



Youth Theater

2024 | Summer Camps

### **ABOUT**

Open Window Theatre's Young Actors Academy (YAA) offers top quality theater education and performance opportunities for young people through a Christian lens. This summer we're offering three different summer camp opportunities in June and July for grades 3 – 12 (upcoming 2024-2025 school year).

# **JUNE 2024**

## 8-DAY DEVISED THEATER CAMP: June 3-12

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM:  $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$  grade 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM:  $6^{th} - 8^{th}$  grade

Students will explore theater improvisation through fun theater games and acting exercises designed to build imaginative play in young actors. Students will also practice essential storytelling skills, culminating in an original student devised performance piece, presented on the last day. This year's theme will be "Truth." Students will explore this theme throughout the camp, creating original skits, monologues, and performing ensemble text with a performance showcase on the final camp day, June 12.

Classes are held on weekdays only. No classes on Saturday 6/8 or Sunday 6/9. We have a 10-student minimum in order to proceed with these camps.

Registration deadline: May 20

8-DAY CAMP COST: \$240 per student

# **JULY 2024**

# YOUNG ACTOR IMPROV! 3-DAY INTENSIVE: July 10-12

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM: Introduction to Theater for Young Actors, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

This 3-day workshop is a great introduction for any young aspiring thespians in your house! We will play fun improvisation based games that get young actors comfortable on stage, using voice, body, and imagination to create characters and tell stories together!

3-DAY CAMP COST: \$150 per student

## HIGH SCHOOL SHAKESPEARE! 3-DAY INTENSIVE: July 10-12

12:30 – 3:30 PM: High School Introduction to Acting Shakespeare, grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

This 3-day intensive is a great way for adolescent actors to learn essential skills for acting Shakespeare. Over the course of three days they will work on a short monologue or speech and practice things like speaking verse and basic rhetoric, as well as learning how to understand and connect to heightened text. This a great introduction for those new to Shakespeare, as well as an excellent opportunity to go deeper and practice those Shakespeare skills!

3-DAY CAMP COST: \$150 per student



## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

**Damian Leverett** is a Twin Cities based theater artist and educator. After graduating from the UMN/Guthrie Theater BFA, he founded The Orchard Theater Collective where he has directed and acted in many shows, including *Village Wooing, The Upper Room, Witness, Missing*, and *Twelfth Night*. He has also worked around town at numerous theaters including The Guthrie (where he's been in multiple Shakespeare productions, including this year's History Plays in repertoire), Bucket Brigade Theater, Yellow Tree Theatre, and many more. During the school year he directs and teaches at Hand in Hand Christian Montessori.

### **DEADLINES**

Registration deadlines are two weeks before the start of camp.

## "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.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Visit <u>openwindowtheatre.org/youth</u> and follow the link to fill out our online registration form.



### 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 camp or class.
- 2. If OWT cancels a camp or class.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact us at:

youth@openwindowtheatre.org

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# 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 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 summer drama camps. 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.