

Taproot Theatre announces 2019 Summer Acting Studio Camps

SEATTLE, WA – January 28, 2019 – Registration is now open for Taproot Theatre Company's Summer Acting Studio Camps in the Greenwood neighborhood. 35 camps will be offered between June 24 and August 30 for students in Pre-K through 12th grade including Imagination Quest, Art of Comedy, Shakespeare, Musical Theatre Supercamp, Playwriting and Advanced Musical Theatre Revue. All camps are taught by Taproot's experienced teachers and theatre professionals. Registration forms and class descriptions are available online at <http://taproottheatre.org/acting-studio> or by contacting the Acting Studio at 206.529.3668 or studio@taproottheatre.org.

PRE-K – 1ST GRADE

ADVENTURES IN DRAMA (*Children must be 4 or older and potty-trained*)

"Once upon a time..." These words are the portal to fantastic adventures and imaginative journeys. This class offers young children a great introduction to drama and is a guaranteed imagination builder. Each class session students will listen to and tell stories, engage in dynamic theatre games, and then use movement, props and teamwork to bring to life the stories they create in their imaginations.

Location: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N

Dates: Monday – Friday | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Performance: Last day of camp, 1:00 PM | **Cost:** \$195 (1 week)

Session 1: Jun 24 – 28

Session 2: Jul 8 – 12

Session 3: Jul 15 – 19

Session 4: Jul 22 – 26

Session 5: Jul 29 – Aug 2

Session 6: Aug 5 – 9

Session 7: Aug 12 – 16

Session 8: Aug 19 – 23

Session 9: Aug 26 – 30

2ND – 3RD GRADE

IMAGINATION QUEST

Your child's imagination provides the script in this class that challenges and excites young children as they learn theatrical terms, play games that reinforce important skills and work together to tell a compelling story. Students will learn all about the three tools in an actor's toolbox: imagination, voice and body. They'll experience the wonder of theatre as a team when they work together in an environment where empathy and respect are highly valued. See them apply and use all these skills in their end-of-week performance!

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ART OF COMEDY FOR KIDS

Perfect for the young comedian, Art of Comedy for Kids teaches children how to tickle the funny bones of their friends and family. They'll be introduced to improvisation, work together to build comedic scenes and begin to learn what makes funny things so funny! Prepare yourself and your students for big laughs when they put it all together in a comedy showcase at the end of the week.

Location: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N
Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 29 – Aug 2
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | **Cost:** \$295 (1 week)
Performance: Aug 2, 3:00 PM

MUSICAL KIDS

The place for your child to sing and act this summer is the Musical Kids camp! Young actors will spend a week learning the foundations of good musical technique — like breathing, projection and movement — important for all musical theatre artists. This will be an action-packed week designed for kids who love to perform. Musical theatre songs appropriate for this age and skill level will be selected in preparation for an exciting end-of-week performance.

Location: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N
Dates: Monday – Friday, Aug 12 - 16
Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | **Cost:** \$250 (1 week)
Performance: Aug 16, 1:00 PM

4TH - 6TH GRADE

ART OF COMEDY FOR YOUTH

This exciting, challenging and hilarious camp opens your child's eyes to the comedy all around them. Students will learn the secrets of comedic acting and develop comedic timing and skills as they explore everything from improv to slapstick and pratfalls. They will also spend time learning sketches and lessons from some of history's great comedians. The camp culminates in a performance of comedic proportions at the end of the week!

Dates: Monday – Friday | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Performance: Last day of camp, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

Session 1: Jun 24 – 28; Pocket Theater, 8312 Greenwood Ave N
Session 2: Jul 8 – 12; Pocket Theater, 8312 Greenwood Ave N
Session 3: Jul 15 – 19; Pocket Theater, 8312 Greenwood Ave N
Session 4: Aug 5 – 9; Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 212 N 85th St

YOUTH SUMMER SHOWCASE

This camp provides all the fun and excitement of putting on a great production in just one week. From auditioning and rehearsing to preparing for a final performance, youth will have a great time working together and developing their acting skills. Get ready for an action-packed, fast-paced theatre adventure as students come together to memorize lines, learn stage blocking and go through tech rehearsals just like the professionals. Each week will be different, so join us more than once!

Location: Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 212 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Last day of camp, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$295 (1 week)

Session 1: Jul 22 – 26

Session 2: Aug 12 – 16

Session 3: Aug 26 – 30

7TH – 12TH GRADE PLAYWRITING

Join a Taproot playwright in this one-week class that explores the writing process, story structure and character development of playwriting. Storytellers, aspiring playwrights and creative writers will collaborate to write scenes that they will perform as a staged reading at the end of the week. This class is perfect for actors interested in writing for the first time.

Location: Taproot Theatre, Jewell Mainstage, 204 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 15 – 19 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Jul 19, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$345 (1 week)

ART OF COMEDY FOR TEEN

Make 'em laugh! Don't you know everybody wants to laugh? This rousing one-week camp will help develop your teenage actor's comedic timing as they learn the rules of improv, work together on comedic scenes, hone their stand-up skills, and develop their own voice as a comedian. Family and friends will get a chance to laugh until they cry at the end-of-week performance.

Location: Pocket Theater, 8312 Greenwood Ave N

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 22 – 26 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Jul 26, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

TEEN SHOWCASE

It's easy to watch a favorite actor or actress on stage or screen and think, "How do they do that?" This camp takes you behind the curtain, exploring what the actor can bring to the rehearsal process. Students will present either a one-act play or a series of short scenes, and learn the wide range of theatrical skills required for performance. This is a fast-paced camp that requires the ensemble to work together, trust each other and take risks. Students will be amazed at what they have accomplished when it all comes together in front of an audience.

Location: Taproot Theatre, Jewell Mainstage, 204 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Aug 5 – 9 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 9, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$295 (1 week)

ADVANCED MUSICAL THEATRE REVUE

Authorization Code Required

If this is your student's first Advanced Musical Theatre Revue at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval or to schedule an audition. Returning students email studio@taproottheatre.org for authorization code.

Aimed at serious artists-in-training, this rigorous musical theatre revue camp is fast-paced and challenging; it will hone and challenge your student's current musical theatre skills. Students will audition and be cast to perform group numbers, duets and solos from the musical theatre canon. They will work to further develop their singing, dancing and acting skills which will culminate in a performance on the final day of camp.

Location: Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 212 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 29 – Aug 2 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 2, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$345 (1 week)

TEEN INTENSIVE

Is your young actor ready for the next level? This camp allows serious theatre students the opportunity to dive into scene work, character development and prepare them for their school, college or professional auditions! During the week students will interact with some of Taproot's professional artists who know what it takes to excel in this industry. Our team will guide your teenager through the process of auditioning from start to finish. Students will receive individual monologue coaching and will prepare selected scenes that will challenge them as an actor. Students will work towards a presentation of scenes and monologues to be performed at the end of the week. *All Teen Intensive students will be asked to bring two contrasting monologues to the first day of camp. More information will be provided upon registering.*

Location: Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 212 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Aug 19 – 23 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 23, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$345 (1 week)

ADVANCED MUSICAL THEATRE SUPERCAMP (2 weeks)

Authorization Code Required

If this is your student's first Musical Theatre Supercamp at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval or to schedule an audition. Returning students email studio@taproottheatre.org for authorization code.

Give my regards to Broadway! Aimed at serious artists-in-training, this fast-paced and challenging camp is for those who want a taste of the professional world of musical theatre. Students will experience the thrill of accomplishment by putting on a show that comes together in just two weeks. Each actor will be cast in a challenging Broadway-style musical. Our advanced students have the added privilege of performing twice.

Location: WEEK 1: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N

WEEK 2: Taproot Theatre, Jewell Mainstage, 204 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday; Aug 5 - 9, 12 – 17

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | **Cost:** \$565 (2 weeks)

Performances: Aug 16, 3:00 PM; Aug 17, 10:00 AM

4TH – 12TH GRADE

MUSICAL THEATRE REVUE

A perfect introduction to musical theatre or a great opportunity to hone musical theatre skills; your young actor will sing, dance and act during this week of theatrical fun and friendship. Students will put all their new skills together in a performance on the final day of camp that will be made up of large group numbers, duets and more as the entire company sings some of the greatest songs in musical theatre. Each week will have a different, exciting theme, so join us for both!

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Performance: Last day of camp, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

Session 1: Jun 24 – 28

Session 2: Jul 8 – 12

STAGE COMBAT

It's not all just fun and games and swords — well-choreographed fight scenes can dramatically enhance the story of a play. In this camp, students will learn how to push, punch, kick, fall and move in a *safe* and *theatrical* way. In addition, they will learn how to cue their scene partners, aim for safe targets and mask the trick from the audience as well as build and escalate the action of a scene. Ultimately, students will discover and explore how stage combat can enhance and contribute to the story being told.

Location: Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 212 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Wednesday, Jul 1 – 3 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Final Skills Presentation: Jul 3, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$205 (3 days)

SHAKESPEARE DAYCAMP

William Shakespeare is one of the greatest storytellers to ever write for the stage, and this summer students will make his words come alive. In this camp your student will “be not afraid of greatness,” get to know Shakespeare and his plays, immerse themselves in the language of the time and perform a shortened version of one of Shakespeare’s great comedies. As Malvolio from *Twelfth Night* might say, “In so doing they will achieve greatness!”

Location: Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 208 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 15 – 19 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Jul 19, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

GENRE STUDY SHOWCASE

Immerse your student in a specific theatre genre, such as drama, noir, mystery, etc. Last year’s Genre Study students explored farce through a hilarious, exaggerated adaptation of *Peter Pan*. This year’s class is sure to be an exciting week as students study a genre and present a showcase performance at the end of the week.

Location: Taproot Theatre, Jewell Mainstage, 204 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Aug 19 – 23 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 23, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$295 (1 week)

MUSICAL THEATRE SUPERCAMP (2 weeks)

Authorization Code Required

If this is your student's first Musical Theatre Supercamp at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval or to schedule an audition. Returning students email studio@taproottheatre.org for authorization code.

On your mark... get set... sing, dance and act! This fast-paced and challenging two-week intensive will dive deeply into the singing, dancing and acting techniques needed for musical theatre performance. Not for the faint of heart, this class will challenge even the most experienced young actors. Each student will go through an audition process and be cast in a Broadway-style musical, creating an experience they will never forget. Prepare to be at the edge of your seat as the talented cast performs not once, but twice!

Locations: WEEK 1: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N

WEEK 2: Taproot Theatre, Jewell Mainstage, 204 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 15 – 19, 22 – 27

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | **Cost:** \$545 (2 weeks)

Performances: Jul 26, 3:00 PM; Jul 27, 10:00 AM

SHAKESPEARE SUPERCAMP (2 weeks)

Authorization Code Required

If this is your student's first Shakespeare camp at Taproot, email studio@taproottheatre.org for approval. Returning students email studio@taproottheatre.org for authorization code.

All the world's a stage and the actors in this camp are its fantastic players! It is time for your student to brush up their Shakespeare as they spend two weeks learning the language, movement, voice and acting techniques needed to make the words of one of the greatest playwrights come to life. The fast-paced and challenging camp culminates in two performances of a shortened version of one of Shakespeare's great plays — and will cultivate a lifetime of admiration for the Bard himself.

Location: WEEK 1: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N

WEEK 2: Taproot Theatre, Jewell Mainstage, 204 N 85th St

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 22 – 26, Jul 29 – Aug 3

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | **Cost:** \$545 (2 weeks)

Performances: Aug 2, 3:00 PM; Aug 3, 10:00 AM

ABOUT TAPROOT THEATRE'S ACTING STUDIO SUMMER CAMPS

WHAT: Registration is open for Pre-K through 12th grade students for Taproot Theatre Company's Summer Acting Studio camps.

WHEN: Taproot Theatre Company's Summer Acting Studio camps run from June 24 through August 30, 2019.

WHERE: Classes are held in Taproot Theatre's Jewell Mainstage at 204 N 85th St; Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7500 Greenwood Ave N; Taproot Theatre's Isaac Studio Theatre, 212 N 85th St; and Pocket Theater, 8312 Greenwood Ave N.

REGISTRATION: Registration forms and class descriptions are available online at <http://taproottheatre.org/acting-studio>, by contacting the Acting Studio at 206.529.3668 or emailing studio@taproottheatre.org.

AGES: Grades are listed based on the grade students will enter in the fall.

PAYMENT: There is a \$25 non-refundable registrations deposit. This holds the student's place in camp and goes towards tuition. Payment is due in full on the first day of class. If a student withdraws from camp before the second day, all other tuition fees will be refunded. There are no refunds after the second day of class.

CANCELLATIONS: We reserve the right to cancel or combine camps due to insufficient enrollment. In case of cancellation, all tuition paid will be returned in full, including the registration deposit.

SCHEDULE UPDATES: New camps may be added to the schedule throughout the summer. Visit our website at <http://taproottheatre.org/acting-studio> for the most up-to-date camp listings.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS: Because of the collaborative nature of theatre, your student must be at camp every day. Please have your student bring a sack lunch, snack and water each day, as well as a notebook and pencil with eraser.

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About Taproot Theatre Company:

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio offers year-round classes for youth and adults taught by local theatre professionals. Budding thespians will find classes to help them develop their acting skills, while more seasoned actors can build on their knowledge and learn new techniques. Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Jewell Mainstage and Isaac Studio Theatre productions, Touring productions and the Acting Studio. Taproot Theatre Company creates theatre experiences to brighten the spirit, engage the mind and deepen the understanding of the world around us while inspiring imagination, conversation and hope. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS) and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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