

NEW - Taproot Theatre's Innovative Online Acting Camps

SEATTLE, WA – June 23, 2020 – Amid the shifting sands of global pandemic and civil unrest, Taproot Theatre's expansive selection of virtual and in-person Acting Studio summer camps are beginning this week! Innovative extras to enhance the experience of virtual camps include our "Camp in a Box" with arts and crafts materials for students to create fun props or costume pieces, pre-recorded musical tracks for the musical theatre camp students, online office hours with teachers for students who want extra feedback, and an edited video of the final performance at the end of the camp for students to showcase their work to friends and family. Camps will be offered between June 22 and August 28 for students in Pre-K through 12th grade including Adventures in Drama, 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 camp offers young children a great introduction to drama and is a guaranteed imagination builder. In each session students may listen to and tell stories, learn dynamic theatre games to play at home, and receive all the necessary items for a basic craft to bring their story to life! Whether virtually or in-person, every week we will be exploring a different theme or story. Join us for multiple sessions for more theatrical fun!

ONLINE SESSIONS

Session 1: June 22 – 26, 2020**

Session 2: July 6 – 10, 2020**

Session 3: July 13 – 17, 2020

Session 4: July 20 – 24, 2020

Session 5: July 27 – 31, 2020

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday

Time: 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Live Zoom Session, 10:15 AM – 11 AM Break & Craft Time, 11 AM – 11:45 AM Live Zoom Session

Cost: \$75 (1 week)

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Teachers Include: Shelby Parsons, Emily Paul, David Roby, Claire Schuttler

****Sessions 1 through 2 will be combined with our 2nd-3rd grade Imagination Quest camps**

ON-SITE SESSIONS

Session 6: August 3 – 7, 2020

Session 7: August 10 – 14, 2020

Session 8: August 17 – 21, 2020

Session 9: August 24 – 28, 2020

Location: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, N 75th St and Greenwood Ave N

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$200 (1 week)

Performance: Last day of camp, 1:00 PM

Teachers include: Emily Paul, Claire Schuttler

2ND – 3RD GRADE

IMAGINATION QUEST

“Once upon a time...” These words are the portal to fantastic adventures and imaginative journeys. This camp offers young children a great introduction to drama and is a guaranteed imagination builder. Students will learn all about the three tools in an actor’s toolbox: imagination, voice and body. Whether virtually or in-person, every week we will be exploring a different theme or story. Join us for multiple sessions for more theatrical fun!

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Teachers include: Shelby Parsons, Claire Schuttler

*****Sessions 1 through 2 will be combined with our PreK-1st grade Adventures in Drama camps***

ON-SITE SESSIONS

Session 4: August 24 – 28, 2020

Location: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, N 75th St and Greenwood Ave N

Dates: Monday – Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Performance: Last day of camp, 1:00 PM

Cost: \$200 (1 week)

Teachers include: Claire Schuttler

ART OF COMEDY FOR KIDS — *Now Online!*

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! They may 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!

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 27 – 31, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM Live Zoom Session, 10:15 AM – 11 AM Break & On Your Own Activity Time, 11 AM – 11:45 AM Live Zoom Session

Cost: \$75 (1 week)

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Teachers: David Roby, Rob Martin

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.

Teachers: Emily Paul, Claire Schuttler

Location: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, N 75th St and Greenwood Ave N

Dates: Monday – Friday, August 3 – 7, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: \$250 (1 week)

Performance: Aug 7, 2020 at 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 sketch comedy. 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!

ONLINE SESSIONS

Session 2: July 6 – 10, 2020

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$125 (1 week)

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Teachers include: David Roby, James Faley

ON-SITE SESSIONS

Session 3: August 3 – 7, 2020; Taproot Theatre, Isaac Studio, 208 N 85th St

Session 4: August 17 – 21, 2020; Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, N 75th St and Greenwood Ave N

Teachers include: Solomon Davis, Rob Martin

Dates: Monday – Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Last day of camp, 3:00 PM

Cost: \$325 (1 week)

YOUTH SHOWCASE

This camp provides all the fun and excitement of putting on a full production in just one week. Whether online or in-person, students will get the experience of both auditioning and rehearsing to prepare for a final performance. Students 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 either work to explore the online theatre world or go through tech rehearsals just like the professionals.

ONLINE SESSIONS

Session 1: July 20 – 24, 2020

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday-Friday

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$150 (1 week)

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Teachers include: Emily Paul, James Faley

ON-SITE SESSIONS

Session 2: August 10 – 14, 2020

Session 3: August 24 – 28, 2020

Teacher: Daniel Stoltenberg

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

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

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

7TH – 12TH GRADE

PLAYWRIGHTING — *Now Online!*

Join Taproot playwright, Melanie Hampton, 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 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: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 13 – 17

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Cost: \$125 (1 week)

Teacher: Melanie Hampton

ART OF COMEDY FOR TEENS – *SOLD OUT!*

Make 'em laugh! Don't you know everyone 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: Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, N 75th St and Greenwood Ave N

Dates: Monday – Friday, August 10 – 14, 2020 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 14, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

Teachers: Solomon Davis, Rob Martin

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.

Teacher: Marianne Savell

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

Dates: Monday – Friday, August 3 – 7, 2020 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 7, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

ADVANCED MUSICAL THEATRE REVUE — *Now Online!*

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 and will hone and challenge your student's current musical theatre skills. Students will audition and be cast to perform numbers from the musical theatre canon. They will work to further develop their singing, dancing and acting skills which will culminate in a filmed performance of all their hard work that will be distributed after camp.

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 27 – 31, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Cost: \$150 (1 week)

Teachers: Jenny Cross, Alyza DelPan-Monley

TEEN INTENSIVE

Is your young actor ready for the next level? This camp allows students the opportunity to dive into scene work, character development and prepare them for their school 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 prior to camp starting.

Teacher: Marianne Savell

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

Dates: Monday – Friday, Aug 17 – 21 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Final Presentation: Aug, 21, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$345 (1 week)

ADVANCED MUSICAL THEATRE SUPERCAMP (2 weeks) – SOLD OUT!

Performing: *The Sound of Music*

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 audition and 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; August 3 – 7, 10 – 15, 2020

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

Performances: August 14, 3:00 PM and August 15, 10:00 AM

Teachers: Jenny Cross, Sarah Diener

4TH – 12TH GRADE

MUSICAL THEATRE REVUE — Now Online!

A perfect introduction to musical theatre or a great opportunity to hone musical theatre skills, your actor will sing, dance and act during this week of theatrical fun. 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!

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 6 – 10, 2020

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$125 (1 week)

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Teachers: Jenny Cross, Steven Tran, Alzya DelPan-Monley

STAGE TO SCREEN 101 — Now Online!

Lights! Camera! Action! Join us as we teach young thespians how to transition from the stage to the screen in our first acting for the camera class! This four-day intensive will teach your student all about how to jump into the virtual world of on-camera acting. This camp will focus on beginning techniques and gaining familiarity with being in front of the camera. This camp is perfect for any budding television or film actor who wants to learn about what it takes to be in

front of a camera!

Location: Your living room!

Date: Monday-Thursday, June 29 – July 2

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$100 (1 week)

Teachers: James Faley and Anna Lund

SHAKESPEARE DAYCAMP (1 week) — Now Online!

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 learn either a set of scenes or a monologue from one of Shakespeare’s great plays.

Location: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday, Jul 13 – 17

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$125 (1 week)

Final Presentation to be filmed and sent out after camp!

Teacher: Marianne Savell

GENRE STUDY SHOWCASE: *Comedy of Manners*

Students will explore the ins and outs of a specific genre, such as drama, farce, minimalist, absurdist, etc. Last year’s students explored the mystery genre through a hilarious original work written for this camp! This year’s class is sure to be another challenging and exciting week as students experience the entire production process from first rehearsal to final performance in this one-week, fast-paced camp.

Teacher: Daniel Stoltenberg

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

Dates: Monday – Friday, Aug 17 – 21 | **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Performance: Aug 21, 3:00 PM | **Cost:** \$325 (1 week)

MUSICAL THEATRE SUPERCAMP (2 weeks) — Now Online!

Performing: [*The Big One-Oh! Online Edition*](#)

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 deep 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 to create an experience they will never forget. While exploring the new medium of the virtual rehearsal room, students will get the chance to hone their songs and dance moves on their own time and create a final performance video to showcase all their hard work.

Locations: Your living room!

Dates: Monday – Friday, July 13 – 17, 20 – 25, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Cost: \$400 (2 weeks)
Performance to be filmed and distributed after camp!
Teachers: Jenny Cross, Edd Key, Sarah Diener

SHAKESPEARE SUPERCAMP (2 weeks) — Now Online!

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, voice and acting techniques needed to make the words of one of the greatest playwrights come to life. Your student will immerse themselves in Shakespeare's continuous theme of love. Specifically catered to being online, join teacher Lorrie Fargo as you discover how he uses love to convey his story, from the mushy to the ridiculous, and even the self-love that is seen throughout his plays.

Location: Your living room!
Dates: Monday – Friday, July 20 – 24, 27 – 31, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Break, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Cost: \$400 (2 weeks)
Performance to be filmed and distributed after camp!
Teacher: Lorrie Fargo

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 22 through August 28, 2019.

WHERE: Classes are held online, as well as 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.

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.

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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