Fort Wayne youtheatre

2019-2020
Student Handbook

Please Read Carefully and Mark any Important Dates.

Please Sign the waiver at the end and return to Youtheatre. A new one must be signed every year for returning students.
(Can be e-mailed to admin@fortwayneyoutheatre.org)

Important Dates

Fall Classes

Saturdays:
Sep. 7, 14, 21 & 28
Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26
Nov. 2 & 9

Bring A Friend Day:
Oct. 26th

End of Semester Demonstration:
Nov. 9th

Wednesdays:
Sep. 4, 11, 18 & 25
Oct. 2 , 9, 16, 23 & 30
Nov. 6

End of Semester Demonstration:
Nov. 6th

Winter Classes

Saturdays:
Jan. 11, 18 & 25
Feb,1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Mar. 7 & 14

Bring A Friend Day:
Jan. 18th

Wednesdays:
Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29
Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26
Mar. 4 & 11

End of Year Class Showcase:
Mar. 19, 2020 l 6pm l Homestead High School

Spring Classes

Saturdays:
Apr. 11, 18 & 25
May 2 & 9

No End of Class Demonstration unless individual teacher notes otherwise.

End of Year Class Showcase l FREE Admission

Mandatory Rehearsal
Wednesday, March 18th, 2020
Homestead High School
Call Time: 4:10 - 4:25pm l Rehearsal 4:30 - 6:30pm

Showcase:
Thursday, March 19th, 2020
Homestead High School
Call Time: 5:30pm l Curtain: 6:00pm

Homestead High School
4310 Homestead Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Students/Performers: Please enter through the North Side doors labeled "Entrance C" by the small courtyard. Youtheatre teachers and assistants will help guide you to the correct holding rooms.

Parents: Please enter through the main North Side Doors toward the gymnasium/auditorium. Upon entering you will take a right and find the auditorium down the hall on your right hand side.

*We ask that you please stay for the whole show out of courtesy to the actors and other classes on stage. The only classes that will be allowed to leave early are Junior World Explorers (Ages 4 & 5) Happily Ever After (K-1st), and Magical Creatures & You! (K-1st). Thank you!

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS: If it becomes necessary to cancel classes due to weather, Youtheatre will post on our website and Facebook page by 8am. We will send out an e-mail informing you to keep checking for a closure by 5:00 the day before. Please note classes cancelled will not be made up.

Communication With Families

1. **Updates:** Fort Wayne Youtheatre will send you updates and reminders regarding Youtheatre Classes. We will send reminders about our showcase, bring a friend day, parent day etc via e-mail.
2. **Web Site (fortwayneyoutheatre.org):** We utilize our Website and Facebook Pages to inform families about class changes, important dates, cancellations, rehearsal times, and other information. We endeavor to update this and post important information at least a week ahead of time.

Rules & Expectations

Attendance

- Students must check in at the desk when arriving for classes
- Fort Wayne Youtheatre cannot be held responsible for students leaving the building with or without parental permission.

Excused or Unexcused… That is the Question!

An excused absence is one that does NOT hinder the student's attendance record in order to participate in the End of Year Showcase. Absences are excused if:

1. A death in the immediate family
2. Illness/Hospitalization
3. Religious or School obligation

All other absences are unexcused. We understand families' lives are busy, children get sick, cars break down, families go on vacation… there are a number of valid reasons students miss class. This is why the **End of the Year Showcase is voluntary**. Good attendance is the only way a student will feel comfortable with the roles the faculty sets for the Showcase. If your child misses 3 or more classes during the winter semester, they will not be eligible to participate in the End of Year Class Showcase.

Classroom Etiquette

Students are expected to be courteous and attentive in their classes. They will be asked to leave if they become too disruptive. Negative behavior is not tolerated, though faculty will partner with parents to understand and obtain positive behavior.

Injuries and Illness

If an illness or a serious accident occurs during class, parents will contacted immediately. Youtheatre will follow parental instructions on the registration form or call 911 for ambulance service. It is important to keep current emergency contact information or any health related issue(s) on file at Youtheatre office.

Contact Info

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Stage-Combat
Friendly Shakespeare

Gregory Stieber
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The Acting Studio
Adaptation & Creation

Reuben Albaugh
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Comic Character Universe: Super Heroes
Storytelling Adventure: Where the Sidewalk Ends

Christopher J. Murphy
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The Wizarding World of Youtheatre Parts 1 & 2
The Greatest Showman - Musical Theatre
Classics & Contemporaries Parts 1 & 2

Jade Light
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Junior World Explorers
I Won't Grow Up!
Happily Ever After

Alyssa Plisco
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Disney on Broadway! - MT Voice
Into the Woods - MT Voice
The Greatest Showman - Musical Theatre
Private Voice Lessons

Heather Closson
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Night at the Museum
Magical Creatures & You!
The Greatest Showman - Musical Theatre
La La Land - MT Dance
School of Rock - MT Dance
Stagecraft

Audrey Kindy (Assistant)
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Junior World Explorers
I Won't Grow Up!
Happily Ever After
The Wizarding World of Youtheatre Part 1 & 2
Classics & Contemporaries Parts 1 & 2

If you have specific questions regarding classes, please find your child's teacher's e-mail address and contact them directly. They will be able to answer anything about class structure, behaviors, expectations, what to bring/wear, showcase materials etc.
*Please note teachers to not have a direct phone number to call, so e-mail is the best way to reach them.

If you have questions about your child's enrollment, payments or general questions about Youtheatre. Please contact the Youtheatre office at admin@fortwayneyoutheatre.org.

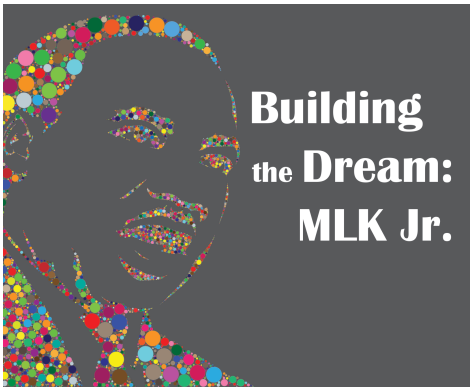
Upcoming Auditions

Auditions:
Aug. 26 & 27 | 4-6pm
Arts United Center

Ages 8 - 18

Auditions:
Oct. 14 & 15 | 4-6pm
Arts United Center

Ages 8 - 18



Auditions:
Dec. 9 & 10 | 4-6pm
Arts United Center

Ages 8 - Adult

Auditions:
Apr. 6 & 7 | 4-6pm
Arts United Center

Ages 8 - 18

For more information regarding auditions, please visit
www.FortWayneYouTheatre.org/Auditions

Our Staff

Todd Espeland Executive & Artistic Director
todd@fortwayneyoutheatre.org

Christopher J. Murphy Assistant Director/Outreach
murphy@fortwayneyoutheatre.org

Megan Ebbeskotte Marketing Director/Admin
admin@fortwayneyoutheatre.org or megan@fortwayneyoutheatre.org

Harvey Cocks Jr. Artist in Residence

Arts United Center

We ask that children under 8 years old to be accompanied by an adult while in the Arts United Center, which is also a smoke free facility. Please keep a watchful eye as we share the building with other tenants. No running, please.

We ask the families to enter and exit through the back, east side entrance leading into the Green Room of the building. This area is always monitored and is the safest way for you and your children to enter and exit the building. There will always be an Arts United security guard who's responsible for checking in and supervising students. We are downtown, and this is a shared space so we want to make sure that your children are safe. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Harassment Policy

In promoting drama and the requisite skills, the faculty, administrators, students, and their parents must practice civility, good manners, courtesy, consideration for the abilities and talents of others, and good community. Consequently, behavior that degrades or is contrary to those aspects of learning, performance, and community have no place at Fort Wayne Youtheatre. The following statement is intended to identify unacceptable behavior.

Fort Wayne Youtheatre has **no tolerance** for any statements, behaviors, or actions of a threatening nature, weapon possession, use of profanity or obscenity, intimidation or other behaviors by any student, parent, stage person, faculty, or other individual that might pose a threat to the well-being of any person, whether such behaviors occur on Fort Wayne Youtheatre grounds or in the facility, or at any other place where an educational, performance, or outreach function is occurring and Fort Wayne Youtheatre students, parents, staff, faculty, and others are present.

The policy applies to Fort Wayne Youtheatre premises before, during and after Youtheatre hours; anytime Youtheatre buildings or grounds are being used by a class or camp; off grounds at any Youtheatre function or event; when traveling to and from a Youtheatre activity, function or event; or at any time or place which may affect an educational, performance or outreach function or could be identified with Fort Wayne Youtheatre. All potential safety concerns will be investigated thoroughly.

If you become aware of a threatening situation, you must report it promptly to

Executive Director Todd Espeland or Administrative Assistant Megan Ebbeskotte

General Rules

- Do what's right
- Do your best
- Treat others the way you wish to be treated

If each of us follows these three basic rules in each of our interactions throughout the school year, Youtheatre will truly be a place where students can reach their fullest potential.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

1. **Waiver and Release of Liability.** I acknowledge that serving as a student may involve a risk of personal injury (including fatal injuries) and property damage. I knowingly assume any and all risks associated with my student experience. I, for myself, my personal representatives and all others who might have a similar claim, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally FOREVER release, waive and discharge any and all charges, complaints, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions, suits, rights, demands, costs, losses, debts and expenses arising directly or indirectly from my volunteer experience (collectively, "Claims") against Organization, Arts United or any of their respective affiliates, owners, predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, directors, officers, employees and representatives (the "Released Parties"). I understand that this Section 1 applies to all Claims of any nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, foreseen or unforeseen.
2. **Hold Harmless.** I agree to DEFEND, indemnify and hold harmless any of the Released Parties from any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs or expenses of whatever kind (including without limitation attorneys' fees) that are incurred or suffered by any of the Released Parties (collectively, "Losses") on account of any and all third party charges, complaints, actions, suits, demands and claims (collectively, "Third-Party Claims") arising directly or indirectly from my failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement or my negligent act(s) or omission(s) or reckless or willful misconduct in connection with my volunteer services with Organization.
3. **Consent.** Without limiting the foregoing, (a) in the event I sustain a personal injury as a result of my services as a student to Organization, I authorize all necessary medical treatment that may be prescribed by qualified medical personnel, and I agree that I will be solely responsible for payment of all costs arising from any such injury and medical treatment; and (b) I consent to the use of my name and/or photograph or likeness by Organization without any compensation or inspection.
4. **General Provisions.** (a) Any proposed amendment, discharge, termination or change to this Student Release and Waiver of Liability ("Release") must be in writing and authorized by Organization in writing. (b) The waiver by Organization of a breach of any provision of this Release shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach, and no waiver shall be valid unless it is in writing and is signed by the party against whom such waiver is sought. (c) I agree that this Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Indiana, and that this Release is to be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana, and any dispute regarding the matters set forth herein shall be resolved in the federal or state courts sitting in Allen County, Indiana. (d) I expressly agree that if any provision of this Release is held invalid, that the balance of the Release shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force. (e) I understand that the terms and conditions of the following provisions of this Agreement will survive my completion of the volunteer experience with Organization: Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5.

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Student Name Student Signature (if 18+)

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if child under 18) Date

PHOTO RELEASE

1. **Photo Release.** The Fort Wayne Youtheatre has my permission to use my or my child's photograph/video publicly for any marketing or promotional materials. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

☐ I Consent ☐ I Do NotConsent

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Student Signature (if 18+)

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if child under 18) Date