

ALT Academy

Fall 2024 Theatre Class Descriptions

Creative Dramatics 1(PreK & K) & 2(Grade 1&2) Various Days/Ages

An integrative process that develops imaginative thought and creative expression children. Through the use of movement, improvisation, storytelling and group discussion, children learn language and communication skills, social awareness, problem-solving abilities and an understanding of theatre. Rather than an attempt to create professional child actors, the goal of Creative Dramatics is to guide a child to self-fulfillment through the process of theatre techniques.

Theatre I Various Days

Beginning Theatre instruction for grades 3 and 4 involving teaching of theatre basics and character development through improvisation, theatre games and short scenes. Students will gain an introduction to acting techniques while also developing a basic understanding of the importance of collaboration and ensemble work in the theatre.

Musical Theatre Vocal Various Dates/Ages

In this engaging and dynamic class, students will explore the exciting world of musical theatre. They will learn the basics of music theory, including reading music and understanding rhythms, which will serve as the foundation for their vocal training. The class will also focus on developing essential vocal skills, such as proper breathing techniques, pitch control and vocal projection. Students will receive valuable tips and practice for audition preparation, helping them build confidence and perform their best in front of an audience. Additionally, they will learn how to act out songs, integrating emotions and movements to bring their performances to life. Through fun exercises and activities, students will gain a well-rounded introduction to musical theatre, fostering a love for music and performance.

Musical Theatre Dance Ages 8-12 Various Days

Musical Theatre dance will focus on learning proper dance technique and vocabulary while exploring the various dance styles used in Musicals. Emphasis will also be placed on learning performance skills such as connecting with the audience and telling a story through dance and facial expressions.

Theatre II Various Days

Basic Theatre instruction for grades 5 and 6 involving teaching of acting techniques and character development through improvisation, theatre games and short scenes. Theatre II students will begin working on honing basic acting techniques, get an introduction to theatre history or styles, while continuing an emphasis on collaboration and ensemble work.

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Theatre III

Various Days

This course for Grades 7 & 8 includes training in the skills of character analysis and script interpretation. These skills will be developed through scene work in monologues and scenes with other actors and includes group scenes. More advanced techniques will be introduced while expanding students' skills in other aspects of theatre including an understanding of theatrical production as a whole.

Jr. Company* (Audition Required) Wed. 4:30 - 6:00 pm

An auditioned acting class for 7th and 8th grade students, Junior Company is designed to increase student's skills in character development and work within comedic and dramatic scenes. Coursework will include scene, monologue and improvisational work in a variety of theatre genres and performance styles and a general introduction to theatre history, directing and more.

Show Choir* (Audition Required) Mon. 4:30 - 6:00 pm

This practical course gives students in Grades 8 - 12 the hands-on opportunity of being in an ensemble. While learning complex harmonies and performing accompanying choreography in class, the Show Choir serves as an extension of the Academy and its outreach. This course requires a high time commitment but is ultimately rewarding as the choir has the opportunity to perform around Amarillo and the country!

Costuming

Wed. 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Introduction to sewing/costuming for Grades 8 - 12. Students will learn the ins and outs of costume storage and basic sewing/alteration techniques, including installing zippers, hemming and costume construction.

Ace the Audition

Tues. 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Auditions can be intimidating, but they don't have to be! This course covers all types of auditions one might encounter at ALT and beyond. Ace the Audition will give students a range of experiences such as song selection for voice auditions, monologue selection for auditions, cold-reads, dance combinations, self-tapes and more. While this course is specifically designed for those looking to audition for college theatre programs, professional theatres, etc., any student can benefit from having extra audition experience under their belt!

Theatre IV

Tues. 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Designed to continue the training begun in Theatre III, this course for grades 9 - 12 includes more advanced training in the skills of character analysis and script interpretation. These skills will be developed through scene work in monologues and scenes with other actors and includes group scenes. Students will dive deeper into advanced acting techniques and styles, theatre history and production and devising/developing new works.

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Sr. Company* (Audition Required) Thurs. 4:30 - 6:00 pm

An auditioned class for 9th - 12th grade students, Senior Company is an advanced course in acting designed to increase student's skills in character development and work within comedic and dramatic scenes. Coursework will include scene, monologue and improvisational, in-depth study of a variety of acting techniques and performance styles, and hands-on experience in directing, dramaturgy and more.

Intro to Theatre Audio Wed. 5:00 - 6:00 pm* (*10/09-12/04)

Get ready to take your theatre skills to the next level with our introductory Theatre Audio class! In this hands-on course for Teens & Adults, you'll learn the ins and outs of setting up a sound system for live performances - from basic setup to advanced mixing techniques. You'll dive into the world of audio principles, including signal flow, EQ, compression, reverb and get practical experience with mic placement, setup and use. As an added bonus, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how good mic placement can make or break your live sound - making this course especially valuable for actors looking to improve their stage presence and confidence in knowing that their voice is being captured clearly & effectively.

Script Analysis Sat. 2:00 - 3:00 pm* (*9/07-11/02)

Whether you are an actor, a director, a designer, a playwright, or a theatre fan, learning how to break down a play's plot, characters, dialogue and themes is essential to understanding the playwright's intentions. In this 8-week course for Adults, students will read and analyze "A Raisin in the Sun." Each week new concepts of script analysis will be introduced, followed by facilitated group discussions.

NOTE: Completing a Script Analysis Course will be a prerequisite for Beginning Playwriting.

Adult Acting Workshop: Tues. 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join our comprehensive adult acting class designed to cater to actors of all levels, from beginners to veterans. Students will participate in theatre exercises and games targeting audition techniques, character development, voice, speech and movement. They will also delve into scene work and analysis, visualization and take part in group discussion.