Call for submissions!
Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest

Students from 3rd to 12th grade are invited to submit original plays to Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest, 2021. Public, private, charter, and home-school students are welcome to submit entries.

Students submit original work in three categories: Elementary School (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade), and High School (9th-12th grade). Collaborative works are accepted. Winning plays receive a workshop performance at PACT, and winning playwrights receive prizes donated by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children’s Theatre. Performances of award-winning plays take place in a work-shop format on our Castle Stage. Awards sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children’s Theatre.

Submissions due: Friday, December 18, 2020
Staged Reading Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 6:30pm

To request a submission form or for more information, please e-mail: Christopher.Luciani@cityofpaloalto.org

Call for Teen Actors!
Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest

Work with fellow Teen Actors Age 13+ to create a high-quality workshop performance of Play Palooza’s winning plays! If you’re interested in auditioning for this year’s Play Palooza presentation, please e-mail: Christopher.Luciani@cityofpaloalto.org
No preparation necessary. Cold reading and improvisation-based auditions.

Rehearsals: TBA (we will work with your schedule)
Staged Reading Date: Wednesday March 3, 2021 @ 6:30 pm
ONSITE FALL PROGRAMS

KIDS THEATRE ONSITE

Story Acting, Onsite
Children are introduced to new and familiar stories that promise to spark their imaginations and inspire them to leap into action as characters in the story! Children learn to use simple props, and how to tap their dramatic instincts to create larger than life characters from the book. Story Acting classes allow young children to explore the rich and exciting world of theatre. Class may be repeated. This is not a parent participation class.

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Creative Dramatics, Onsite
This unique class introduces children to theatre by focusing on their natural sense of play. The aim is to encourage inventiveness and originality by introducing children to creative building blocks such as pantomime, games, skits and more! Children learn how to use their voice, body, natural expressions and imagination to discover the exciting experience of performance

Instructor: Children's Theatre Staff

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Curtains Up! Intro to Acting, Onsite
Designed for the beginning student, this class teaches beginning performers to develop believable characters while learning acting techniques in a fun, supportive environment. Under the guidance of a theatre professional, students gain confidence for performing in front of an audience by learning theatre games, improvisation techniques, and scripted work while having an unforgettable class experience.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tessa Koning-Martinez

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Intermediate Acting Class: Getting Specific, Onsite
This class is a follow-up to our Intro to Acting course, and focuses on scene study, script analysis, and character development. Students will work on scenes with partners, and delve deeper into character studies, as a way to get to the heart of great acting. After taking this class, students will have confidence to audition for any role!

Instructor: Jennie James

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How to Audition! Onsite
This class will help you prepare to audition with confidence! We’ll demonstrate and practice audition techniques and provide you with tips, resources and monologues. You’ll improve your cold reading skills, develop a dynamic monologue, and practice delivering monologues in front of the class. You’ll then be ready to deliver your best at that next audition!

Instructor: Tessa Koning-Martinez

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Improv like a Pro! Onsite
Improvisation is a wildly fun performing art form where the actor’s split second decisions and quick witted responses can turn everyday situations into moments of comic delight! Whether you’re gearing yourself for an impromptu presentation at school, an audition for your favorite play, or a slot on “Saturday Night Live,” youngsters well versed in improvisational techniques are prepared to respond to all of life’s situations with wit and humor.

Instructor: Bill Olson

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Performance Studio Onsite
Students will work with a director to prepare and stage a short, one act play. They’ll be guided through the audition process, delve the depths of a character as a means of discovering dialogue that’s natural and believable, and gain hands-on experience performing on stage. Some memorization outside of class is expected. Everyone who enrolls will receive a role in the play. Actors of all experience levels are welcome.

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Prince & Princess Ballet Onsite
This is a magically themed dance class designed to capture a child’s fascination with fairy tales. Children learn basic ballet, combination dance steps, and creative dance movements across the floor. Children will use fun props, such as scarves, wands, and more as they dance to familiar music.

Instructor: Children’s Theatre Sta™
8 classes $132R/$151NR Children’s Theatre – Dance Studio 8max
25974 4Y - 6Y Wednesday 9/30 – 11/18 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Kid’s Combo Dance! Onsite
This combination dance class incorporates the 3 major disciplines: Ballet, Modern, and Jazz. The class will balance technique training with expressive movement in a fun, upbeat environment. Students will learn to explore their emotions through body movement and expression. Students will also learn to dance with each other, in formations, and with props.

Instructor: Children’s Theatre Sta™
8 classes $132R/$151NR Children’s Theatre 8max
25978 4Y - 6Y Wednesday 9/30 – 11/18 4:35pm – 5:20pm

Hip Hop for Kids! Onsite
Students will learn a broad collection of urban street dance styles. Hip-Hop evolved from Hip-Hop culture and includes elements from Jazz, Rock, Tap, African, American and Latino dance cultures. These cultures will influence the hip-hop style and technique learned in class.

Instructor: Children’s Theatre Sta™
8 classes $132R/$151NR Children’s Theatre 12max
25979 5Y - 7Y Wednesday 9/30 – 11/18 5:30pm – 6:15pm

Musical Theatre Dance! Onsite
Students will learn the distinctive styles of some of Broadway’s leading choreographers such as Bob Fosse and Jerome Robbins. The class challenges children to deepen their dance skills as they venture through some of Broadway’s most popular musicals, learning some of the choreography that gave these productions their fame and lasting appeal.

Instructor: Children’s Theatre Sta™
8 classes $132R/$151NR Children’s Theatre 12max
25980 8Y – 12Y Saturday 9/26 – 11/14 3:15pm – 4:00pm

Broadway goes Hip Hop!
The dynamic style of Hip Hop dance has found its way onto the Broadway stage in recent years in such smash hit musicals as In The Heights and Hamilton. In this class, dancers will learn exciting choreography set to the music of these meg-hit Hip Hop musicals.

Instructor: Aparna Seetharaman
8 classes $121R/$139NR Children’s Theatre 12max
25982 8Y – 12Y Saturday 9/26 – 11/14 4:15pm – 5:00pm

Beginners Bharatanatyam Dance
This course will introduce an ancient classical dance form from south Indian called Bharatanatyam. Children will learn the basic postures and steps, as well as some history and theory about this dance form. Adults are also welcome to enroll.

Instructor: Aparna Seetharaman
Beginner Course
12 classes $135R/$155NR Children’s Theatre 12max
25983 6 years and Up Thursday 9/03 – 11/19 5:30 – 6:00pm

Intermediate Course
12 classes $148R/$170NR Children’s Theatre 12max
25985 6 years and Up Thursday 9/03 – 11/19 6:00 – 7:00pm
**Advanced Scene Study Class, Onsite**

Explore advanced acting techniques in this challenging course. Students will focus on text analysis and making dramatic choices based on the text. Students participate in engaging exercises as well as hands-on scene and solo work. Director feedback provides students with a deeper understanding of how to rehearse a scene. Memorization of scenes is required. Scenes are assigned on the first day of class.

Instructor: Bill Olson  
8 classes  
$135R/$155NR  
Children’s Theatre  
Tuesday 9/29 – 11/17  
6:00pm – 7:15pm

**Teen Arts Council**

The Teen Arts Council (TAC) is a teen-led organization dedicated to cultivating the leadership, management, and artistic skills of teens. Every hour spent participating in TAC sponsored events counts towards the President’s Volunteer Service awards, while allowing high school students avenues for creative expression and a way to take an active role in bettering their community. The TAC also serves as a Granting Board, offering financial assistance to projects that fulfill their mission. The organization is an initiative of the Palo Alto Children’s Theatre and meets Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

www.teenartscouncil.com  
facebook.com / teenartscouncil
Spectrum Friendly Story Acting with Elephant and Piggie Books, Virtual
This virtual class gives children the chance to use their creativity and imaginations to role-play scenes and characters in select Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems. Children are invited to use their bodies and voices to create fun and familiar characters as they discover the wonderful world of theatre. The program is designed for children with the developmental age of 4-6. Zoom video link will be emailed to families prior to each class.

Instructor: Margo Pellmar
6 classes $100R/$115NR Virtual Monday 10/05 - 11/09 3:30pm – 4:00 pm

WORLD-WEAVERS, Virtual
Welcome to the fantasy realm of World-Weavers, a virtual game where you create your own character with supernatural powers! The Game Master then gives you a mission which can only be accomplished by facing perilous tasks and defeating dangerous foes! Created by professional singer and actor Ben Brady, World-Weavers challenges you to identify tactics to guide your character safely through this high stakes, perilous world. Zoom video link will be emailed to families prior to each session.

Instructor: Ben Brady
2 classes $75R/$86NR Virtual Monday 9/21, 9/28 4pm - 6pm
2 classes $75R/$86NR Virtual Monday 10/19, 10/26 4pm - 6pm
2 classes $75R/$86NR Virtual Monday 11/09, 11/16 4pm - 6pm

Costume Design, Virtual
Costumes help tell a story. In this virtual class, student teams will use the elements and principles of design to interpret scripts and characters to produce original, thought-provoking designs. Group zoom sessions and one on one teacher/student interaction will help provide guidance throughout the process. Children of all skill levels and artistic ability are encouraged to enroll. Zoom video link will be emailed to families prior to each class.

Instructor: Je’rey Hamby
8 classes $132R/$129NR Virtual Thursday, 10/01 – 11/19 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Private Audition Coaching, Virtual
In this series of one-hour private lessons, one of our professional acting coaches will craft sessions to meet each student’s needs. Perfect for those with a passion for the performing arts and who are interested in pursuing Theatre in college, as a career, or as a serious hobby. The instructor will work with you to perfect two contrasting monologues! Number of sessions arranged with the Instructor. If you’re interested please contact Christopher Luciani: christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org
Instructors, Erica Fraisher Hayes, Jordan Sidfield
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**Let’s Dance Together! Virtual**
This engaging parent participation class allows children to experience the fundamentals of dance in a relaxing and creative atmosphere. The teacher guides the class through moving and listening exercises designed to get parents and their children dancing together. Children will use props, sing songs, and discover the fun of creative movement and dance!

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Melody’s Piano Beginners, Virtual
Come learn “Melody’s Birthday” with everyone! This course will introduce children to the world of music through various music skills, such as singing, ear-training, keyboard playing, rhythm ensemble and reading music. Let’s enjoy the beauty of the instrument! The materials fee is included in the class Tuition. If needed, please bring your own piano. Parents should attend on-line music class with their children. The materials fee for each class is included in the tuition. Only registered students are allowed in the virtual classroom. Minimum enrollment to begin a class is 3 students. For more information, please text us at (650)796-0577.

Melody’s Violin Classes Beginners, Virtual
Come and try this violin class designed for the beginning student! The Suzuki method is combined with Western teaching methods to provide strong foundation for playing the sophisticated instrument. Your child will learn innovative singing techniques, and with the instructor’s guidance, students are able to select songs from a variety of genres, including but not limited to Broadway, country, pop and rock. Zoom video link will be emailed to families prior to each class.

Melody’s Ukulele Beginners, Virtual
Let’s play Ukulele and learn your favorite song! This is a beginner class for kids. Focus will be on learning basic skills and techniques for the instrument. No former musical knowledge is required. Please bring your own ukulele. The materials fee is included in the class Tuition.

Melody’s Guitar Class, Virtual
Let’s play Guitar and learn your favorite song! This is a beginner class for kids. Focus will be on learning basic skills and techniques for the instrument. No former musical knowledge is required. Please bring your own guitar. The materials fee is included in the class Tuition.

Melody’s Practice Online Program, Virtual
Too busy to practice the piano or violin with your children at home? Are your children losing interest in music lesson because of the boring practice? This online program “Music Practice Partner”, will provide one-to-one LIVE practice with a professional music teacher. Your child will practice their skills and you will never have to argue with your children when it comes to practicing!
Performing on Camera, Virtual
These one-on-one private sessions give the dedicated theatre student the opportunity to perfect their on-camera performances during this challenging time. Ideal for the young actor interested in honing their on camera or live-stream presentations for remote auditions in the industry, or for that upcoming college audition. Number of sessions arranged with the Instructor. If you’re interested please contact Christopher Luciani: christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org
Instructor, Jordan Sidfield

Solo Performance Workshop for Teens
A class designed for actors and singers to shape their own 10 minute story. Through guided exercises, acting games, creative writing exercises, mindful movement and voice techniques, students will shape and craft their own solo performance. The workshop culminates in a performance of each student’s solo work. The class meets twice a week via zoom. Zoom video link will be emailed to families prior to each class. Monday and Thursday classes spread over five weeks.

Instructor: Marie Finch
10 classes $132R/$152NR Virtual 8max
26035 13Y - 19Y M, Th. 10/12 - 11/12 3:30 pm - 5 pm

Kids & Family Capoeira Classes - Virtual
Capoeira is an exciting combination of martial arts, music, dance and gymnastics. Developed by African slaves in Brazil centuries ago, today Capoeira is practiced by adults and children all over the world. In the class, youth gain flexibility, strength, and confidence as they become more graceful in the basic Capoeira movements, learned first in isolation and then put together in a “jogo” or game. Zoom video link will be emailed to families prior to each class. Parents are encouraged to enroll with their children!

Instructor: Megha Makam
10 classes $120R/$138NR Virtual 25max
26037 3Y - 99Y Sunday 9/20 – 11/22 9:00am – 10:00am
COVID-19 Prevention Checklist

The health and safety of our participants, teaching artists and staff is our top priority.

**DAILY CHECK-IN**

- Masks will be required for all participants and family members/caregivers who drop off or pick up participants at the theatre (if possible, we request a well-fitted 3-layer cotton mask or paper KN95 non-medical mask, for best coverage);

- When you arrive at the theatre, all participants and family members/caregivers who are present for drop off, will go to a handwashing station;

- Once hands are clean, participants will go to the front desk for a wellness check;

- After the wellness check, participants will be directed to the location of their class, following one-way, marked paths through the building.

**WHILE AT CLASS**

- We’ll be keeping participants in consistent groups, with no mixing between different classes;

- Teaching artists will work with up to 12 kids per session, and will be required to complete a 14-day quarantine period in between teaching sessions;

- All sessions will take place outdoors OR in well-ventilated rooms;

- All interior areas at the Children’s Theatre have been assessed to determine the maximum number of participants that may be in any given space, to allow for proper physical distancing procedures (6’ per person guideline);

**ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

- If a participant or family member is sick, they must stay home;

- To the extent possible, transportation to and from classes should be direct-to-class and direct-to-home;

- We ask that any families who travel out of the area/state to self-quarantine for 14 days prior to class attendance, and staff will follow the same guideline;

- The theatre and all ancillary spaces will be deep cleaned and disinfected daily, with additional bleach wipe-downs throughout the day;

- Please be aware that classes will be subject to closure per CDC recommendations if there is an updated health advisory.