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NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE OFFERS SUMMER DRAMA CAMPS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre (NCT) will offer summer drama workshops May 30 through August 4. Classes meet at NCT each week day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each workshop ends with a performance for family and friends.

“This year our educational programs will include older students,” said Julee Baber, NCT director of education. “Specific training from artists active in the field will be helpful to students who are planning a career in theater.”

The following classes last one week with tuition ranging from \$145 - \$175.

Jr. Theatre Voyagers (Grades One and Two)

May 30 – June 2, June 5-9, June 19-23, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, July 31 – Aug 4

This course channels energy and imagination through creative dramatics, theatre games and story dramas.

Theatre Voyagers (Grades Three through Five)

May 30–June 2, June 5-9, June 12-16, June 19-23, June 26-30, July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, July 31 – Aug 4

Students learn the essentials of acting, discipline and teamwork as they create the script, rehearse their parts, design simple scenery and props, and perform their work.

Advanced Theatre Voyagers (Grades Four through Eight)

May 30–June 2, June 12-16, July 3-7, July 10-14

Students focus on acting and character development through acting exercises, improvisation and scene work. *Pre-requisite: Previous NCT Saturday Drama Workshop, Summer Camp or comparable experience*

Youth Performance Ensemble (Grades Seven through Twelve) June 26-30, July 3-7

Advanced class designed to develop talents and confidence in the process of rehearsing and performing a short play for family and friends. *Pre-requisite: Previous NCT Saturday Drama Workshop, Summer Camp or comparable experience*

Young Artists Company (Grades Six through Twelve) June 5-9, July 26-30

These advanced students meet throughout the year and are dedicated to developing their talents, learning discipline and striving for a high level of artistry through training and performances in various venues. Audition required. *Pre-requisite: Youth Performance, Acting I or comparable experience*

Auditions (Grades Five through Twelve) July 10-14

Teachers will help students prepare a monologue and song that they can confidently take to their next audition. *Pre-requisite: Advanced Theatre Voyagers or comparable experience*

Theatre Ninjas: Stage Combat 1 (Grades Five through Twelve) May 30 - June 2

Students learn the secrets that fight choreographers and stunt people use to create safe but realistic fights on-stage and on-screen. This class will focus on physical combat (no weapons), with an emphasis on safety. *Pre-requisite: Advanced Theatre Voyagers or comparable experience*

Theatre Ninjas: Stage Combat 2 (Grades Five through Twelve) July 3-7

Students will refine professional techniques used for safe and effective conflicts on stage and screen through the safe use of low-impact weapons, such as quarter-staves. *Pre-requisite: Stage Combat 1*

Acting 1 Contemporary Scenework (Grades Five through Twelve) June 6-10

Students will learn more explore sensory and emotional recall as well as other tools to create contemporary characters *Pre-requisite: Advanced Theatre Voyagers or comparable experience*

Acting 2 Classical Scenework (Grades Five through Twelve) July 18-22

Building on Acting 1, this rigorous class applies learned skills to Shakespeare, Greek Drama and Restoration comedy. *Pre-requisite: Acting 1 or comparable experience*

The following class lasts two weeks with tuition at \$355.

Musical Theatre 1 (Grades Five through Twelve) June 5-16

Students learn vocal technique, song interpretation and dance from Nashville's finest performers and teachers.

Musical Theatre 2: The Rock Musical (Grades Five through Twelve) June 19-30

Building on fundamentals from Musical Theatre 1, students perform individually and as an ensemble. They will rock out with selections from *Hairspray*, *RENT* and other such musicals. *Pre-requisite: Musical Theatre 1 or comparable experience*

The following class lasts three weeks with tuition at \$545.

Actor's Conservatory (Grades Five through Twelve) July 25-August 5

Students engage in rigorous actor training taught by experienced professionals. Students will rehearse and perform Arthur Miller's classic, *The Crucible* alongside professional actors that have frequently been seen in NCT productions. *Pre-requisite: Youth Performance Ensemble or comparable experience*

All summer camps are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Class size is limited. Tuition is due with registration. Before and/or After care is available. For more information, call (615) 254-9103 or visit www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org.

About NCT

Nashville Children's Theatre is an ensemble of professional artists who bring unique vision and compelling voice to the creation of meaningful theater for Nashville and Middle Tennessee audiences. We strive to make the imaginative celebration of our hopes, struggles and joys a vital part of the shared experience for young people, families and our community. NCT was founded in 1931 by the Junior League of Nashville and is recognized as the oldest children's theater in the country. A national leader in professional theater arts and education programs for young people, NCT was ranked by TIME magazine as one of the top five children's theaters in the country.