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Town Hall Arts Center Youth Theatre Programs Announce *Summer Actor's Playground Classes*

Littleton, CO – Town Hall Arts Center's Youth Theatre Programs proudly announce the **Summer Actor's Playground Classes**.

Seussical, Jr., Teen Musical Production Camp

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in *Seussical JR.*, a fantastical musical extravaganza from Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Jump 'N' Jive Juliet, Junior Musical Production Camp

Join the high-flyin' fun of the post-war 1940s with exuberant jitterbug, boogie-woogie, and jump 'n' jive songs of the big band spirit!

Mr. Montague and his son Ron are planning a jitterbug dance contest. Mr. Capulet and his daughter Juliet are rehearsing "Romeo and Juliet." When the community center gets double-booked for both these events at the same time, it's up to Ron and Juliet to settle the grudge between their fathers. If they don't succeed, the mayor threatens to shut down both family businesses. But with a nosy cleaning woman, a slimy lawyer and his escaped con henchman fueling the fire between the families, this tragedy quickly turns into a hysterical comedy.

Midsummer Night's Dream

The Actors' Playground goes classical! Join us as we explore Shakespeare's most popular comedy. When four young people in love find their plans crossed by parents and even the King, they run off into the woods. Their plans take a strange and hilarious turn as they run right into the middle of a fight in the world of the faeries and become amusement for mischievous sprites! The wackiness is compounded when a group of rude mechanicals wander into the woods to rehearse their play. Join us for this hilarious romp, all while learning the secrets of performing Shakespeare!

Stage Combat

Do you have a budding stunt person at home? Someone who runs into the walls and goes flying from the furniture? Do they sometimes do this on purpose? Since we can't stop them, they should learn the tricks to doing these stunts safely!

Stage Combat is one-part acting, one-part dance, and one-part magic trick. In this class, our stage fighters will learn to make their fights amazing and believable, while still keeping them controlled and safe. This class will start with safe stage falls and work our way up through slaps, punches, hair-pulls, head-slams, and even sword basics! Find a fun and safe way to work out the summer crazies and join our stage combat intensive! This class is appropriate for both boys and girls and vital for anybody who wants to get serious about their acting.

Movement and Dance Class

Finally, we have a dance class for the summer! Students will learn the fundamentals of dancing for the stage in styles from hip hop to ballet. If you've never taken a dance class before, this is a great and welcoming place to start! Also, if you are an experienced dancer, this will be a perfect opportunity to hone your skills. Student will be dancing to classic musical theatre songs from a variety of shows such as "A Chorus Line" and "Phantom of the Opera." The way your character walks on to the stage tells more than a paragraph of description! Dance and movement is vital for ANY actor and this class is open to boys and girls alike.

Story Book Camp: Crafting and Acting - Chapter 1

What is your favorite story? Have you ever wanted to take part and become a part of your story book? In this class, appropriate for both boys and girls, we will take your favorite stories and fairy tales and bring them to life! Students will learn to make their favorite parts of the stories come alive on stage both through acting and through the awesome things they will create! Each day will feature a different story with new games and crafts to enjoy.

Story Book Camp: Crafting and Acting - Chapter 2

This is Story Book Camp, the second chapter! We will be doing different stories from the previous week's Story Book Camp. Students who enjoyed Chapter 1 the week before will continue this week with all new stories and crafts! The previous class is not necessary, however, to get the full enjoyment from this section. Both are stand-alone fun and a great chance to introduce young students to the magic of theater!

Who Dunit?

Town Hall is looking for the next Agatha Christie and Edgar Allan Poe! We need writers, performers, and anyone who can do a good death scene. In this week-long class, our students will create their own murder mystery! Guided by a professional actor and writer, students will learn how to improvise their characters and situations and then turn those into a working script.

The Actor's Playground is a program designed to give young people a place where they can express themselves creatively, expand their appreciation of the arts and develop the skills they need to take an active part in the arts. We open up new worlds for children by providing experience and guidance in a professional setting.

Town Hall's Actor's Playground classes begin **Monday, June 13, 2016** and runs through **Friday, August 5, 2016**. There will be no rehearsals July 4, 2016. Regular attendance and commitment are required to enroll in our classes. Space is limited so register now!

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