



THEATRE ARTS CAMP 2024

Overnight Programs

Theatre Arts Camp, held in July this year, includes overnight camps for young people in Grades 7–12. Sessions include a focus on Shakespeare, Musical Theatre, Playwriting and Theatre Production. Taught by professional teaching artists, participants enjoy an intensive schedule of classes, discussion, rehearsal and theatre-going. Each session culminates in a short performance or presentation by the participants for family and friends. The playwriting camp culminates in a reading of the participants' new work by professional actors.

For Grades 7 & 8

- **Theatre Foundations:** July 7 – 13
- **Musical Theatre Focus:** July 14 – 20

For Grades 8-12

- **Theatre Production Program:** July 7 – 13
- **Playwriting Program:** July 14 – 20

For Grades 9–12

- **Shakespeare Intensive:** July 7 – 20
- **Musical Theatre Intensive:** July 21 – August 3

DETAILS

Camps take place at the Normal School (270 Water Street) at the Stratford Festival from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Each session is led by one Director and one Assistant Director. Camp Counsellors are hired from university Drama and Education programs to supervise overnight, to and from classes, and during meals and theatre performances.

PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Participants enjoy performances of musicals, contemporary pieces and Shakespeare plays in the Stratford Festival's 2024 season. Week-long sessions include tickets to four performances; two-week sessions include seven.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will stay together in residence in the St. Jerome's University Residences located in Waterloo. Students will be divided into cohorts by session with each cohort sharing a secure floor pod. Each pod in the dormitory-style accommodation offers single- and double-room occupancy and common bath. Every room has a small refrigerator, a sink, towels and sheets. Laundry facilities are available.

MEALS

All meals are provided. Each morning, breakfast is served by the St. Jerome's Residence food service. Lunch, dinner and snacks are served onsite at the Normal School. Dietary needs are accommodated.

TRANSPORTATION

During the program, transportation between the residence and the Stratford Festival will be provided each day by school bus. Transportation to and from evening theatre performances is also provided by bus. Participants are not permitted to drive their own cars during the course of the program. Transportation to St. Jerome's University Residences for drop-off on the first day of camp and from Stratford on the final day of camp is not included in the cost of the program, however financial assistance is available to support this if needed.

COST: includes all meals, accommodation, daily transportation to and from class, and performances tickets for the duration of the session.

Theatre Foundations (Grades 7 & 8)	Musical Theatre Focus (Grades 7 & 8)	Theatre Production (Grades 8-12)	Playwriting (Grades 8-12)	Shakespeare Intensive (Grades 9–12)	Musical Theatre Intensive (Grades 9–12)
\$2,100	\$2,300	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$3,300	\$3,600

Please note: All prices are + tax. Full and partial financial assistance is available for those who require it. Financial assistance application forms can be found online. Please submit your application prior to registration by emailing the form to educate@stratfordfestival.ca.

PAYMENT, DEPOSIT AND REFUND POLICIES

A non-refundable \$25 administration fee is due upon registration. A non-refundable \$150 (one-week) or \$250 (two-week) deposit is due 30 days after registration. The balance is due no later than June 1. Tuition, less the deposit, is refundable prior to June 8. No money is refunded after this date. For registrations received after June 1, payment is due in full upon registration.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Space in the program is limited. Registration is first come, first served. Grade level refers to the participant's grade at the time of registration, before they attend in the summer. Registration details are available online.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the benefits of your Theatre Arts Camp?

Our camps are intended to give participants the chance to learn collaboratively and experientially alongside their peers. All of our programs are taught by theatre professionals with teaching experience who create dynamic programming for young people of any age. Participants report that our camps have helped them to increase their self-confidence, further develop their skills as theatre artists and make new friends. In our programming, we aim to provide supportive communities of learning that emphasize having fun and creative playmaking.

Do you have to have theatre experience to participate?

No experience is required. However, the two-week Musical Theatre and Shakespeare Intensives are designed for those with previous theatre experience who are looking for a more rigorous and challenging learning environment.

How old do you have to be to participate?

In July, we have a variety of programming:

- Week-long overnight Theatre Foundations or Musical Theatre camps for young people in Grades 7–8
- Two-week overnight Shakespeare or Musical Theatre camps for young people in Grades 9–12
- Week-long overnight Theatre Production camp for young people in Grades 8–12
- Playwriting camp for young people in Grades 8–12

Grade level refers to the participant's grade at the time of registration, before attending in the summer.

What if a participant needs particular supports or modifications in order to participate?

Let us know what you need and we will work with you to ensure you have a great experience. All are welcome here.

Is Financial Assistance available?

All are welcome. Full and partial financial assistance is available for participants who require it. Financial assistance includes support for camp fees as well as travel costs to and from Stratford. Financial assistance application forms can be found online. Please submit your application prior to registration.

Financial assistance for the Stratford Festival Theatre Arts Camps generously provided by The Nancy and George Taylor Theatre Arts Camp Financial Assistance Program.

For more information or to register, visit: www.stratfordfestival.ca/theatreartscamp

Other questions? Katherine Laing, Associate Director of Education, educate@stratfordfestival.ca

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