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American Stage Theatre's Education Department is excited to announce their 2015 Summer Theatre Camp and Teen Summer Institute schedule for children and teens.

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2015

2015 Summer Camp (5 – 12 year olds) – enrollment is now open

2015 Summer Teen Institute (13 – 17 year olds) – enrollment is now open

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – American Stage's Summer Theatre Education Programming is now open for enrollment for children and teens. American Stage provides quality theatre training in a positive and inspiring environment that enhances our student's communication skills, confidence, and creativity. We believe that studying the dramatic arts can not only help students to become accomplished and confident performers, but can also provide them with valuable academic and life skills. All experience levels are welcome. Our staff is comprised of working theatre professionals who have a passion for teaching. Financial aid packages are available as well as payment plans. Financial aid applications must be completed by April 30, 2015. **Summer Theatre Programs will be held at First Presbyterian Church in downtown St. Petersburg – 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

Summer Camp

Six new summer camp programs this year includes: *Acting Explorers, SuperKids!, Acting Explorers, Adventures in Neverland, Camp Broadway – Sing Disney!, The Actor's Toolbox, Musical Theatre Workshop – Hairspray and PlayMakers, Myths and Legends* plus our most popular sessions. There are seven Summer Camp sessions available for children ages 5 – 12. Classrooms are broken down into age groups of 5-7 and 8-12.

Summer Camp meets Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm. Pre-care service (8am to 9am) is available for \$30 per week and after care (3pm to 5pm) is \$60 per week. A \$25 discount is available for the 2nd child enrolled in the family.

Teen Summer Institute

The American Stage Summer Teen Institute offers five sessions for students aged 13- 17. New summer institute programming this year will include *Teen Actor's Lab* plus our most in-demand sessions.

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Summer Camp 2015 for 5-12 Year Olds

Summer Camp 2015 Schedule for 5-7 Year Olds

Session I – June 8-12 (1 week camp)

- ***Acting Explorers, SuperKids! (5-7 year olds) NEW***

Super kids to the rescue! This fun introduction to theatre features training in acting, voice, and movement. Students will join forces to save the day while developing performance, social and emotional skills. The camp finale is a super hero inspired showcase for family and friends on Friday, June 12 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session II – June 15-19 (1 week camp)

- ***Acting Explorers, Adventures in Neverland (5-7 year olds) NEW***

Discover your own Neverland, complete with Tinkerbell, the Lost Boys, mermaids, and pirates! This fun introduction to theatre features training in acting, voice, and movement. Using acting exercises, art projects, and their own imaginations, students will explore J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*. The camp finale is a Neverland themed showcase for family and friends on Friday, June 19 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session III – June 22-26 (1 week camp)

- ***Camp Broadway – Sing Disney! (5-7 year olds) NEW***

Sing, dance, and act! Students will learn songs and dances, participate in skill building acting exercises, and create fun crafts. All experience levels are welcome. The camp finale is a Disney inspired showcase for family and friends on Friday, June 26 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session IV – June 29-July 17 (3 week camp)

- ***Performance Lab: Musical Theatre - Swamped! (5-7 year olds)***

Immerse your child in theatre, music, dance and visual art! This performance oriented camp has it all. Not only do students work to refine acting, singing and movement skills, they also design and construct their own sets and costume pieces. Students work as a true ensemble to put on a 30 minute musical. The camp finale is a performance of *Swamped!* for family and friends on Thursday, July 16 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$550 (3 weeks)

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Session V – July 20-24 (1 week camp)

- ***Acting Explorers, Make 'Em Laugh! (5-7 year olds)***

Let your funny bone run wild in this exploration of comedy theater skills! Through improvisation, students will create quirky characters and scenes. They will learn the fine art of slap stick and hone their comic timing. The camp finale is a laugh out loud showcase for family and friends on Friday, July 24 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session VI – July 27-Jul 31 (1 week camp)

- ***Acting Explorers, The Magic Trunk (5-7 year olds)***

Inside the trunk something mysterious and exciting awaits! Items in our magic trunk provide the dramatic focus for this week-long theatre adventure. Each day will build upon the next as students create and act out their story. They will discover how to work as an ensemble while they learn to use their bodies, voices and imaginations to tell the story. The camp finale is a showcase of their magic trunk play for family and friends on Friday, July 31 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session VII – August 3-7 (1 week camp)

- ***Acting Explorers, Shakespeare's a Blast (5-7year olds)***

Laugh at the shenanigans of a fairy named Puck in a magical forest, or plot with witches as they weave their spells! Using imagination and play, students will be introduced to some of Shakespeare's greatest stories. They will get a taste for the language and the history of Elizabethan theatre through theatre games, art projects, and short performances. The camp finale is a Shakespeare themed showcase on Friday, August 7 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Summer Camp 2015 Schedule for 8-12 Year Olds

Session I – June 8-12 (1 week camp)

- ***Improvisation! (8-12 year olds)***

Explore the fundamentals of improv comedy and become confident thinking on your feet! In improvisational theatre the characters, dialogue and plot are created in the moment. No scripts needed! Students will collaborate, learning comic timing, scene building, group mind, and many other improv techniques through fun exercises and games. The camp finale is an improv showcase for family and friends on Friday, June 12 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

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Session II – June 15-19 (1 week camp)

- ***The Actor's Toolbox (8-12 year olds) NEW***

Learn the “tools of the trade” and take your acting to the next level! This camp focuses on key skills that the actor needs in order to be truthful on stage including, character creation, active listening, script investigation, and vocal and physical expressiveness. Through scene study exploration, students will learn to work honestly and fearlessly as an ensemble. The camp culminates in a performance of scenes for family and friends on Friday, June 19 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session III – June 22-26 (1 week camp)

- ***Musical Theatre Workshop - Hairspray (8-12) NEW***

Become a triple threat! In this process oriented workshop, students will receive training in acting, singing and dancing that builds upon what they already love about our three week camp. Students will expand their skills and have a lot of fun along the way. The camp finale is a showcase of songs from *Hairspray* explored during the week for family and friends on Friday, June 26 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session IV – June 29-July 17 (3 week camp)

- ***Performance Lab: Musical Theatre – Rockin' the Band (8-12 year olds)***

Immerse yourself in theatre, music, dance and visual art! This performance oriented camp has it all. Not only do students work to refine acting, singing and movement skills, they also design and construct their own sets and costume pieces. Students work as a true ensemble to put on a 30 minute musical. The camp finale is a performance of *Rockin' the Band* for family and friends on Thursday, July 16 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$550 (3 weeks)

Session V – July 20-24 (1 week camp)

- ***Comedy Palooza! (8-12 year olds)***

Learn through laughter! This camp will be very active as students learn to use physical comedy to make em' laugh. They will learn how to control, isolate and exaggerate physical and facial reactions and how to incorporate those skills into comic characters, bits, routines and scenes. Guaranteed to be both hilarious and confidence boosting, this is a great camp for kids of all levels of experience! The camp finale is a showcase of comedy scenes for family and friends on Friday, July 24 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

Session VI – July 27-July 31 (1 week camp)

- ***PlayMakers, Myths and Legends (8-12 year olds) NEW***

Write and star in your own mythical adventure alongside characters like Perseus, Medusa, Hercules, Athena and more! Students will receive training in acting, voice and movement in the morning and spend the afternoon developing characters, writing dialogue and rehearsing their own short play inspired by myths and legends. The camp finale is a showcase of their original play for family and friends on Friday, July 31 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

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Session VII – August 3-7 (1 week camp)

- **Camp Shakespeare (8-12 year olds)**

No fear Shakespeare! Through a variety of theatre games, art projects and collaborative performances, students will understand and interpret Shakespeare's text. They will learn about life in Shakespeare's England and discover the timelessness of his stories.

The camp finale is a Shakespeare themed showcase on Friday, August 7 at 5pm.

Camp: 9am-3pm - \$190

What parents are saying about the American Stage Summer Camps

"My daughter absolutely LOVED her first year. Thank you for such a memorable experience!" - 2014 Summer Camp parent

"This is not just a camp to get your kids out of the house. This is truly an acting camp. As a former actor, what my daughter learned and performed is the real deal. I was very impressed." - 2014 Summer Camp parent

"This was the first camp I have EVER heard her say that she was sad it was over. She actually hugged the leaders and told me she wants to go back next year! It is such a good feeling as a mom to know you can check the "success" box when you finally find something that fits your child and he/she likes!" - 2013 Summer Camp parent

Details

- Summer Camp meets Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm.
- Pre-Care and After-Care are available. Pre-Care meets from 8am-9am and After-Care meets from 3pm-5pm.
- Summer Camp will be held at First Presbyterian Church in downtown St. Petersburg – 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.
- **Classrooms are broken down into age groups of 5-7 and 8-12.**

Pricing

- 1 week camps are \$190
- 3 week Performance Lab: Musical Theatre is \$550
- A \$25 discount is available for the 2nd child enrolled in the family.
- Supervised care is available before and after camp. Pre-care service (8am-9am) is \$30 per week and after-care (3pm-5pm) is \$60 per week.
- Financial aid is available.

For more information or if you are having problems enrolling on-line, contact the education department at 727-823-1600 x 204 or email education@americanstage.org.

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American Stage Teen Summer Institute 2015 for 13-17 Year Olds

The American Stage Teen Summer Institute can give you the confidence and skills needed to excel onstage and beyond! We have a variety of summer programs led by working, professional artists that will bolster your breadth of performance experience and enhance your creativity. Training is customized to each student's current abilities. Students new to acting will be given the tools needed to develop a solid foundation, while those with previous experience will be challenged to move to the next level. Sign up for the Teen Summer Institute and have an enriching summer filled with new discoveries and opportunities to enhance your performance skills!

Session I – June 8-12 (1 week program)

- ***Improvisation and Sketch Comedy (13-17 year olds)***

Find your funny! Students will explore how to utilize improvisation techniques to generate written material, while also examining different types and styles of sketches. Students will learn comic timing, scene building, group mind, and many other techniques used on shows like Saturday Night Live. This program will inspire and expand your creative thinking and communication skills. The program finale is an improv and sketch comedy performance for family and friends on Friday, June 12 at 6pm.

Institute: 9am-3pm - \$200

Session II – June 15-26 (2 week program)

- ***Musical Theatre Intensive – In the Heights (13-17 year olds)***

Hone your music, dance and acting skills! Under the guidance of working professionals, students will rotate through voice, dance and acting classes each day, building their skills outside of the pressure of a full production. Students will learn how to combine character, song, and movement while further developing their singing voice and dance skills. This session will also feature master classes with performers from American Stage's production of *In the Heights*. The program finale is a showcase of songs from *In the Heights* performed for family and friends on Friday, June 26 at 6pm.

Institute: 9am-3pm - \$375 (2 weeks)

Session III – June 29-July 17 (3 week program)

- ***Performance Lab: Musical Theatre – Fame Jr. (13-17 year olds)***

Apply the skills developed in the Musical Theatre Intensive to a full production! Beginning with the audition all the way to the final performance, students will get a true taste of a professional production. Students work with area music, theatre and dance professionals to refine both acting, singing and movement skills. The program finale is a full production of *Fame Jr.* for family and friends performed on Thursday, July 17 at 6pm.

Institute: 9am-3pm - \$550 (3 weeks)

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Session IV – July 20-31 (2 week program)

- **Teen Actor's Lab (13-17 year olds) NEW**

Take your talents to the next level! This session introduces teens to sophisticated concepts of acting for the stage such as given circumstances, objectives and tactics, and text analysis. Under the guidance of working professional actors, students will explore guided improvisations, group exercises, and scene work, while building skills in character development, emotional connection, and voice and movement work. This session will teach you how to trust your instincts so that you feel comfortable making strong choices. The program finale is a showcase of scenes explored in class performed for family and friends on Friday, July 31 at 6pm.

Institute: 9am-3pm - \$375 (2 weeks)

Session V – August 3-7 (1 week program)

- **Shakespeare's Comedies (13-17 year olds)**

Mistaken identities, love triangles, and hilarious misunderstandings are the mark of any great Shakespeare comedy. In this session students will explore the structure and themes of some of Shakespeare's most famous comedies and unlock the text by activating the scenes and investigating the characters. Studying Shakespeare builds vocal dexterity and stamina, expands theatrical movement choices, and tests the actor's objective/tactic skills with high stakes circumstances. Familiarity with these classical works is a great college resume builder! The program finale is a showcase of scenes and monologues for family and friends on Friday, August 7 at 6pm.

Institute: 9am-3pm - \$200

Extreme Broadway Package \$1,400

Sign up for all 9 weeks and receive \$300 off tuition!

What teens and parents are saying about the American Stage Teen Summer Institute

"It is a very fun, interactive experience. I learned so much about acting and was taught by wonderful teachers. I met great people that I hope to stay in touch with. Everything is professional and we were treated like the young adults we are." - Teen Summer Institute student

"It was an amazing and inspiring learning experience." - Teen Summer Institute student

"The entire experience was great. I can't wait to come back next year!" - Teen Summer Institute student

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Details

- The Teen Summer Institute meets Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm.
- The Teen Summer Institute will be held at First Presbyterian Church in downtown St. Petersburg – 701 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Pricing

- 1 week sessions are \$200.
- The 2 week sessions are \$375.
- The 3 week Performance Lab: Musical Theatre is \$550.
- A \$25 discount is available for the 2nd child enrolled in the family.
- Financial aid is available.

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