

## Pre-Professional Theatre Training Program 2019-20 Audition Package

### What is the Arts Umbrella Pre-Professional Theatre Training Program?

The Arts Umbrella Pre-Professional Theatre Training Program consists of the Senior Theatre Troupe, the Junior Theatre Troupe, the Senior Musical Theatre Troupe, the Junior Musical Theatre Troupe, the Laboratory Theatre Troupe, the Film Actor's Clinic, as well as the Young Directors Program. These yearlong programs are structured to offer aspiring actors, and directors, a space to sharpen their skills, increase their confidence, and expand their network. Vocal, movement, and theatrical exercises help develop teamwork and cooperation, discipline and technique, creative expression, and individual artistry.

Our instructors are industry professionals who help students explore their artistic potential. Many of our students have gone on to post-secondary theatre programs and professional acting careers around the world.

The Arts Umbrella Pre-Professional Theatre Program is a September to June commitment (with extra rehearsals necessary to prepare for performances, usually during November, February, March, April, and May). Students MUST be prepared to put a lot of energy and time into training and preparation for tour and stage performances. Participants are chosen by audition to take part in the program and will be placed in the Troupe that best fits the students' age, experience, skill set, and goals.

*Please note that the Pre-Professional Theatre Training Program is a full year commitment and requires a significant investment of time, energy and focus throughout the year in order to get the most from the program. For more information or to register for an audition, please visit [www.artsumbrella.com/theatreaudition](http://www.artsumbrella.com/theatreaudition) or email [theatre@artsumbrella.com](mailto:theatre@artsumbrella.com)*

### Standard Class/Rehearsal Schedule:

Senior Theatre Troupe - Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM  
Junior Theatre Troupe - Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM  
Senior Musical Theatre Troupe - Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Fridays 6:00-9:00 PM  
Junior Musical Theatre Troupe - Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Fridays 6:00-9:00 PM  
Laboratory Theatre Troupe - Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Fridays 6:00-9:00 PM  
Film Actors' Clinic – Saturdays 12:30-2:30 PM (at the Annex)  
Improv Troupe – Tuesdays 5:00-8:00pm (at South Surrey)

Updated class/rehearsal/performance schedule comes directly from the instructors at the start of classes

Fees include class time, rehearsal hours, technical rehearsals, headshot sitting fee, production fees and commemorative swag.

### Performance Opportunities:

Winter Shorts Festival at Performance Works: December 2019

Expressions Theatre Festival Performances: May 2020

\*Other performance opportunities including tours, fundraising events, and informal cabarets will arise throughout the year

**Important note:** *Because our pre-professional program is designed for those who are considering theatre and the performing arts as a career path, a significant amount of at-home preparation and regular attendance is expected of all students. Missed classes may require changes in casting for our in-house productions. Families are asked to consider this carefully when choosing to audition for the program.*

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## Program Descriptions:

### **Senior Theatre Troupe** - Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM

Get your acting career started with intensive training in voice, movement, non-verbal exercises and professional audition techniques. This year-long program focuses on developing the actor's process, and developing your abilities in finding voice and emotional connection. Focus on developing your process and audition repertoire and scene work in the Fall session. Winter and Spring sessions are dedicated to mounting a professional production that tours to secondary schools across Metro Vancouver. Students also showcase their work as a part of Winter Shorts, and the Expressions Festival, as well as other performance opportunities throughout the year. Past productions include: "Animal Farm" (2019), "The Phoenician Women" (2018), "The Complete Works Of William Shakespeare: Abridged" (2017), "Julius Caesar" (2016), and "The Martian Chronicles" (2015).

### **Junior Theatre Troupe** - Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Sundays 2:00-5:00 PM

Channel your talents! In Junior Theatre Troupe, teens develop on- and off-stage skills. Beyond honing performance techniques, students also experiment with production know-how such as lighting, sound, costume, and set. The Fall Session is dedicated to intensive training that develops strong rehearsal techniques and encourages a sense of ensemble. Winter and Spring Sessions focus on mounting a professional production to tour Metro Vancouver elementary schools. Students also showcase their work as a part of Winter Shorts, and the Expressions Festival, as well as other performance opportunities throughout the year. Past productions include: "Peter Pan" (2019) "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2018), "Charlotte's Web" (2017), "Story Stew: A Fairy Tale Revue" (2016), and "Alice In Wonderland" (2015).

### **Senior Musical Theatre Troupe** - Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Fridays 6:00-9:00 PM

Cue the music! Senior Musical Theatre Troupe members undergo intensive training with professional musical theatre artists to gain valuable ensemble and solo performance experience, and make the connection between performer and audience. Students polish their audition repertoire, develop their actor's voice, and learn advanced singing, dancing, and acting techniques. Performances at Winter Shorts and other performance opportunities throughout the year prepare teens to mount a full-length musical as a part of the Expressions Festival in May. Past productions include: "Into the Woods" (2019), "Oklahoma!" (2018), "Urinetown: The Musical" (2017), "The Drowsy Chaperone" (2016), and "Bring It On" (2015).

### **Junior Musical Theatre Troupe** - Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Fridays 6:00-9:00 PM

Take center stage! Our Junior Musical Theatre Troupe is going big time – 2 days per week and is a significant time and energy commitment for those teens who are truly ready to commit to deep development of their musical theatre skills. Members undergo intensive training with professional musical theatre artists to gain valuable ensemble and solo performance experience, and make the connection between performer and audience. Students enrich their audition repertoire, develop their voice, and learn advanced singing, dancing, and acting techniques. Performances at Winter Shorts and other performance opportunities throughout the year prepare teens to mount a full-length musical as a part of the Expressions Festival in May. Past productions include: "James and the Giant Peach"(2019), and "Guys and Dolls" (2018).

### **Laboratory Theatre Troupe** - Tuesdays 6:00-9:00 PM, Fridays 6:00-9:00 PM

Experiment with concept, story and style. Explore theatre with other creative-minded students to devise, produce and perform an original theatre piece that will tour to schools across Metro Vancouver. Similar to the work done in the other Pre-Professional Troupes, students gain a deeper understanding of the actor's process, with a greater emphasis on creating original work and sharing knowledge. The Laboratory Theatre Troupe showcases work at Winter Shorts and other performance opportunities throughout the year before mounting a full production that tours to schools across the Lower Mainland, in April, as well as at the Expressions Festival in May. Past productions include: "Outside In" (2018), "Living In My Skin: (2017), "Dangers of a Total War" (2016), "Shift" (2015).

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**Improv Troupe** – Tuesdays 5-8pm (at South Surrey, N116 – 15850 26 Ave, Morgan Crossing, South Surrey)

Take your Improvisation skills to the next level. Gain self confidence and learn to think on your feet in this exciting new Improv Troupe at Arts Umbrella’s South Surrey Location. Work with other creative minds to devise an original improv show that will tour to schools across the lower mainland. Express yourself and showcase your work with public performance opportunities throughout the year.

**Film Actors’ Clinic** – Saturdays 12:30-2:30PM (at the Annex, #204-1504 Duranleau St. Granville Island)

Find your confidence on screen! Being prepared and feeling confident on set can be a tough thing to master. Learn from industry professionals who will share their casting, auditioning, and on-set experiences. Using authentic audition materials in these Two-hour sessions, students practice their audition techniques and delve into script analysis, taking home their filmed scenes to use as a learning tool and as footage for their own demo reels.

To audition, please submit a video audition by email to [theatre@artsumbrella.com](mailto:theatre@artsumbrella.com)

**Young Directors Program**

Students are accepted by application only. To apply, email [theatre@artsumbrella.com](mailto:theatre@artsumbrella.com)

Go behind the scenes! Young Directors work alongside professional designers and a Pre-Professional Theatre Troupe Director to see what it takes to put on a show. In the Fall, students direct their own scene for Winter Shorts, and then they’ll be an Assistant Director in the Winter and Spring for the year-end show.

**How do I sign up for an audition?**

1. Go to [www.artsumbrella.com/theatreaudition](http://www.artsumbrella.com/theatreaudition) and click on the audition link.
2. Choose an audition time and follow the prompts to register for an audition slot.
3. Fill in the questionnaire as best as you can and then click submit.

**Auditions:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> round - Sunday, June 9, 2019
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round and Call backs – Sunday, September 8, 2019

**How do I prepare for my audition?**

- Memorize and prepare a monologue from a published play. Please choose a piece that speaks to you and make sure you read the play to get as much information about the character and story as possible. If you are so inclined, you may prepare a monologue of your own creation instead.
- Prepare a song from a musical theatre piece. Please bring sheet music as we will have an accompanist on hand. Although sheet music is preferred, you can choose to bring the music on CD.

**Audition Day:**

- Each audition slot is 90 minutes in length and will consist of:
  1. Group physical and vocal warm up
  2. Group work including improvisation and writing
  3. Individual audition time with the directors

Please come prepared and on time for the audition, wear loose and comfortable clothing.  
Be brave, make strong choices and above all have fun!!!!!!

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