



Palo Alto  
**CHILDREN'S  
THEATRE.**



# WINTER 2025 CLASSES

**WINTER REGISTRATION BEGINS**

Residents: DECEMBER 12

Non-Residents: DECEMBER 19



## STORY ACTING

This class uses beloved classics and new literature to help children discover the exciting world of theatre. Through movement, games and role-play exercises, participants learn beginner skills to create unique and interesting characters from the stories selected for the class, and they learn how to work as part of an ensemble.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tom Farley  
6 classes \$150R/\$172.5NR Children's Theatre 9 Max

<b>44713</b>	4Y - 5Y	Tu	2/04 - 3/11	3:40p-4:25p
<b>44717</b>	4Y - 5Y	Th	2/06 - 3/13	3:40p-4:25p
<b>44718</b>	4Y - 5Y	Sat	2/08 -3/22*	9:15a-10:00a
<b>44731</b>	4Y- 5Y	Sat	2/08 -3/22*	10:15a-11:00a

\*No class 2/15

## MAGICAL SERIES SPECTRUM FRIENDLY STORY ACTING CLASS

We welcome our friends of different abilities, ages 4-8 (developmental age 4-6), to discover the magical world of storytelling for theatre! This class has a 5:1 participant to instructor ratio. For children who need 1:1 support, we ask that parents/caretakers/aides join their participant in the classroom.

Instructor: Tom & Sandy Farley  
6 classes \$150R/\$172.5NR Children's Theatre 6 Max

<b>44732</b>	4Y - 8Y	Fri	2/07 - 3/21*	3:40p - 4:25p
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\*No class 2/14

## CREATIVE DRAMATICS

This class introduces children to theatre by focusing on their natural sense of play. This class is perfect for children who love imaginative play and creating dramatic characters.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tom Farley  
8 classes \$150R/\$172.5NR Children's Theatre 9max

<b>44598</b>	5Y - 6Y	Tu	1/28 - 3/18	4:35p - 5:20p
<b>44733</b>	6Y - 7Y	Th	1/30 - 3/20	4:35p - 5:20p
<b>44734</b>	5Y - 6Y	Sat	2/01 -3/29*	11:15a -12:00p

Instructor: Tessa Koning-Martinez  
8 classes \$165R/\$189.75NR Children's Theatre 9max

<b>44735</b>	7Y	Sat	2/01 -3/29*	11:00a - 12:00p
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\*No class 2/15

## CURTAINS UP! INTRO TO ACTING

Designed for the beginning theatre student, this class teaches new performers to develop believable characters while learning acting techniques in a fun, supportive environment.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld  
8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 10 max

<b>44749</b>	8Y - 10Y	Tu	1/28 - 3/18	5:30p - 6:30p
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Instructor: Tessa Koning-Martinez  
**44750** 8Y - 10Y Sat 2/01 -3/29\* 12:30p - 1:30p

\*No class 2/15



## SCENE STUDY

In this class, students use written and improvised scenes to explore acting techniques. Memorization of text is required.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tom Farley

8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 8max  
**44751** 9Y - 11Y Th 1/30 - 3/20 5:30p - 6:30p

## INTERMEDIATE ACTING CLASS

This class builds on skills that were learned in Intro to Acting (no prerequisite required), with a focus on scene study, script analysis, and character development.

Instructor: Bill Olson

8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 10max  
**44752** 11Y - 14Y Sat 2/01 - 3/29\* 4:10p - 5:10p

\*No class 2/15

## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE – Shaking Shakespeare!

Welcome to the World of Shakespeare, Young Thespians! In this class for all experience levels, participants will work on short scenes and monologues, exploring the language of Shakespeare's most engaging characters, including the playful fairies from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the delightful but tragic character of Juliet or the passionate and melancholy Hamlet.

Instructor: Tessa Koning-Martinez

8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 8max  
**44753** 9Y - 12Y Sat 2/01 - 3/29\* 1:45p - 3:00p

\*No class 2/15

## IMPROV LIKE A PRO

Improvisation is a wildly fun performing art form where an actor's quick decisions can turn everyday situations into moments of comic delight! But improvisation is about more than being funny or clever - participants learn the benefits of collaboration, listening without judgement, and trusting their instincts. This is a great class to learn more about theatre as well as communication skills.

Instructor: Bill Olson

8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 10max  
**44766** 10Y - 14Y Sat 2/01 - 3/29 1:30p - 2:40p

\* No class 2/15



## PERFORMANCE STUDIO

In this engaging class for actors of all experience levels, participants will learn about theatre in a hands-on, immersive way, as they work with a director to present a short one-act play.

Instructor: Bill Olson

8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 12max  
**44767** 10Y - 14Y Sat 2/01 - 3/29\* 2:45p - 4:00p

\*No class 2/15





## Spectrum Friendly DANCE CLASS

We welcome all of our friends of different abilities to this class, with a parent or 1:1 caregiver or aide.

Instructor: Joanna Haas

6 classes \$150R/\$172.5NR Children's Theatre 6 Max

**44768** 5Y - 12Y Mon 2/03 – 3/17\* 4:00p- 4:40p

\*No class 2/17

## PRINCE & PRINCESS BALLET

Fall in love with dance in this super fun class designed for little dancers. Morning classes are Parent Participation Class.

Instructor: Haryun Peun

8 classes \$140R/\$161NR Children's Theatre 7max

**44769** 2Y - 3Y Th 1/30-3/20 9:10a-9:40a

**44770** 3Y - 4Y Th 1/30-3/20 9:45a-10:15a

## LET'S DANCE

Playful dance class with a variety musical styles. Morning class is a Parent Participation Class.

Instructor: Haryun Peun

8 classes \$140R/\$161NR Children's Theatre 8max

**44772** 2Y - 3Y Th 1/30-3/20 10:20a-10:50a

**45020** 3Y - 4Y Th 1/30-3/20 10:55a-11:25a

## BOUNCING TO BROADWAY

A fun and innovative introduction to the wonderful world of Broadway musicals for young children. Parent Participation Class.

Instructor: Haryun Peun

8 classes \$140R/\$161NR Children's Theatre 7max

**44776** 4Y -5Y Th 1/30-3/20 11:30a – 12:00p

## MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE!

Learn the styles of dance pioneered by some of Broadway's famous choreographers.

Instructor: Joanna Haas

8 classes \$165R/\$189.75NR Children's Theatre 10max

**44786** 8Y – 11Y Sat 2/01 –3/29\* 3:15p – 4:00p

\*No class 2/15

## BROADWAY GOES HIP HOP!

Broadway meets Hip Hop in this fun and energetic class!

Instructor: Joanna Haas

8 classes \$165R/\$189.75NR Children's Theatre 10max

**44787** 8Y – 11Y Sat 2/01 – 3/29\* 4:15p – 5:00p

\* No class 2/15



## 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

Newcomers

11 classes \$165R/\$189.75NR Children's Theatre 12max

<u>44789</u>	6Y – 99Y	Fri	1/10 – 3/28	4:40p – 5:10p
<u>44790</u>	6Y – 99Y	Fri	1/10 – 3/28	5:15p – 5:45p

Level 2

11 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 12max

<u>44791</u>	6Y – 99Y	Fri	1/10 – 3/28	5:50p – 6:30p
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## ADVANCED SCENE STUDY CLASS

Building on the skills learned in our earlier Scene Study course (no prerequisite required), participants will learn advanced acting techniques, script analysis and how to make dynamic choices based on text. Students will have the opportunity to work on scenes and monologues, and learn how to incorporate feedback from a director into their work. Memorization of scenes is required. Scenes will be assigned on the first day of class.

Instructor: Bill Olson

8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 8max

<u>44792</u>	11Y - 15Y	Wed	1/29 – 3/19	3:45p – 5:00p
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## PRIVATE AUDITION COACHING

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: [childrens.theatre@cityofpalto.org](mailto:childrens.theatre@cityofpalto.org)



## THE JOY OF SINGING

Celebrate the joy of singing! For the child who loves to sing, hum, or march to the beat of their own drum, this early childhood singing class is filled with music, games and fun! There will be a final sharing day for friends and family on Wednesday, March 20. No music experience required, but it is encouraged that participants are able to read independently or that families commit to practicing lyrics at home between classes.

Instructor: Erin Chumas  
8 classes \$280R/\$3230NR Children's Theatre 20 max

44794 5Y – 7Y Wed 1/29 – 3/19 3:40p – 4:30p  
44795 5Y – 7Y Wed 1/29 – 3/19 4:40p – 5:30p



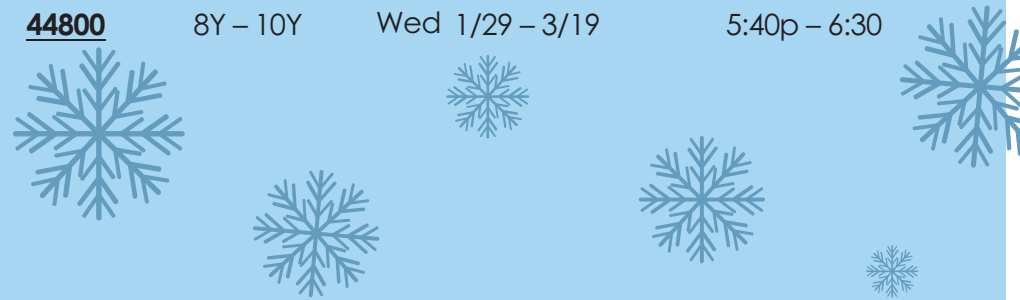
## VOCAL LESSONS

Enjoy these one-on-one, in-person vocal lessons.  
Instructor: Erin Chumas  
Ages 8-18  
To enroll: <https://tinyurl.com/pvpu2mhm>

## JOY OF MUSICAL THEATRE

Celebrate the joy of musical theatre! In this class that builds on the skills learned in The Joy of Singing (no prerequisite required), participants will still get to play musical games and have lots of fun, while also studying four songs from one musical theatre classic. This experience allows students to gain first-hand experience of rehearsing and performing a musical. There will be a final sharing day for friends and family on Wednesday, March 20.

Instructor: Erin Chumas 8  
classes \$280R/\$322NR Children's Theatre 15max  
44800 8Y – 10Y Wed 1/29 – 3/19 5:40p – 6:30



Please visit the city's **Magical Series** webpage to learn about accessible activities and resources in Palo Alto and beyond!

[tinyurl.com/magical-series](https://tinyurl.com/magical-series)

ACTIVITIES INCLUDED:

CHILDREN'S THEATRE  
PRODUCTIONS & CLASSES

JMZ FAMILY DAYS

ART CENTER RESOURCES

MAGICAL BRIDGE PLAY  
GROUND EVENTS





## Call for submissions! Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest 2024

Students from 3rd to 12th grade are invited to submit original plays to Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest.

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 workshop format on our Castle Stage. Awards sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre.

**Submissions due:** Friday, December 22, 2024

Staged Reading Date:  
Wednesday, March 26, 2025 @ 6:30pm

To request a submission form or for more information, please e-mail: [Christopher.Luciani@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 26, 2025 @ 6:30 pm





# Teen Arts Council

## 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](http://www.teenartscouncil.com)  
[facebook.com / teenartscouncil](https://facebook.com/teenartscouncil)



Palo Alto  
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**2024-25 Season**

*Celebrating our 93rd Season*

## MAIN STAGE

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, JUDGE LUCKEY

### The **NUTCRACKER**

Dec. 5 – 22



Jan. 29 – Feb. 16



Apr. 24 – May 11

[CITYOFPALOALTO.ORG/CHILDRENSTHEATRE](http://CITYOFPALOALTO.ORG/CHILDRENSTHEATRE)





**2024-2025  
PLAYHOUSE SERIES**



**JACK & THE BEANSTALK**

OCTOBER 5-6

**SLEEPING BEAUTY**

OCTOBER 26-27

**CHANG'E AND THE MOON**

NOVEMBER 16-17

**THE GINGERBREAD MAN**

DECEMBER 21-23

**BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**

JANUARY 25-26

**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD**

FEBRUARY 22-23

**ONE GRAIN OF RICE**

MARCH 22-23

**THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG**

APRIL 26-27

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

MAY 24-25

**OUTREACH**

**Palo Verde Elementary School**

November 7-9

**Addison Elementary School**

December 12-14

**Fairmeadow Elementary School**

January 16-18

**Juana Briones Elementary School**

February 6-8

**Walter Hays Elementary School**

March 13-15

**Escondido Elementary School**

May 15-17

