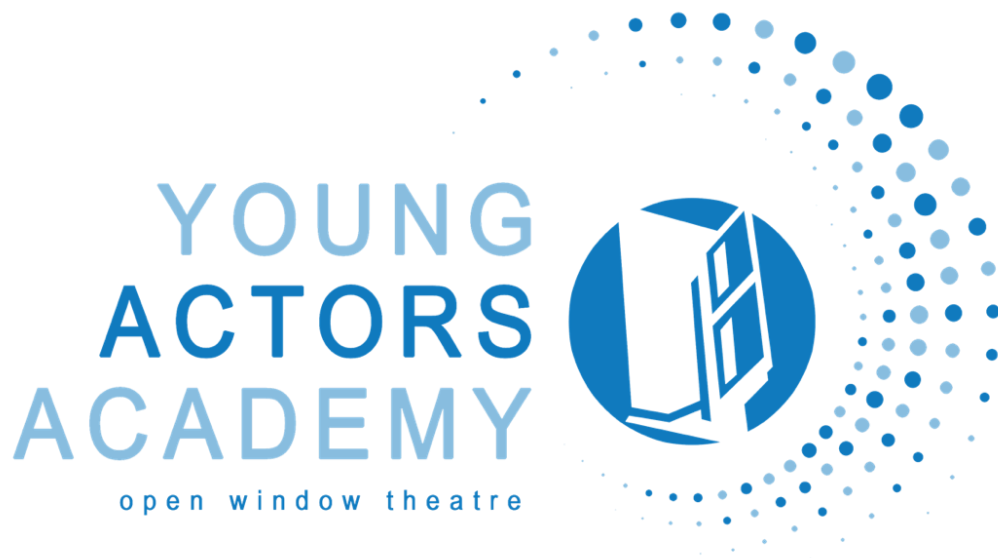




— Spring 2026 Acting Fundamentals —

Each Fundamentals class of 6-20 students will meet every week from September 15th through December 8th, concluding with a showcase for parents and families on the last day of class. Students in our Acting Fundamentals classes will have the opportunity to develop their acting talents through skills-based games and activities led by a theater professional.

— Musical Theater Skills —

Over the course of the semester, students will develop their musical theatre skills by practicing singing, dancing, and acting as one cohesive performance. Each class includes vocal and dance warm-ups, engaging theatre games, and rehearsing a musical number. At the end of the semester, students will perform an ensemble song complete with traditional musical theatre-style choreography for family and friends. Past performances have included “It’s a Hard Knock Life” from *Annie* and “Paris Holds the Key” from *Anastasia*. Throughout the semester, students will also learn valuable tips and tricks for preparing for musical theatre auditions, helping them build confidence both on and off the stage.

— New This Semester! — Intro to Dance for Musical Theater

This class will cover introductory dance technique in musical theatre’s three quintessential styles: Ballet, Jazz, and Tap. Students will also explore storytelling through dance by learning and performing musical-theatre style choreography. Students should dress to move (see class dress code) and bring a water bottle.

Dance Class Dress Code: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/169Wh4XPcFSD2oRQ48oxy75PV-76QJuQ0t6S3EDs4B0/edit?usp=sharing>

Dance Class Touch Policy & Consent

Form: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L1nrZxwZbEPShClS7O8lQG8bjDquDSeZUmzf77O3C3w/edit?usp=sharing>

Dance Class

Waiver: https://docs.google.com/document/d/12kfhEOCcVugkqKclISECAxvGNo_RrmRwy5PjR0SucPs/edit?usp=sharing

— ABOUT “YAA” —

Open Window Theatre’s Young Actors Academy (YAA) offers top quality theater education and performance opportunities for youth ages 8-18. All skill levels are welcome! YAA students will gain confidence and develop creative talents as they participate in skills-based acting games & activities. Additionally, we offer students an opportunity to put what they’ve learned into practice through full-length play productions and musicals.

Our support of the Christian and homeschool communities, driven by our uniquely redemptive mission in the arts, is what makes our youth programming unique.

Founders Jeremy and Sarah Stanbary are trained theater professionals with over 20-years experience producing redemptive theater inspired by their rich Catholic cultural heritage. All of our YAA instructors and directors are professionally trained and working theater artists, ensuring a high level of competency and education.

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— CLASS OPTIONS —

Our “Fundamentals” classes are great for new students with no previous theater experience, but anyone is welcome to join these classes to continue developing essential skills.

Acting Fundamentals Class Options

Instructor: Jillian Ehlke

Frequency: Every week, September 15th-December 8th

No classes November 24th

- **TUESDAYS**

4:00-5:00pm (Ages 8-11)

5:15-6:15pm (Ages 12-18)

Weekly classes starting September 15th, ending December 8th*

***The last class of the semester is a combined in-class showcase with light refreshments beginning at 5:15pm**

Musical Theater Skills Class Options

Instructor: Faith Smith

Frequency: Every week, September 14th-December 12th

No class November 23rd or 28th

- **Mondays**

4:00-5:00pm (Ages 8-11)

5:15-6:15pm (Ages 12-18)

Weekly classes start September 14th, ending December 7th*

***The last class of the semester is a combined in-class showcase with light refreshments beginning at 5:15pm**

- **Saturdays**

9:30-10:30am (Ages 8-11)

10:45-11:45am (Ages 12-18)

Weekly classes start September 19th, ending December 12th*

***The last class of the semester is a combined in-class showcase with light refreshments beginning at 10:45am**

Intro to Dance for Musical Theater Class Options

Instructor: Jillian Ehlke

Frequency: Every week, September 17th-December 10th

****No class November 26th****

- Thursdays
4:00-5:00pm (Ages 8-11)
5:15-6:15pm (Ages 12-18)
Weekly classes start September 17th, ending December 10th*
***The last class of the semester is a combined in-class showcase with light refreshments beginning at 5:15pm**

— REGISTRATION —

The registration fees cover all expenses for the designated class track. Multiple child discounts apply to siblings within the same family who are registered at the same time.

SEMESTER “ACTING FUNDAMENTALS” CLASSES (12 classes/semester)

- 1 Child: \$336
- 2 Children: \$604.80 (10% discount for additional children)
- 3 Children: \$907.20
- 4 Children: \$1209.60
- 5th Child+: Free!



SEMESTER “MUSICAL THEATER” CLASSES (12 classes/semester)

- 1 Child: \$360
- 2 Children: \$648 (10% discount for additional children)
- 3 Children: \$972
- 4 Children: \$1,296
- 5th Child+: Free!

SEMESTER “INTRO TO DANCE FOR MUSICAL THEATER” CLASSES (12 classes/semester)

- 1 Child: \$360
- 2 Children: \$648 (10% discount for additional children)
- 3 Children: \$972
- 4 Children: \$1,296
- 5th Child+: Free!

HOW TO REGISTER

Scan the QR code or visit openwindowtheatre.org/youth

CLASS SIZES: All class options have a max size of 20 students and a minimum of 6 students.

DEADLINE: One week prior to the first class date.

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.

MAKE-UP DATES

If a class is canceled during the semester we will attempt to reschedule for a date that works best for the majority of families. If rescheduling is not possible, then a refund will be issued for that class.

— SUMMER MUSICAL —

YAA drama class students receive first priority registration for our summer youth musical at Open Window Theatre. Registrations for our summer musical will be opened up to the current season YAA drama class students first, followed by their siblings, and finally the general public pending availability.

— YAA GUIDING PRINCIPLES —

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

— QUESTIONS —

Contact us at: youth@openwindowtheatre.org // Tel. 612-615-1515