

Beginner's Camp Sessions

Audition Workshop

This interactive workshop is designed to help young performers develop essential audition skills in a supportive, fun environment. Students will learn practical techniques for preparing, presenting, and succeeding in auditions while building confidence and stage presence including:

- ★ Preparation Techniques - How to choose and prepare audition material
- ★ Performance Skills - Voice projection, body language, and stage presence
- ★ Confidence Building - Overcoming nerves and presenting your best self
- ★ Professional Etiquette - Audition room behavior and communication
- ★ Recovery Skills - How to handle mistakes gracefully

Lighting Demonstration

Professional lighting designers and technicians from the Egyptian Theatre will give campers an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the art and science of stage lighting. This hands-on demonstration will show how lighting creates mood, atmosphere, and magic in theatrical productions. Actors will discover:

- ★ Lighting Fundamentals - How different lights create different effects
- ★ Color Theory in Action - What colored gels do to mood and atmosphere
- ★ Technical Equipment - Spotlights, floods, and control boards
- ★ Design Process - How lighting designers plan and execute their vision
- ★ Safety Protocols - Professional practices for working with stage lights

Set Building

Young actors will become set designers and builders as they create actual set pieces for their group skits! This hands-on workshop combines practical skills with creative design thinking, teaching campers how sets bring stories to life while building pieces they'll use in their own performances. Campers will learn:

- ★ Design Fundamentals - How sets support storytelling and create atmosphere
- ★ Building Safety - Safe tool use
- ★ Problem Solving - Working within budget and space constraints
- ★ Collaboration - Teamwork in planning and executing designs
- ★ Resourcefulness - Creating magic with everyday materials

Costumes 101

Young actors will step into the shoes of professional costume designers as they create costume plans for their skit characters. This creative workshop explores how clothing tells stories, reveals character traits, and supports performances. Campers will get hands-on experience with costume design fundamentals including:

- ★ Character Analysis - How clothing reflects personality, status, and story
- ★ Design Elements - Color, texture, silhouette, and time-period considerations
- ★ Practical Costume Skills - sewing machines, accessories, and quick changes
- ★ Professional Process - How costume designers research, sketch, and collaborate
- ★ Budget & Resources - Creating magic with available materials

Stage Makeup, Wigs & Hair

Campers will learn the art of theatrical makeup and hair styling as they practice professional techniques for creating characters. From basic stage makeup to special effects like fake bruising, cuts, and aging, students will discover how makeup transforms performers and supports storytelling. Campers will learn:

- ★ Stage vs. Street Makeup - Why theatrical makeup is different and more dramatic
- ★ Character Creation - Using makeup to suggest age, personality, and emotion
- ★ Special Effects - Methods for creating bruises, cuts, and scars
- ★ Hair & Wig Styling - Basic techniques for period looks and character hair

Stage Combat

Young actors will learn the art of theatrical stage combat through professional safety techniques and choreographed movements. This workshop emphasizes safety, storytelling, and teamwork while campers learn:

- ★ Safety First - The golden rules of stage combat and injury prevention
- ★ Illusion vs. Reality - How to create convincing fights without contact
- ★ Basic Techniques - Safe falls, slaps, punches, and sword work
- ★ Storytelling Through Combat - How fights advance plot and reveal character
- ★ Trust & Communication - Working safely with scene partners

Prop Making

Campers will explore the world of theatrical properties (props) as they design, build, and learn to use the objects that bring stories to life on stage. From hand props to set decoration, students will discover how props support storytelling while creating actual pieces for their skit performances. Campers will focus on:

- ★ Props Categories - Hand props, set props, and decorative elements
- ★ Design Principles - How props reflect time period, character, and story
- ★ Construction Techniques - Building durable, stage-worthy props
- ★ Prop Management - Safe handling, storage, and quick changes
- ★ Creative Problem-Solving - Making realistic props from everyday materials

Acting Workshop

Young actors will be introduced to the craft of acting as they develop rich, believable characters for their skit performances. This workshop combines foundational acting techniques with hands-on character work, helping campers create authentic, engaging performances that connect with audiences. They will practice:

- ★ Character Analysis - Understanding motivation, objectives, and backstory
- ★ Physical Characterization - How body language and movement reveal character
- ★ Voice & Speech - Developing distinct character voices and speech patterns
- ★ Emotional Truth - Accessing and expressing genuine emotions on stage
- ★ Scene Work - Applying techniques to actual performance situations
- ★ Collaboration - Working effectively with scene partners