

Set the Stage for a Great New Year with Taproot Theatre's Winter Acting Classes & Camps

Classes and Midwinter Break Camps, plus a new improv class for adults!

SEATTLE, WA – December 11, 2024 – Taproot Theatre's Winter Acting Studio classes get underway in February with quarter-long classes for students in Pre-K through 12th grade, and Midwinter Break Camps for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, plus a new improv class for adults! The classes each end with a final performance showcasing the work they've done all quarter. Camps also end with a final performance on the last day. All classes 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.

The Acting Studio's classes and camps offer students the chance to work together, hone theatrical performance skills, and create an ensemble while learning to take artistic risks. Students will be challenged to make bold and detailed character decisions and fully immerse themselves in the world of the play. Experience isn't required. Students will be amazed at what they've accomplished when it all comes together in a final performance.

Winter Acting Studio Classes

February 3 – April 7, 2025

Story to Stage: Creative Writing for Performance **Pre-K – 3rd Grade**

Join us for creative-drama writing workshops and get your ideas on their feet! We'll focus on idea generation, story arch, character development, and other fun story-related learning activities. You'll write out your stories, which a group of adult actors will take as a basis for a final evening performance. Be it a soap opera episode of a dog who wants to be a cat, a rock music video about taking tap dance classes, or whatever story magic you create, you'll see it performed on stage for your families and friends in a truly delightful celebration of creativity.

Youth Showcase: *Game of Tiaras*

4th – 8th Grade

Theatre is all about telling a great story, in this case, *Game of Tiaras* by Don Zolidis. The stronger an ensemble and the more confident the actors, the better the story they can tell. As students work together, they'll be challenged to make bold and detailed character decisions and fully immerse themselves in the world of the play. Students will be amazed at what they've accomplished when it all comes together in a short, final performance for their friends and family with lights, costumes, and props!

Improv 101

4th – 12th Grade

Join us for an improvisation class with one of Taproot's very own improvisers! Learn the basics of improv and what it takes to be a professional improviser. This class is perfect for budding comedians who want to learn the secrets of comedic acting and develop their comedic timing and skills, increase their confidence on stage, or just come enjoy some creative play. Concludes with a low-key in-class performance for families and friends.

Teen Showcase: *The Hobbit*

7th – 12th Grade

In this class, students will learn what it takes to build an ensemble, craft a show, and fully immerse themselves in the world of a play (in this case, *The Hobbit!*). Experience isn't required, students will audition on the first day of class and are expected to be at all rehearsals. Students will be amazed at what they've accomplished when it all comes together in a short, final performance for their friends and family with lights, costumes, and props!

Midwinter Break Acting Camps

February 17 – 21, 2025

Drama Quest: A Jungle Tale inspired by *Grumpy Monkey*

K – 3rd Grade

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Youth and Teen Showcase: *The Play's The Thing*

4th – 12th Grade

This camp provides all the fun and excitement of putting on a great production 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 for *The Play's The Thing*, a series of *Hamlet* spoofs. Students will be amazed at what they have accomplished when it all comes together in front of an audience.

PLUS! Improv for Adults

Mondays, February 3 – March 31, 2025

Join Taproot Theatre in our lobby/cafe space for an introduction-to-improvisation class for adults. Learn the basics of story-telling and comedy; improve your ability to think on your feet; boost your communication skills and confidence -- or just come out and laugh with some new friends. You'll learn the basics of improv alongside a variety of different theater games. Concludes with a low-key performance for family and friends during the last class session.

About Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio Classes and Camps

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.

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, there will be a partial refund minus the deposit and a pro-rated amount for attending one session. 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: As mask and vaccination requirements continue to shift, please check our website for all updated COVID-19 in-person protocols.

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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. 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 Productions, Isaac Studio Theatre Productions, Touring Productions and the Acting Studio. Taproot Theatre Company tells stories of hope, serving the Pacific Northwest through live theatre and educational programs. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Association (PNA).

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