

# YOUNG ACTORS ACADEMY

open window theatre



2023	Youth Theater
2024	Christian Worldview

## WHAT

Open Window Theatre's Young Actors Academy (YAA) offers top quality theater education and performance opportunities for youth ages 4-18. Our semester-based educational classes run every other week in the fall and spring, and participants in our semester classes receive first priority registration for our summer musical and other performance opportunities.

## WHY

Our Christian worldview in the arts and our passionate support of the homeschool community is what sets us apart as unique among youth theater programs. Founders Jeremy and Sarah Stanbary are trained theater artists with over 20-years of professional experience, producing redemptive live theater inspired by their rich Catholic cultural heritage. The Stanbarys traveled the world with their faith-based plays dating back to 2003, and Jeremy's critically acclaimed saint dramas have become a hallmark of Open Window Theatre's mission.

YAA students will gain confidence and develop creative talents as they participate in skills-based acting games & activities. All classes incorporate prayer along with a character-building element and are taught by professionally trained Christian theater artists. All are welcome, from all backgrounds and experience levels. Students will learn a variety of skills that will benefit them for their entire lives!

## “YAA” GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. We believe creativity is a gift from the Divine Artist to be used in service of the common good.
2. We believe creative training is a highly valuable tool for the mental, emotional, and spiritual growth of young people.
3. We believe that artists, as ambassadors of empathy, should treat others as they themselves wish to be treated, with love and mutual respect.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

*The participation fee covers all expenses for eight classes in a semester, including in-class materials and end-of-semester showcase refreshments and gift. Multiple child discounts apply to siblings within the same family and all registered for the same semester.*

- **1<sup>st</sup> Child: \$240 - single participant, single semester** (8 classes)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \$208**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Child: \$176**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Child: \$96**
- **5<sup>th</sup> Child: Free**

## HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [openwindowtheatre.org/youth](https://openwindowtheatre.org/youth) and follow the link to fill out our online registration form.

Maximum class size: 20 students. Minimum class size: 6 students.



**SCAN CODE**  
to  
**REGISTER!**

## DEADLINE

Registration deadline is two weeks before the first class. See class schedules on next page.

## REFUND POLICY

All registration fees are final and no refunds in whole or in part will be issued except under the following circumstances:

1. If OWT, for whatever reason, is unable to place your student in a class.
2. If OWT cancels a class and is unable to reschedule.

## FALL 2023 CLASS SCHEDULE OPEN WINDOW THEATRE

### MONDAY CLASSES

12:30-1:30 PM: 8-12 years\*  
12:30-1:30 PM: 13-18 years\*

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

4:30-5:30 PM: 8-12 years  
5:45-6:45 PM: 13-18 years

September 4, 18  
October 2, 16, 30  
November 13, 27  
December 11 (showcase)

### TUESDAY CLASSES

12:30-1:30 PM: 8-12 years\*  
12:30-1:30 PM: 13-18 years\*

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

4:30-5:30 PM: 8-12 years  
5:45-6:45 PM: 13-18 years

September 5, 19  
October 3, 17  
November 7\*, 14, 28  
December 12 (showcase)

### SATURDAY CLASSES

9:30-10:30 AM: 4-7 years\*  
9:30-10:30 AM: 8-12 years\*

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

10:45-11:45 AM: 13-18 years

September 9, 23  
October 7, 21  
November 4, 18  
December 2, 16 (showcase)

*\*TUESDAY SCHEDULING NOTE: The classes that would have fallen on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> instead.*

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## SPRING 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE OPEN WINDOW THEATRE

### MONDAY CLASSES

12:30-1:30 PM: 8-12 years\*  
12:30-1:30 PM: 13-18 years\*

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

4:30-5:30 PM: 8-12 years  
5:45-6:45 PM: 13-18 years

January 22  
February 5, 19  
March 4, 18  
April 1, 15, 29 (showcase)

### TUESDAY CLASSES

12:30-1:30 PM: 8-12 years\*  
12:30-1:30 PM: 13-18 years\*

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

4:30-5:30 PM: 8-12 years  
5:45-6:45 PM: 13-18 years

January 23  
February 6, 20  
March 5, 19  
April 2, 16, 30 (showcase)

### SATURDAY CLASSES

9:30-10:30 AM: 4-7 years\*  
9:30-10:30 AM: 8-12 years\*

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

10:45-11:45 AM: 13-18 years

January 27  
February 10, 24  
March 9, 23  
April 6, 20  
May 4 (showcase)

See next page for our CHURCH of SAINT PAUL (Ham Lake) satellite location schedule.

# 2023-2024 CLASS SCHEDULE

## CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL, HAM LAKE

### FALL 2023

#### FRIDAY CLASSES

1:00-2:00 PM: 4-7 years

1:00-2:00 PM: 8-12 years

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

2:15-3:15 PM: 13-18 years

2:15-3:15 PM: Concurrent class TBD

September 15, 29

October 13, 27

November 3, 10, 17

December 8 (showcase)

[Make-up date: Dec 15 if needed]

### SPRING 2024

#### FRIDAY CLASSES

1:00-2:00 PM: 4-7 years

1:00-2:00 PM: 8-12 years

*\*Classes will be held concurrently*

2:15-3:15 PM: 13-18 years

2:15-3:15 PM: Concurrent class TBD

February 2, 16

March 1, 22

April 5, 19

May 3, 10 (showcase)

[Make-up date: April 26 if needed]

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### IN-CLASS SHOWCASES

As the YAA program grows, we are phasing out the semester showcase events and are moving to a smaller in-class showcase instead. Family and friends are welcome to attend the final regularly scheduled class of each semester for a free in-class showcase with refreshments.

### MAKE-UP DATES

If a class is canceled during the semester for any reason, OWT will attempt to reschedule for a date that works best among the majority of families. If rescheduling is not possible for whatever reason, then a refund will be issued for that class. The Friday classes at the Church of Saint Paul in Ham Lake have a make-up date worked into the calendar each semester.

### PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

YAA drama class students receive first priority registration for all youth performance opportunities at Open Window Theatre during the current season. Registrations for our summer musical, along with any other youth productions, will be opened up to the current season YAA drama class students first, followed by their siblings a week later, and then the general public a week after that if any slots are still available.

**QUESTIONS? Contact us at:** [youth@openwindowtheatre.org](mailto:youth@openwindowtheatre.org) // Tel. 612-615-1515

# YAA Class Agenda (Sample)

**Date & Time:**

**Location:**

**Instructor:**

## **Sign-in / Welcome / Opening Prayer (2 min)**

Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You for the unique gifts and talents that You have blessed us with, and we pray for the grace to use them as You desire, not only for our own good, but for the good of others. Help us to act well the part, both in life and on the stage, and to avoid vain glory, giving You all the glory. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Warm-Up Exercises (10 min)**

- Tongue Twisters & Vocal warm-ups
- Hit the Deck
- What Are You Doing?

## **JPII Point (3 min)**

- Topic: **“Make of Your Life a Masterpiece”**
- Not all are called to be artists in the specific sense of the word.
- But we are all called to make of our lives a masterpiece for God.
- What does that mean? (A virtuous life is a beautiful life; Craft a life of virtue; Name a few primary virtues; Draw close to God for strength & help)

## **Main Activities (40 min)**

1. **Who Started the Motion?** Skills: teamwork, attention to detail, perception/environment awareness
2. **Create a Character with Props** Skills: creativity both mental & physical, character development
3. **Create a Commercial with Props** Skills: verbal creativity in addition to mental & physical, teamwork

## **Announcements / Closing Prayer (2-5 min)**



## FOR YOUR REFERENCE

The below statements are referenced in our electronic registration form.

### **Media Release Statement:**

OPEN WINDOW THEATRE (Young Actors Academy) has my permission to use photographs, audio and video recordings, and other forms of media taken of my child for future publicity (including, but not limited to, publications, presentations, web content, social media, and play programs). I also understand that print content, such as play programs, may include my student's full name and that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall be payable to me for use.

### **E-Signature Authorization:**

As the parent or legal guardian of all registered youth/minors, I authorize this student to participate in Open Window Theatre's Young Actors Academy for either the Fall 2023 semester classes, Spring 2024 semester classes, or both. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Epiphany Studio Productions (DBA: Open Window Theatre), along with its agents and employees, from all claims of liability arising from or related to the above named drama classes, except those arising from intentional acts of gross negligence.