

Theatre Classes

Summer 2020



Performance Academy
production of *Mary Poppins Jr.*,
Summer 2019

Theatre Classes for Children
Kindergarten through Grade 12



THE PLAYHOUSE

What's Inside!

Theatre arts education at The Playhouse provides students with the opportunity to explore, create, imagine, and express themselves, all within a safe, nurturing environment. We have a full schedule of camps, offering a wide variety of theatre experiences for all ages. Whether it's creative drama, devised theatre, or Performance Academy, we have something for children at all levels of experience.

There are many good reasons why our summer education program is one of the largest of any community theatre in the country: talented teachers, curious kids, and amazing activities unique to The Playhouse. Thank you for spending part of your summer with us here at The Playhouse!



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Camps for younger students, focused on creative dramatics, are noted with this icon. Learn more on page 5.

Seeing a show benefits your child's theatre education.

That's why for each class registration, your student will receive one FREE student guest pass good for admission to any 2020-21 Kate Goldman Children's Theatre show!



*Good for one student admission to the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre. Eligible titles are *Charlotte's Web*, *Go, Dog. Go!*, *Nate the Great*, *The Musical*, and *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*. Subject to availability. Must be accompanied by a ticketed adult. Guest passes will be distributed at the final class session. Complimentary seats cannot be reserved online. Call the ticket office at 515.277.6261 to reserve your seats.

June Classes

CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST	MAX
G'Day Mate!	K2020-1	Half Day	6/8-6/12	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Scene Stealers	2-3	Half Day	6/8-6/12	1-4p	\$125/\$135	18
Hansel and Gretel	4-6	Full Day	6/8-6/12	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
10-Minute Plays	7-9	Full Day	6/8-6/12	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Harry Potter	4-8	Full Day	6/15-6/19	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	60
The Color Chronicles	K2020-1	Half Day	6/22-6/26	1:30-3:30p	\$125/\$135	15
Munchkinland	2-3	Half Day	6/22-6/26	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	18
The Wizard of Oz	4-8	Full Day	6/22-6/26	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	40
Build it Bigger	1-2	Four Half Days	6/29-7/2	9a-12p	\$105/\$115	18
Minecraft	3-4	Four Full Days	6/29-7/2	9a-4p	\$205/\$215	20
KGCT Audition Workshop	4-9	Four Half Days	6/29-7/2	9a-12p	\$105/\$115	40
Musical Audition Workshop	4-9	Four Half Days	6/29-7/2	1-4p	\$105/\$115	20



G'Day Mate! ☺

Kindergarten 2020-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, June 8-12
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers
Crikey! Calling all blokes and sheilas to explore the land down under and its creatures through bonza stories, songs, and games. Fair dinkum!

Scene Stealers

Grades 2-3, 1:00-4:00 PM, June 8-12
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers
Using favorite book series such as Junie B. Jones, The Babysitters Club, and more, perform scenes in large and small groups. Have fun while working on beginning acting skills and ensemble building. Friends and family are invited on the final day to view highlights in an informal showcase. New scenes each session for returning campers!

Page to Stage: Hansel and Gretel

Grades 4-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 8-12
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
One fairy tale. Five days. Needed: 20 actors to bring this timeless story about cleverness, courage, and creativity to life. Help make the set, choose costumes, rehearse, then perform for family and friends on the last day of class!

10-Minute Plays

Grades 7-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 8-12
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Performers serious about exploring the art of acting are assigned roles in short plays and monologues to emphasize working in a professional environment. Beginners are challenged with learning lines and blocking. Advanced actors can delve into the emotional life of the character and gain a finer understanding of how to manipulate stage space. Be ready to give it your all! There will be a presentation of our plays on the final day for family and friends.

Harry Potter*

Grades 4-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 15-19
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Come to King's Cross Station, Platform 9¾, to enter the summer session at Hogwarts. After being assigned a house by the Sorting Hat, make a magic wand and Quidditch uniform, and attend classes in potions, divination, and defense against the dark arts. Students need to read books 1-3 before the first day of camp.

Harry Potter Prefect*

Grades 4-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 15-19
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Please register as a Prefect if your child has taken Harry Potter in any previous summer. Once all Prefect spots are filled, please register on the waiting list for a Prefect spot.

The Color Chronicles ☺

Kindergarten 2020-Grade 1, 1:30-3:30 PM, June 22-26
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers
Books like *The Day the Crayons Quit*, *Gray*, and *Frankencrayon* use colors to explore feelings, fitting in, and expressing yourself. That makes them perfect stories to explore through dramatization, puppets, and games in a theatre class. It'll be the "graytest" class ever!

Munchkinland

Grades 2-3, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, June 22-26
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers
We all know what happened to Dorothy, but what about the Munchkins? What happened before the house landed on the Wicked Witch? What happens after Dorothy leaves on the Yellow Brick Road? And, what is the Lollipop Guild anyway? Create and tell their stories from the Munchkins' point of view. Showcase on the final morning for parents!

Performance Academy: The Wizard of Oz

Grades 4-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 22-26
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Audition for roles and perform L. Frank Baum's classic, *The Wizard of Oz*. Follow Dorothy as she meets the Scarecrow, Tinman, Cowardly Lion, and, of course, the Wicked Witch. Perform on the final day. Enrollment guarantees a part in the play!

Build it Bigger ☺

Grades 1-2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, June 29-July 2
\$105 Subscribers/\$115 Non-subscribers
If 12 cups can build a little pyramid, imagine what can be done with 500. If one box can be made into a clubhouse, imagine what can be done with a dozen. We'll use our creations to create characters and settings, act out stories, and encourage cooperation and wide-eyed imagination.

**PLEASE NOTE: There are only 12 spots available for returning campers who will each assume the role and responsibilities of Prefect. All other spaces are reserved for those who have not taken Harry Potter previously.*

What Is Creative Drama?



Most camps for younger students are focused on creative dramatics, and are noted with this icon. Creative drama sparks children's natural abilities to become the characters they hear about in the books they love. These camps are literature-based and designed to foster listening and cooperative skills as well as self-esteem and individual expression. A creative drama class does not "perform" on the final day, however students are given the tools to share each day's story with their families.





Minecraft: Into the Game!

Grades 3-4, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, June 29-July 2
\$205 Subscribers/\$215 Non-subscribers

Based on the Minecraft series of books, find yourself transported inside the game you love. But now it's not a game. Will zombie hordes attack? You'll have to use everything you know to explore, build, and survive. Present a showcase for parents on the final day.

KGCT Audition Workshop

Grades 4-9, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, June 29-July 2
\$105 Subscribers/\$115 Non-subscribers

The 2020-21 Season has been announced: *Charlotte's Web*; *Go, Dog. Go!*; *Nate the Great The Musical*; *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*; *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*; and the Family Holiday Classic, *The Sound of Music*, all have roles for youths. Work with Playhouse directors to get the experience necessary to be comfortable and successful in auditions. Participation in the course does not guarantee a role but will acquaint students with scenes from the shows, available roles, and the audition procedure used at The Playhouse. This class will focus on the scene work from both plays and musicals in the upcoming Playhouse season.

Musical Audition Workshop*

Grades 4-9, 1:00-4:00 PM, June 29-July 2
\$105 Subscribers/\$115 Non-subscribers

The 2020-21 season has been chosen and it includes some awesome musicals: *Nate the Great The Musical*, *Polkadots: The Cool Kids Musical*, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, and the Family Holiday Classic, *The Sound of Music*. Polish the skills necessary for a successful musical audition, including song selection and learning a dance combination. Participation in the course does not guarantee a role but will acquaint students with songs from the shows, available roles, and the musical audition procedure used at The Playhouse. This class will focus on the singing and dancing components of a musical audition. On the final day, directors visit to offer valuable feedback.

**Please choose, learn, and memorize an appropriate musical theatre audition song prior to the first day of camp.*

July Classes

CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST	MAX STUDENTS
Rumble in the Jungle	K2020-1	Half Day	7/6-7/10	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Persistent Princesses	2-3	Half Day	7/6-7/10	1-4p	\$125/\$135	18
Pirates, Aargh!	4-6	Full Day	7/6-7/10	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Short Film Studio	7-9	Full Day	7/6-7/10	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Performance Academy	7-10	Multi-Week Full Day	7/8-7/25	9a-4p	\$425/\$450	40
Tall Tales	K2020-1	Half Day	7/13-7/17	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Carmen Sandiego	2-3	Full Day	7/13-7/17	9:00a-4:00p	\$255/\$265	18
Seussical KIDS	4-5	Full Day	7/13-7/17	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	30
Broadway Babies	K2020-1	Half Day	7/20-7/24	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Broadway Babies	2-3	Half Day	7/20-7/24	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	18
Mr. Lemoncello	4-6	Full Day	7/20-7/24	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Mo Willems	1-2	Full Day	7/27-7/31	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	18
The Lightning Thief	3-4	Full Day	7/27-7/31	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Jumanji	5-6	Full Day	7/27-7/31	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Game of Tiaras	7-9	Full Day	7/27-7/31	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20



Rumble in the Jungle ☺

Kindergarten 2020-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, July 6-10; \$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Let's get ready to ruuumble! Take a walk on the wild side and let your inner animal out to play. We'll explore the jungle and act out its inhabitants' stories. A new adventure and story each day!

Persistent Princesses

**Grades 2-3, 1:00-4:00 PM, July 6-10
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers**

The Princess in Black, *Princess Pulverizer*, and *The Paper Bag Princess* all feature heroines who don't need to be rescued. We'll use them as our inspiration for stories about what it takes to be a hero. Here's a hint: quests of kindness are part of the job requirements!

Pirates, Aarrgh!

**Grades 4-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 6-10
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers**

Sail the Seven Seas in search of buried treasure. Watch out! There are scallywags set to steal the loot! Build pirate ships, make treasure chests, and do battle with hook and dagger (stage combat, of course). Embark on this adventure of a lifetime. No landlubbers need apply!

Short Film Studio

**Grades 7-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 6-10
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers**

Work in teams to write, film, and edit your own short films. Invite your family on the last day for a red carpet premiere. Heard of the 48 Hour Film Festival? Yeah, it's kind of like that.

Performance Academy

**Grades 7-10, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 8-25
\$425 Subscribers/\$450 Non-subscribers
Performances: 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM, Friday, July 24, and 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM, Saturday, July 25***

Well, isn't this a revolting development? We don't want to be too naughty, so all we can tell you for now is that we are doing a brand new, 65-minute adaptation of a recent Broadway hit. We'll be able to officially announce the title in early spring, so no need to wait for a miracle, just keep your eyes on your inbox! Enrollment in this two and a half week camp guarantees a part in the show, with auditions to determine role assignment.

**Performances take place in the John Viars Theatre on the set of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical.*

Tall Tales ☺

Kindergarten 2020-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, July 13-17; \$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Paul Bunyon, John Henry, and Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett are all larger than life characters in American folklore. Tell their stories, and others, while imagining yourself in your own tall tale!

Carmen Sandiego

**Grades 2-3, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 13-17
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers**

Journey from Paris to Ecuador and everywhere in between with Carmen Sandiego to recover precious artifacts! Students will learn about the basic acting tools: body, voice, and imagination, as well as higher level skills like vocal projection and story structure. Students will solve mysteries, create their own stories, and make theatrical crafts. Parents are invited on the last day to see students' work!

Broadway Bound: Seussical KIDS

**Grades 4-5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 13-17
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Auditions: 4:15-6:15 PM, Monday, July 6
Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, July 17**

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical KIDS*, a 35-minute version of the popular Broadway musical. Enrollment guarantees a part in the show!

Broadway Babies

Kindergarten 2020-Grade 1, 9:30-11:30 AM, July 20-24; \$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Sing, dance, and act while learning show tunes and moves in a playful and fun atmosphere. Perform a musical showcase for family and friends on the last day. New songs and script for returning campers!

Broadway Troupers

**Grades 2-3, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, July 20-24
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers**

Sing, dance, and act while learning show tunes and moves, then perform a musical showcase for family and friends on the last day. New songs and script for returning campers!

What Is Performance Academy?

In Performance Academy, actors are taken through a more disciplined process: auditioning, rehearsing, and performing a play to learn how to polish skills in a dynamic, challenging environment.



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Grades 4-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 20-24
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

Can you escape from the library designed by the world's most famous game maker? When Kyle and his friends (and frenemies) are invited to a lock-in at the new library, they discover it will take all of their wits and a lot of teamwork to find the escape route. You'll work on scenes inspired by the book and present a showcase for your parents on the final day!

Stagecraft and Stories: The Stories of Mo Willems

Grades 1-2, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 27-31
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

Design and create backdrops and props based on Mo Willems' hilarious books. Rehearse scenes with your favorite pigeon, Elephant Gerald, Piggie, Leonardo, and other Mo Willems characters from the books. Then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

Stagecraft and Stories: The Lightning Thief

Grades 3-4, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 27-31
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

Percy Jackson begins a series of adventures when he discovers he is the lost son of Poseidon. Design and paint backdrops and props to create your own Camp Halfblood and the world of Greek mythology. Rehearse scenes from the book then invite family and friends to the showcase on Friday afternoon!

Stagecraft and Stories: Jumanji

Grades 5-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 27-31
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

Very important: Once a game of Jumanji is started it will not be over until one player reaches the Golden City. Join Peter and Judy (and some lions, monkeys, and snakes) on their jungle adventure and design and create backdrops and props inspired by the story. Rehearse the scenes and perform for family and friends on Friday afternoon!

Performance Academy: Game of Tiaras

Grades 7-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, July 27-31
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Auditions: 4:15-6:15 PM, Monday, July 20
Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, July 31st

When the aging king of a Magical Kingdom decides to split his kingdom between his three daughters, Cinderella, Belle, and the Snow Queen (who in no way resembles a copyrighted character), terrible tragedy ensues. Terrible, hilarious tragedy.



"I loved every minute of my time with the Performance Academy. It truly prepares you for theatre outside of Des Moines. I believe that my skills and knowledge from the Performance Academy gave me a leg up when auditioning and performing outside, and inside, of The Playhouse."

—Jessica Martens, Triple Threat Award Winner,
Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards 2015

Jessica Martens, *Legally Blonde Jr.*,
2012-13 Season

August Classes

CLASS	GRADES	CAMP TYPE	DATES	TIMES	COST	MAX STUDENTS
Dogman and Catkid	1-2	Half Day	8/3-8/7	9:30-11:30a	\$125/\$135	15
Captain Underpants	3-4	Full Day	8/3-8/7	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Seussical KIDS	5-7	Full Day	8/3-8/7	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	40
Improv	8-12	Evening	8/3-8/7	6-9p	\$125/\$135	20
Under the Big Top	K2020-1	Half Day	8/10-8/14	1:30-3:30p	\$125/\$135	15
Rosie Revere, Engineer	2-3	Half Day	8/10-8/14	9a-12p	\$125/\$135	18
Graphically Speaking	4-6	Full Day	8/10-8/14	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Choose Your Own Adventure	7-9	Full Day	8/10-8/14	9a-4p	\$255/\$265	20
Captain Awesome	1-2	Three Day	8/17-8/19	9a-4p	\$155/\$165	15
Ban This Book	3-5	Three Day	8/17-8/19	9a-4p	\$155/\$165	20
Revolting Children	6-8	Three Day	8/17-8/19	9a-4p	\$155/\$165	20

Dogman and Catkid ☺

Grades 1-2, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Aug. 3-7
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

The heroic hound with a real nose for justice has a furry feline sidekick, and together they have a mystery to sniff out! Help solve the mystery of the missing starlet while staying one step ahead of Petey, the world's most evil cat.

Captain Underpants

Grades 3-4, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 3-7
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

Tra la laaaa! Join George, Harold, and the perennially underdressed Captain himself. Battle Professor Poopypants, Wedgie Woman, and Dr. Diaper as you act out scenes from the books. There'll be a showcase for parents at the end of the day on Friday!

Broadway Stars: Seussical KIDS

Grades 5-7, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 3-7
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers
Auditions: 4:15-6:15 PM, Monday, July 27
Performance: 3:00 PM, Friday, August 7

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical KIDS*, a 35-minute version of the popular Broadway musical. Enrollment guarantees a part in the show!

Teen Improv

Grades 8-12, 6:00-9:00 PM, Aug. 3-7
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-Subscribers

Wing it! Ad lib! Watch out because ideas fly by with lightning speed. Participants have been known to bust a gut. Open to newcomers and returning students. Improv showcase, complete with audience participation, on the final night!

Under the Big Top

Kindergarten 2020-Grade 1, 1:30-3:30 PM, Aug. 10-14; \$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Ladies and Gentlemen! Boys and girls of all ages! Join us under the big top this summer! Create crazy clown characters and awesome animal acts, walk the tightrope, and learn sleight-of-hand magic tricks. We'll have a sharing time on the last day for parents to attend!

Rosie Revere, Engineer

Grades 2-3, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Aug. 10-14
\$125 Subscribers/\$135 Non-subscribers

Join Rosie Revere, Ada Twist, Iggy Peck, and Sofia Valdez to imagine, build, and create scenic elements using found materials. Then use your

creations as the jumping-off point for amazing stories. The sky's the limit when you let your imaginations soar! Share favorite scenes with parents on the final day.

Graphically Speaking

Grades 4-6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 10-14
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

We're continuing our love of graphic novels with all new titles like *Guts*, *The 13 Storey Treehouse*, *The Last Kids on Earth*, and old favorites like *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* to put together a scene showcase complete with our own "graphic" backdrops. There will be a presentation for parents on the final day!

Choose Your Own Adventure

Grades 7-9, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 10-14
\$255 Subscribers/\$265 Non-subscribers

Ready to learn how to think on your feet? Use a combination of your own written material and improv to create a show where the audience has a say in what happens next. Come be a part of the adventure!

Captain Awesome ☺

Grades 1-2, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 17-19
\$155 Subscribers/\$165 Non-subscribers

Join Captain Awesome; his best friend, Nacho Cheese Man; his nemesis, Little Miss Stinky Pinky; and the rest of the Sunnyview Superhero Squad at Camp KaPow. Based on the series of graphic novels!

Ban This Book!

Grades 3-5, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 17-19
\$155 Subscribers/\$165 Non-subscribers

Amy Anne, the heroine of *Ban This Book*, takes action when her favorite book is removed from the library. Using the book as your inspiration, create your own devised work, focusing on how one person, even you, can make a change in your community. Share your work with parents on the final day!

Revolting Children

Grades 6-8, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM, Aug. 17-19
\$155 Subscribers/\$165 Non-subscribers

In the Broadway musical *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical*, the students take charge of their own story and change their destinies. Using the themes of the show, devise your own work focusing on how anyone, big or small, can make change happen and make a difference. Share your work with parents on the final day!

What to bring

Bring (labeled with names, please):

- **Shoes that lace up;** it makes it both easy and safe to move around during play.
- **Nut-free lunch, snacks, and beverage** to full-day camps. Beverages and snacks can be purchased by full-day campers at the noon hour.
- **Nut-free snack and beverage** for half-day camps.
- **Refillable water bottle.**
- **A sweater** to wear in case the room gets chilly.



Don't Bring:

- **Electronic devices** (phones, iPads, etc.).
To encourage community-building, students are not allowed to use phones during classtime, including lunch and breaks, unless used as a therapeutic outlet. Students are welcome to contact family members through the education office if needed.



Registration

Register online at [DMPlayhouse.com](https://dmplayhouse.com)

Registration Details

All correspondence regarding your registration, including confirmation and class details, will be sent via email. A valid email address is required. Please add rspahr@dmplayhouse.com and tmillar@dmplayhouse.com to your safe sender list to ensure email delivery.

Any requests for changes or refunds must be made at least one week prior to the first class meeting. You will receive a full refund minus a \$25 processing fee. There will be no refunds after this point, but a credit can be made toward tuition of a future class within a year of the cancellation. No exceptions.

Grade Levels

Enroll your child in the grade level they will be entering in Fall 2020, or their "rising grade." Children are grouped so we may appropriately serve their developmental needs.

Subscriber Tuition Discount

"Subscribers" refers to those with season tickets for the John Viars Theatre (formerly Mainstage) or the Kate Goldman Children's Theatre, in either the 2019-20 or 2020-21 season. If you wish to find out more about purchasing season tickets, call The Playhouse ticket office at 515.277.6261.

Extended Day Fees: Before/After Care

Playhouse staff will provide supervised daycare from 7:30-9:00 AM and 4:00-5:30 PM. The fee is \$6.00 per session per day (\$12.00 per day for both Before and After Care). This is not a drop-in service; children must be registered. If a parent is later than 5:30 PM, an additional \$20.00 late fee will be charged. After care is not available on Fridays.

Low enrollment: The Playhouse reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. If a class or workshop is cancelled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be issued.

Parent/Student Protocol

We understand that a student's successful experience in a Playhouse class is, in part, dependent upon the commitment of parents or guardians. We appreciate your willingness to support your child in this regard. The following are a set of expectations designed to give your child a meaningful and safe experience.

Arrival

Your children depend on you to drop them off on time. Classes begin at the appointed hour, just like curtain time! Park your car in the lot and walk your child inside. There will be a sign-in sheet. If you need to arrive more than 15 minutes early, sign up for our Before Care Program or plan to stay with your child in the sign-in area.

Departure

Your children also depend on you to pick them up on time. Park and come inside to sign them out. There will be a Playhouse representative in the sign-out area to make sure that everyone leaves with a safe adult. If you run later than 10 minutes, your child will go into our After Care Program and you will be assessed the \$6.00 fee for an afternoon's stay.

If your student is old enough to drive, bike, or walk to classes alone, please ask the education director for the permission form to fill out that states that your child may come to and leave classes unaccompanied.

Illness and Medical Needs

If a student tells us they are ill enough to go home, we take them at their word. Please make sure that the emergency numbers you provide are for someone who is available to come immediately should your child need to leave. Medical needs should be clearly outlined on the form provided at registration. The more thorough you are, the more efficient we can be. However, please remember that we cannot administer any medications.

Discipline

Some students may find that theatre classroom and performance etiquette is too demanding for them.

Our disciplinary policy is as follows:

- To clearly state the rules and expectations up front
- To give the student an opportunity to correct behavior
- To give a reasonable time-out within the classroom

If those steps are not successful, the student will visit with the education director who will decide if a call home is warranted. If teachers and the education director are not successful negotiating improvement, a parent/staff conference may be necessary. Only as a final step would a student be asked to leave class permanently.

Please note that physical violence or threats will not be tolerated and may be reason for immediate dismissal from class.

Mission Statement

The Playhouse education department encourages self-development through the dramatic arts, explores the skills of the theatre, fosters an appreciation of the theatre, and acquaints students with technical theatre knowledge.

Scholarships

To apply for a scholarship, fill in both the class registration form and tuition assistance form online at dmplayhouse.com. Do not submit any payment until/unless instructed to do so.

There will be a response to your request within two weeks of application. Call Robin Spahr, education director, at 515.974.5365 or email rspahr@dmplayhouse.com with any questions.

Jeanne Hopson Angel Endowment Fund

Education scholarships are provided through the Jeanne Hopson Angel

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ENDOWMENT

Endowment Fund, named for long-time Des Moines Community Playhouse teacher, director, and performer. In her memory, the Hopson family established a fund to ensure that any student who wants to enroll for classes in our education department may do so, regardless of financial considerations. Assistance ranges from 10-100% and varies according with stated need.

For information on how you can increase the number of young people whose lives are influenced by this endowment, please contact Chris Andersen, Playhouse director of philanthropy, at 515.974.5370.

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