

## Theatre for Youth Program

Developed in 1985, Playhouse on the Square's Theatre for Youth Program now serves close to 30,000 young people every year in Memphis, Shelby County, and beyond. From preschoolers to adults, they are all engaged, either as audience members or as active participants.

With our Outreach Programs stretching into local schools, community centers, synagogues, and churches throughout the Mid-South, Theatre for Youth continues to grow.



Our Theatre Classes for children and adults have become a cornerstone for aspiring actors and a unique learning experience for the beginner.

With professional, experienced instructors, you can be sure to find a program at Playhouse on the Square to benefit your young performer or the performer in you!

For more information, visit us on the web at [www.playhouseonthesquare.org/education/](http://www.playhouseonthesquare.org/education/)



Memphis Professional Theatre Company  
Circuit Playhouse, Inc.  
51 South Cooper  
Memphis, TN 38104

Theatre School  
Youth Classes - Spring 2007

## Theatre School

### Youth Classes



*See what the excitement is about!*



All classes take place at The Varnell Education Building at 1711 Poplar Avenue, next to The Circuit Playhouse. 901-728-5631

## LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

**March 10 - April 28, Showcase May 5, 10 AM**

**8 - 11 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**12 - 17 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM**

The goal of the classes is to introduce the students to the process of becoming actors for film, television, and commercial production and familiarize them with what goes on behind the scenes. The young performers receive training in on-camera audition and performance technique as they learn and practice audition skills, develop voice and movement for the camera, learn how to present cold readings, and understand the roles in the production of screen presentations. They will prepare and be coached in audition monologues which they will present at the end of the workshop.

### Tina Fila, Lights! Camera! Action!

Tina Fila performed for years professionally in film, television, and on stage in Los Angeles and New York. She was the owner/founder of a successful commercial production company and talent agency in Los Angeles, working on many nationally acclaimed films and award-winning commercials. Over the years, her children's theatre workshop company, *Child'sPlay*, opened in cities across the nation, bringing the magic of theatre to scores of children. Since relocating to Memphis three years ago, *Child'sPlay* has held workshops in various schools, theatres, and community centers.

## Musical Theatre, A Vocal Intro

**March 10 - April 28, Showcase May 5, 10 AM**

**8 - 11 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**12 - 17 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

Singing for musical theatre is not just hitting the notes but selling the song! Students in this class will explore musical theatre songs, learn their singing range, and prepare a musical theatre piece for showcase.

### Renee Kemper, Musical Theatre, A Vocal Intro

Renee is a Texas native who has been music directing in theatres across the country for over fifteen years, including such venues as The Fulton Opera House (Lancaster, PA), the Barter Theatre (Abingdon, VA), Le Petit Theatre (New Orleans, LA), Excalibur Theatre (Studio City-Los Angeles, CA), Mill Mountain Theatre (Roanoke, VA), and here at Playhouse on the Square. Favorite projects include *42nd Street*; *The Pirates of Penzance*; *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*; and *A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline*. Renee holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Southwestern University and a Master of Music degree from the University of Memphis.

Classes begin March 10, with a Showcase performance at The Circuit Playhouse on May 5 at 10am.

## CREATIVE DRAMATICS

**March 10 - April 28, Showcase May 5, 10:00 AM**

**5 & 6 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**7 & 8 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**9 - 11 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM**

Students will learn acting skills, character development, directing, projecting, and other basic skills necessary in the creation of a play. Students will also learn teamwork, public speaking, creativity, self-confidence, and more while rehearsing their showcase production.

### Irene Crist, Creative Dramatics

Irene Crist has been teaching and performing in Memphis for 30 years. This Memphis Theatre Award winner has been seen at Playhouse on the Square, The Circuit Playhouse, and Theatre Memphis throughout her tenure here. She has taught acting to children and adults privately and through various organizations including Playhouse's Theatre for Youth, Theatre Memphis, Sunflower-La-Grange Montessori School, and Bartlett Community Theatre. Prior to moving to Memphis, Irene was a founding member of the RoundHouse Theatre in Maryland.

## THEATRICAL JAZZ DANCE

**March 10 - April 28, Showcase May 5, 10 AM**

**9 - 11 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**5 - 8 Year-Olds: Saturdays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Students will learn basic jazz dance technique ranging from studio-based jazz dance to jazz for musical theatre, including the proper way to prepare and condition the body for jazz dance. Students will also learn a brief history about jazz and the pioneers who began it. Students will get a chance to learn a dance from a famous Broadway show and perform part of it in the showcase.

### Amelia Byrd, Theatrical Jazz Dance

Amelia is a recent graduate of the University of Memphis with a BFA in Theatre and Dance. She has performed in numerous dance concerts at U of M and choreographed four of them. Amelia attended Colonial Middle and Overton High School for the Creative and Performing Arts. She teaches ballet for Chauniece Connor's Ballet on Wheels Theatre of Dance. She taught with the Playhouse on the Square Conservatories this summer and is looking forward to returning to U of M this year to receive licensure in Dance Education.

## THEATRE SCHOOL, YOUTH CLASSES

Name	Parent or Guardian Name	
Address		
City	State	Zip
Emergency Phone 1	Emergency Phone 2	
Email		
Guardian's Email		
Please let it be understood that neither Playhouse on the Square, nor any of its employees can be held responsible for any incidents resulting in injury due to negligence on the part of the student. <b>I HAVE READ AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENT.</b>		
Signature	Date	

**Class fees are \$120 or \$150 for one class, \$25 dollars off each additional class or child**

Subscribers take an additional \$10 off each class!		Subscriber #	
Sign up for:	Time	Price	
<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Dramatics	Ages 5 - 6 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	\$120.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Dramatics	Ages 7 - 8 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	\$120.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Creative Dramatics	Ages 9 - 11 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	\$120.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatrical Jazz	Ages 5 - 8 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Theatrical Jazz	Ages 9 - 11 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	\$120.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre, A Vocal Intro	Ages 8 - 11 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120.00	
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SubTotal: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Method of Payment

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 Theatre School  
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Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a \$50 deposit to reserve my selected class(es). I understand the remainder of the tuition is due on the first day of class.

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Balance Due \_\_\_\_\_

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