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THEATRE INTENSIVE SHOWCASES

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June 10-15, 2024

Jack and Darlene Poole Theatre

Tickets: \$15

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The best way to support a community is to be a part of it.

At the heart of every community, you'll find organizations fueled by committed people who are passionate about building a better future for us all. We are inspired by our friends at **Arts Umbrella** and their continuous efforts toward a better world where all young lives are inspired to pursue a lifelong journey towards self-expression, compassion, and humanity through the arts.

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What do Shakespeare plays and Marvel movies have in common? Stage combat! In this class, students learn basic stance/posture, approaches to consent and safety, safe striking, falling, blocks and parries, grappling, and control. Through structured exercises and play, students work on coordination, balance, strength, endurance, and teamwork to learn how a stage-combat sequence serves to further the development of a story.

AGES 9+

Questions? Email theatre@artsumbrella.com.

STAGE COMBAT SUMMER INTENSIVES

Credit: Devan Francis

A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM

Welcome to these unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth peoples and our Jack and Darlene Poole Theatre. I hope you enjoy the show.

“Why are you keeping this curiosity door locked?”
— *Dustin Henderson (Gaten Matarazzo), Stranger Things*

I am very much in awe of the young actors on our stage today. This is the generation learning to get up and share ideas boldly and bravely in front of audiences, many for the very first time. And beyond the weeks and months of preparation with their material, these intensive-level students are learning what lies beyond the info that lives in their scripts and their stories.

It’s more than the right words, or steps, or voice. It’s more than stagecraft or lighting or framing or editing. Those technical pieces are vital for telling good clear stories, so we teach and enhance those skills with young creatives. But there is a moment we are always seeking where a

young person catches a wave of inspiration that propels them – perhaps no more than an inch – past the boundary of their own self-concern to a space of boundless curiosity.

And here’s the magic part. We don’t need anyone to start with courage. When we apply the curiosity over and over, we find the courage, or rather it finds us.

So thanks. Thanks for being curious.



Andy Toth
Artistic Director, Theatre, Music & Film

ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

Arts Umbrella’s Theatre, Music & Film Intensive and Troupe Programs are year-long programs intended for students ready for a larger commitment to the art and craft of theatrical and musical performance. From September to June, students work with industry professionals to develop their on and off-stage skills with an emphasis on teamwork, discipline, process, creative input and cooperation. From playwriting to stagecraft, voice to movement, musical theatre to acting for stage and screen, each year-long program is one of structure, offering

young aspiring artists the space to sharpen their skills in creative expression and individual artistry. The Arts Umbrella Theatre, Music & Film Department presents theatre festivals throughout the year; as well as school tours and cabaret nights to give students in each program the opportunity to share their work. We are proud to say that many of our alumni are in post-secondary theatre programs or have gone on to work as professional actors around the world.



FALL, WINTER, SPRING 2025

Registration is open now

Fall 2024, Winter 2024, and Spring 2025 programs open for registration.

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Credit: Albert Normandin

SUMMERSTAGE MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE

Learn, stage, & perform a full-length
Broadway musical in four weeks!

July 8-August 2, 2024 | Ages 13+

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THE MASQUE OF RED DEATH

By Edgar Allan Poe
Adapted by Craig Sodaro

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 1
Monday, June 10th – 5:00pm

Bring out your dead! The chilling tale of a prince who ignores the illness overtaking his people, and locks himself away behind thick castle walls. Surely he and his friends will be safe now?...

Content Warning: Reference to plague and implication of onstage death.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Sarah Kelen
Assistant	Olivia Paluzzi
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

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CAST

Kaia	Troubadour
Olivia	Troubadour
Izzy	Prospero
Kyla	Valentina
Brooklyn	Prime Minister
Scarlette	Fortune Teller
Elizabeth	Doctor
Teo	Guest
Cathy	Guest
Molly	Guest
Kali	Guest
Katelyn	Guest
Cameron	Servant



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Ages 9-19

Film Acting, Musical
Theatre, Theatre, Sketch
Comedy & Improv, Stage
Combat and Stagecraft

LETTERS TO KURT

By Janine Nabers

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 3

Monday, June 10th – 8:15pm

Sixteen year-old outcast Molly doesn't seem to fit in anywhere. Her family barely knows she exists, the kids at school think she's a "depressed freak," and even her two best friends are having trouble understanding her. When the only comfort in her life, music, is disrupted by the death of Kurt Cobain, Molly's world is turned upside down. But her plans to leave the miserable town of Walla Walla behind for good are intersected by the person she least expects.

Content Warning: Arson

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Francis Dowlatabadi
Assistant	Sarah Kelen
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

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CAST

Arezoo Paterson
Dov Bondar
Elizabeth Harder
Etta Fox
Isla Richards
Jax Arvidson
Mikaila Raad
Sydney Roland
Tavish McIvor
Trixie Watson

TO KNOW KNOW ME

By Courtney Baron

Performed by Theatre Intensive Level 2
Tuesday, June 11th – 5:00pm

Jahnesha is dying to be famous. Emily is pretending to be famous. Mariah's brother is infamous. Ashley is famous. And Elizabeth and Avrian are finding out that who and what we know can change everything. To Know Know Know Me deftly captures the inner-workings of nine teenagers as they grapple with the challenging concept of public (and self) recognition.

Content Warning: Mentions of suicide, child neglect, mental illness, smoking

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Francis Dowlatabadi
Assistant	Gemma Martin
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

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CAST

Aletheia Yuen
Ella Rafii
Evelyn Chen
George Nicolas Gurevych
Madeline Murray
Mia Lee
Natalie Liu
Nico Leong
Rhysa Doherty

MEAN GIRLS JR.

Book by Tina Fey

Music by Jeff Richmond

Lyrics by Nell Benjamin

Based on the Paramount Pictures film Mean Girls.

Performed by Musical Theatre Intensive Level 4 (Team Gretchen)

Tuesday, June 11th and Wednesday, June 12th at 8:15pm

Cady Heron may have grown up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home: suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. Cady and her friends devise a “Revenge Party” to end Regina’s reign with Cady going undercover as an aspiring Plastic. When the lines between the real Cady and her Plastic self get blurred, she must find her way back to herself and her true friends.

Mean Girls Jr is rated PG-13 and contains adult themes and depictions of mature situations that may not be suitable for all audience members. Content Warning: bodily harm, bullying, foul language, loud music and sound effects, sudden blackouts, and mentions of verbal abuse, underage partying, sexual content, and illicit drugs.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Britney Buren
Assistant	Patrick Ray
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

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MEAN GIRLS JR

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CAST

Bailey Skelton	Cady Heron
Morgaine Gilligan Cook	Damian
Ace Chittock	Janis Sarkisian
Nina Turin	Gretchen Wieners
Evelina Harder	Karen Smith
Tessa Bird	Kevin G/Parent H/Ensemble
Arianne Casey	Aaron Samuels
Ivan Sorokin	Mr. Duvall/Coach Carr/Mathletes Moderator/Ensemble
Abigail Chiang	Sonja/Glenn Coco/Mathlete/Teary eyed girl/Ensemble
Frankie Lund	Ms. Norbury/Mrs. George

FROZEN KIDS

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Performed by Musical Theatre Intensive Level 1

Wednesday, June 12th – 5pm

You'll love this fanciful and heartwarming stage adaptation of the celebrated animated film. Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven, and all of your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love.

Content Warning: Contains loud sound effects and music, screaming, sudden blackouts, scenes of action and violence, mild flirtatious comments, mentions of death.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Britney Buren
Assistant	Holly Collis Handford
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

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CAST

Cameron Frain Clarke	Young Elsa/Pabbie
Cathy McCarthy	Young Anna
Damian Ho	King Aggnar/Weselton
Lani Maurin-Seynaeve	Queen Iduna/Sven
Riley Makayla Chan	Middle Anna
Gloria Ding	Middle Elsa/Kristoff
Marti Cabellero Medina	Hans/Pabbie
Norah Hendrine Wilson	Olaf
Mei-lin MacDonell-Bienvenu	Anna/Bulda
Molly McCarthy	Elsa

FROZEN KIDS

Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Performed by Musical Theatre Intensive Level 2

Thursday, June 13th – 5pm

You'll love this fanciful and heartwarming stage adaptation of the celebrated animated film. Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven, and all of your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love.

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PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Laurin Kaardal
Assistant	Aidan Farrell
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

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CAST

Cynthia	Elsa
Kazja	Anna
August	King Agnarr/Kristoff
Iris	Queen Iduna/Hans/Handmaiden
Livia	Pabbie/Middle Anna/ Housekeeper/ Townsperson
Jasmine	Bulda/Middle Elsa/Storyteller
Isobel	Sven/Young Anna/Bishop Steward/Townsperson
Andrew	Weselton/Butler/Townsperson
Cullen	Olaf/Young Elsa
Dylan	Storyteller/Cook/Townsperson

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CAST

Kaitlin Yung	Janis
Marko Villalon	Damian
Lillian Munro	Cady
Chloe Klein	Regina
Mira Clark	Gretchen
Jayden Margetts	Karen
Zachary Ho	Mr. Duval/Martin,/Tony
Trixie Watson	Ms. Norbury/Lizzie/Jason
Vera Frederickson	Aaron Samuels/Mrs. Heron/ Taylor/ Grace/Caroline
Lu Ella Woffinden	Caitlyn/French Teacher/Mathletes Moderator/Shane Oman/Dawn/ Sophie
Eleni Blackstock	Rachel/Sonja/Mrs. George/Glen Coco/Teary Girl/Marymount Captain
Eli Barrett-Stewart	Coach Carr/Kevin G/Mr. Heron



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2024/25 TROUPE AUDITIONS

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Auditions take place June 16.
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troupe-auditions/](https://www.artsumbrella.com/advanced-troupe-auditions/)

MODERN CLASSIC COMEDY... WITH A TWIST & ...OOPS I LEFT VOICE TO TEXT ON

Performed by Sketch Comedy & Improv Intensives Level 1 & 2
Friday, June 14th – 5:00pm
Saturday, June 17th - 7:30PM

Modern Classic Comedy... With a Twist!

Written and Performed by the Sketch Comedy and Improv Intensive Level 1

Med-'evil' knights, farmyard families, forgetful actors, cheese and mice and everything nice. Join us for some good old fashioned live sketch comedy created and performed by actual real life pre-teens. Just watch out for that twist! You'll never see it coming...

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Matt Clarke
Assistant	Gemma Martin
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

The SKIMP 1 Ensemble: August, Austin, Bailey, Ethan, Imogen, Matty, and Riley

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...Oops I Left My Voice to Text On

Written and Performed by the Sketch Comedy and Improv Intensive Level 2

Okay so this show is created by the students of SKIMP level II some of it is improvised and some of it isn't it's really great oh shoot voice to text is still on

PRODUCTION TEAM

Instructor	Laura McLean
Assistant	Olivia Paluzzi
Stage Manager	Caroline Tang
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

CAST

Olympia Catevatis
Jonah Curley
Liam Farrell
Mattias Kondor
Colm MacKay
Jesse MacPherson
Sydney Roland
Beatrix (Trixie) Watson

FILM SCREENING

Films from the Granville Island and South Surrey Film Acting Intensives and the Actor's Film Troupe
Saturday, June 15th – 7:30pm

PRODUCTION TEAM

Granville Island Intensives Instructor	Erik Gow
Granville Island Intensives Assistant	December Shields
South Surrey Intensive Instructor	Laurin Kaardal
South Surrey Intensive Assistant	Jennifer Tiles
Actor's Film Troupe Director	Erik Gow Cydney Uffindell-Phillips
House Technician	Chengyan Boon

Granville Island Film Acting Intensive Level 1

Mia Chan
Tavish McIvor
Emil Wright
Henry Wynn

South Surrey Film Acting Intensive

Nasser Atoui
Lyle Bannister
Lucy Bao
Sadie Carp
Sarah Jancarek
Aikhem Rai

Actor's Film Troupe

Orianne Brunet
Liam Farrell
Audrey Kim
Maia Kovalyova-Pretorius
Trixie Watson

SCREENING ORDER

Excerpt from U.N.D.E.R Achievers

Directed by Eva Tavares
Screenplay by Erik Gow
Starring the Actor's Film Troupe

Did You Miss Me & A Stranger Things

Content Warning: Contains violence, fake blood, mild horror, evil clown

Starring the Granville Island Film Acting Intensive Level 1

Refinding Magic

Content Warning: contains darker themes and mentions of death and suicide

Written and Directed by Laurin Kaardal
Assistant Directed by Jennifer Tiles
Starring the South Surrey Film Acting Intensive

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