



Artist's
Handbook

2018-2019

Class Descriptions

Theatre Arts

Creative Kids (Intro to the stage for Preschool & Kindergarten)

This class will explore creative movement, memorization, recitation, and improvisation. Imaginative play is a crucial building block in the mind of a child. This class will encourage creativity and build self-confidence!

Theatre Arts (Class meets twice or three times a week)

This class will involve character development, improvisational games, theatre history, design elements, and more. Students will have performance opportunities in addition to learning problem-solving skills, building self-confidence and becoming part of a beautiful and supportive community.

Future Filmmakers

This class will explore the process of writing, directing and editing your own short film. You may even find yourself in a starring role! The art of smartphone filmmaking is a growing industry. Students will work in teams to write screenplays, cast roles and film their creations.

Musical Theatre

These classes will incorporate vocal performance, choreography and acting. Students will learn ensemble numbers as well as small group numbers. A portion of each class will be spent on choreography. This class will challenge students to push themselves but will mostly be a lot of FUN!

Tap Dance

Tap dance is completely unique in that it makes us into musicians as well as dancers. These classes will explore the intricacies of rhythm while increasing coordination and performance quality. Students will find themselves tapping everywhere they go!

Variety Class

This will be a dance class for fun and fitness. We will rotate which styles we explore from week to week. Student input on class material is welcome. We will incorporate ballet, jazz, modern and possibly musical theatre, if you are up for it.

SNOW DAYS:

Classes will be cancelled on days when ISD #318 schools are cancelled or close early.

LOST and FOUND:

Please take the time to put your name in all of your belongings. (Inside BOTH shoes, on jacket tags, on water bottles, etc.) Students need to be responsible for their property. The lost and found will be donated to the Salvation Army monthly to prevent it from taking over the studio.

VOLUNTEERING:

Parents are crucial to the success of the studio and our shows. Parents, please plan to volunteer in some way during the year. We have several sewing, construction and backstage projects that need you! We can also use your scavenging or computer skills. Please let us know your area of expertise!

DRESS CODE:

Theatre Arts & Future Filmmakers

Students should wear comfortable and “moveable” clothing. Yoga pants or sweat pants are ideal. Relaxed jeans are fine. Skinny jeans are NOT appropriate as they do not afford the necessary range of movement. Shirts can be plain or have writing as long as they do not have offensive images or words. Shirts should comfortably cover and stay in place in the event that the class involves movement.

All students must go in stocking feet or bring clean soled shoes to change into for class. This can be a dance shoe or a sneaker as long as they are not worn outside.

Musical Theatre

Students should wear “dance clothes,” meaning . . . Ladies should wear leotards or fitted shirts on top and black jazz pants on the bottom. Gentlemen should wear sweat pants and t-shirts. Students should wear black jazz shoes or socks to class. Ladies may also be required to have character shoes. Hair must be fastened back in a secure ponytail or bun.

Tap

All Tap students must wear Black Jazz Pants and Black Tap Shoes. (Oxford taps with a solid sole are recommended. You will have more support, control and a much better sound.) Form fitted tanks and shirts may be worn or a leotard. Hair must be fastened back in a secure ponytail or bun.

Variety Class

Students should wear Black Jazz Pants and any ballet or jazz shoes. Form fitted tanks and shirts may be worn or a leotard. Hair must be fastened back in a secure ponytail or bun.

ARIST ETIQUETTE:

*Be on time!

*Absolutely NO gum chewing in the studio.

*Bring a water bottle.

*Never touch the MIRRORS!

*BATHROOM BREAKS SHOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE CLASS TIME!

(Students disrupt the entire class when they ask to leave. Come to class ready to stay till the end!)

*Don't sit down in a class unless you are told to do so.

*Show respect for your instructors, fellow artists, and the facility at all times.

TUITION:

Theatre Arts Tuition

Creative Kids \$30/mo

Theatre Arts I or II (twice a week) \$55/mo

Musical Theatre & Future Filmmakers \$40/mo

Tap Dance Tuition

Intro Tap \$30/mo

Tap II - Advanced & Adult \$40/mo

Combine and Save! Pay full tuition for your first class and save \$10 on each additional class.

(Discount does not apply to Creative Kids or Intro Tap classes.) Payment is due by the 10th of each month.

ABSENCES:

No tuition adjustments or refunds will be made for missed or dropped classes.

MAKE-UP:

Students are encouraged to make up missed classes. Ask for appropriate make-up classes.

Dear Artists and Parents,

Welcome to our second season of Young at Art! Our first year brought so many adventures and surprises. From three sold out performances of *The Wizard of Oz*, to winning first place in the Tall Timber Days Parade, to the transition of the studio into an actual theatre in time for our summer production of *Jackie and the Greenstalk!* Thank you to all of you who were a part of making it such a success. This year promises to be even better!

This fall session will culminate with a performance in January of *Little Red Riding Hood and the Storybook Mysteries*. I have chosen to have the performance in January rather than try to fit one more thing in to everyone's holiday schedule. We will be nearly show ready before our Christmas break. After the holiday, we will come back for a week and a half of review and tech before our show. This production will include all Young at Art students.

In the Spring we will be putting on a bigger and better production of the *Wizard of Oz*. We will collaborate with the Wizard of Oz festival again to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the MGM film. This production will be on the mainstage at the Reif Center this year and will also include all Young at Art students.

In addition to these productions we will have our first ever Young at Art Film Festival to show of the creations of our Future Filmmakers. (This will most likely be included with the January production, depending on enrollment.)

We will also have the opportunity to participate in First Fridays with small previews and performances in our studio theatre. There is so much to look forward to!

Tap and Musical Theatre classes will begin on September 10 with a sample week where everyone is welcome to bring a friend or two to try a class. Parents, this would be a great time for you to try one of our adult classes!

Theatre Arts and Future Filmmakers will begin on October 1st.

Thank you all for being a part of this community of artists. I can't wait to get back into the studio and start creating art with all of you!

See you on stage!

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