacting the Acting Studio at 206.529.3668 or emailing studio@taproottheatre.org.

AGES: Grades are listed based on the grade students will be entering in Fall 2022.

PAYMENT: There is a \$25 registration deposit to hold the student's place in class, which goes toward tuition. Any remaining payment will automatically be processed after the first day of class. If a student attends the first day of class but withdraws before the start of the second day, you will receive a partial refund minus \$75 for PreK – 3rd grade classes and minus \$125 for 4th – 12th grade classes. After the start of the second class there are no refunds.

CANCELLATIONS: We reserve the right to cancel or combine camps due to insufficient enrollment. In case of cancellation, all tuition paid will be returned in full, including the registration deposit.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS: Because of the collaborative nature of theatre, your student must be at camp every day. For in-person camps, please have your student bring a sack lunch, snack and water each day, as well as a notebook and pencil with eraser.

HEALTH & SAFETY: Proof of COVID-19 vaccination (or a regular negative COVID test) will be required for all students enrolled in any of our in-person programs as of January 2022.

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About Taproot Theatre Company:

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio offers year-round classes for youth and adults taught by local theatre professionals. Budding thespians will find classes to help them develop their acting skills, while more seasoned actors can build on their knowledge and learn new techniques. Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Jewell Mainstage and Isaac Studio Theatre productions, Touring productions and the Acting Studio. Taproot Theatre Company creates theatre experiences to brighten the spirit, engage the mind and deepen the understanding of the world around us while inspiring imagination, conversation and hope. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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