

**Please Note: This session, our start and end are slightly different to accommodate for curbside pick-up and drop off due to COVID. Please note that students will be brought to begin pickup at 5 minutes before the hour is over.**

### **Pre-K Tiny Thespians (Ages 3-5)\***

*Tiny Thespians is a re-launching program with very specific guidelines. We will have having some Q&A via zoom. Sign up here: [Sign up link](#). If you can't attend those dates and would like more info, email [cd@theatrewesternsprings.com](mailto:cd@theatrewesternsprings.com) Students in this age group focus on classroom dynamics, teamwork, musicality, imagination, storytelling, confidence as well as create arts and crafts.*

*Daniel Tiger\**

*Tuesdays: 10:30-11:15*

*Teacher: Lindsey Branson*

Let's take a trip to Daniel Tiger's neighborhood for some quality time with our friends. We'll use the characters and songs from this popular series to explore how to move, create and inspire. We will play all kinds of games that stretch our confidence and imaginations while learning to support each other. Come and be our neighbor!

*Lion King\**

*Tuesdays: 11:30-12:15*

*Teacher: Lindsey Branson*

Hakuna Matata is the mantra of this class! Young performers enjoy singing and moving as a group with inspiration from the Broadway award-winning musical The Lion King. Students take on roles as animal characters and sing songs including favorites "I Just Can't Wait to be King" and "Hakuna Matata." Actors learn beginning ensemble skills and musical theatre techniques in a nurturing environment.

*\*This class is not eligible to audition for the mainstage show*

### **Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Musical Theatre: Mary Poppins/Mary Poppins Returns*

*Section: Spoonful of Sugar*

*Teacher: Joe Savino*

*Mondays 3:45-4:45*

In this "practically perfect" class, we'll explore the fundamentals of musical theatre which include singing, dancing and acting. Students will work together to use their imaginations, create stage pictures, learn characters and gain confidence in performing. Together, we'll use the character, world and themes of Mary Poppins to learn and expand our horizons. With songs like "A Cover is Not the Book", "Trip a Little Light" from the new sequel, to classics like "Step in Time" and "Spoonful of Sugar", students will be smiling ear to ear as they learn choreography and vocals to some of these stellar songs. You don't have to be perfect to join this class- just excited for some magic!

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*Acting: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and Other Silly Stories*

*Teacher: Scott Sawa*

*Mondays: 5:00-6:00*

If you've ever read the hilarious "If you give a Mouse/Moose/Dog/Pig....." books, you know they are hilarious, fun and funny. Full of bright colors and poetic illustrations, students will enjoy seeing the hilarious situations and acting them out. We will use the books as our inspiration and work towards bringing the characters, situations and stories to life. Students will be both listeners and actors to these silly stories and funny fables. This class will also work on channeling emotions, storytelling, becoming characters and even more. But please.... Don't give the mouse a cookie.

*Musical Theatre: Moana*

*Section 2*

*Teacher: Cyndy Soumar*

*Tuesdays 3:45-4:45*

What can I say except, "you're welcome" for creating a class based on your latest favorite movie, Moana!?! Let your child's love of adventure take flight as the class moves through beloved scenes and songs including "How Far I'll Go" and "You're Welcome." Actors learn beginning ensemble skills and musical theatre techniques in a nurturing environment. Topics covered include audition basics, stage directions, using scripts and foundational choreography and acting. If you sign up, there's just no telling how far your child will go!

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### **3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**

*Musical Theatre: Broadway Kids ROCK! (School of Rock, Schoolhouse Rock, Rock of Ages)*

*Teacher: Cyndy Soumar*

*Mondays: 3:45-4:45*

We know kids are awesome. In fact, we think they ROCK! Grab your sassy rock-n-roll attitude and get ready to sing and dance to some rocking shows. Energy, excitement, teamwork, exploration, identity are all themes of these fun and exciting works. Whether you want to "Stick it to the Man", or "Build This City" or just rock the schoolhouse, this class is designed for those who are big, bold and LOUD. Students will move, sing, dance and learn to work together while building their individual skills. We'll focus on being strong, powerful performers using our bodies and voices to their full capacity.

*Acting: LOTR/Narnia*

*Teacher: Scott Sawa*

*Tuesdays: 3:45-4:45*

Join us for this epic quest adventure class. We'll be exploring the fantastic and magical lands of Narnia and Middle Earth. Filled with elves, talking trees, wizards and magic, these stories have amazed children for decades. We'll explore the themes of good vs evil and also how to use our emotions authentically in BIG scenes. You may even be asked to play a non-human. Grab your bow, your sword, your wand and get ready to conquer Middle Earth and claim Narnia!

*3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Musical Theatre: Disney's Descendants*

*Teacher: Joe Savino*

*Tuesdays 5:00-6:00*

Based on the hit Disney movies, discover the world of the children of Disney's most notorious villains. Meet Mal, daughter of Maleficent, Carlos, son of Cruella, Jay, son of Jafar, and Evie, daughter of the Evil Queen. Explore these unique and quirky characters and discover what happens when the magical and "real" world collide. This class has plenty of valuable scene work, singing, musical theatre movement, character development, acting exercises, and improvisation to give the students a major acting skills boost. Take your acting skills to the next level with the next generation of Disney villains! We will sing dance and act to this amazing material!

*3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Acting: Performing for Movies & Film*

*Teacher: Joe Savino*

*Tuesdays: 6:00-7:00*

Lights! Camera! Action! Acting for movies and film is a whole different world from stage acting. We'll learn the differences between stage and film and also explore different sub genres like movies, TV and commercials. Students will receive individual notes and opportunities to try their hand at acting for the camera. Get ready for your close up!

**Tweens:**

*Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Musical Movement/Dance: Ozland (Wicked, Wizard of Oz & The Wiz)*

*Teacher: Cyndy Soumar*

*Mondays: 5:00-6:00*

Let's get your MOVES on with this awesome class. Whether you're a confident dancer or a beginning mover, this class is for you. We'll be dancing our way down the yellow brick road with 3 different versions of Dorothy's story. Students will learn some fundamental terminology, posture, musical theatre steps to create some AWESOME and fun choreography. Let's Ease on Down the Road!

*Ages 10-15: Specialty: Physical Comedy- Pranks and Pratfalls*

*Teacher: Scott Sawa*

*Tuesdays 5:00-6:00*

Learn to (safely) explore all kinds of physical comedy on stage. We'll be learning some basic stage combat like punches and slaps and also some hilarious special tricks to enhance and tickle your funny bone.

**Jr High:**

*Musical Theatre: Monster Musicals (Beetlejuice, Little Shop, Jekyll & Hyde & Addams Family)*

*Teacher: Joe Savino*

*Mondays: 6:15-8:15*

We'll be using some awesome shows for inspiration such as: Addams Family, Beetlejuice, Jekyll and Hyde, and Little Shop of Horrors. There's something so much fun about playing a creature of terror on stage. We'll dance, sing and act our way through some incredible songs from these shows. Get your inner monster on and get ready to have a scary good time.

*Specialty: Comical Kids/Creating a Sketch Comedy Revue*

*Teacher: Scott Sawa*

*Mondays 6:16-7:15*

If your student has ever enjoyed "SNL", "Whose Line is it Anyway" or comedy sketches on YouTube/TikTok, this class is for THEM! Kids will develop their comedy and humor skills to connect to acting. Working alongside each other, they will learn skills in collaborating and writing for other people. We will cover comedic characters, blackouts, parodies, and sketches. Students will become more confident in expressing and sharing ideas that make them laugh while giving valuable feedback to their fellow classmates. Get ready to write, act and laugh!

*Acting: Stuart Little*

*Teacher: Cyndy Soumar*

*Tuesdays: 6:00-7:00*

Enjoy this timeless tale of a mouse who moves to the big city. This class with focus on characterization, memorization, scene and character work. Let's take our acting to the next level. We'll also focus on responding to our partners and utilizing authentic emotions. Let's act!

*Jr. High Improv*

*Teacher: Ben Olson*

*Thursdays: 4:00-5:00*

I'm going off script! Students think fast and have plenty of laughs in this upbeat class that teaches the fundamentals of improvisation. Not only will students enjoy games and comedic improv, but they'll also learn techniques that will help them feel more confident as they grow into young performers. Fast paced and focused, improvisers will learn many new techniques that will serve them in many areas of theatre. From playing games to playing scenes, this class is sure to grow and stretch your student.

*Technical Theatre*

*Teacher: Imani McDaniel*

*Thursdays: 5:00-7:00*

Welcome to behind the scenes! Students will be introduced to the world of technical theatre. Highlighting exposure to many different areas, this class is a great blending of instruction and hands on experience. Students can discover the tools used to help build the world of the play and what goes on behind the scenes. Lighting, set design, sound, makeup, costumes, paint, props are just a few areas that could be highlighted. Students in this class get to help solve real production problems and contribute to the shows currently performing at TWS/CTWS. Get your hands dirty and learn how to create theatre magic!

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### **High School (Rep):**

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### *Advanced Improv*

*Teacher: Ben Olson*

*Thursdays: 5:00-7:00*

Take the next step in improvisation acting. Designed for more experienced students, discover different forms and styles of improv including long-form and montage. Learn to strengthen and fine-tune your ensemble skills and create dynamic scenes and characters. Improv need not always be funny, and this class focuses on the craft of creating strong improvised scenes: both comedic and dramatic. Students will still play plenty of the short form games they love, while learning to focus on specific choices, giving gifts to partners, editing and creating grounded, realistic improv scenes. *Pre-requisite: 1 prior semester of improv*

### *(Not Boring) Scene Study*

*Teacher: Karen Holbert*

*Thursdays: 5:00-7:00*

Whatever you thought you knew about scene study, get ready to blow your mind. This class will be a high energy, deep dive into the tools and tricks for the actor. We'll expand the actor toolkit and give you new ways to approach scenes, scripts and characters. We'll use tools like improv and other forms to get to the heart of a scene and a character. You'll walk away a more well-rounded, confident actor. This is a scene study like you've never SCENE before!

### **Virtual Offerings:**

#### *Virtual Play Reading (High School)*

*Teacher: David Rodriguez*

*Sundays: 6:00-8:30*

**\*THIS IS A VIRTUAL ZOOM CLASS\*** Back by popular demand! This class will read a full play each week with the director assigning roles. After the reading, the class will discuss themes, impressions, ideas and major plotlines of the script. It's great practice to work on cold reading and characterization skills while having a TON of fun.

#### *Games N More (4<sup>th</sup>-Jr High)*

*Teacher: TBD*

*Sundays: 6:00-8:00*

**\*THIS IS A VIRTUAL ZOOM CLASS\*** This class is designed for those who just want some more fun and some more practice! From the comfort of your own home, enjoy improv, acting exercises, and just plain fun theatre games. Lots of laughs while learning is sure to ensue! Hang out with us for this relaxed, fun, enjoyable class. NOTE: This class ends after spring break (March 2022).