

## UPPER DARBY SUMMER STAGE THEATER WITH A HEART

### DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS

Study after study shows that children who are involved in the arts develop skills far beyond those taught in the classroom. At Summer Stage your child will develop his or her talents in singing, acting, dance and technical theater, but we add the extra dimension of our theme song, *To Fill the World with Love*. We believe that our talents are a gift to share with others. We put the spotlight not on ourselves, but on our audience and our fellow cast members. We encourage our participants to support each other and cheer on each other's successes.

### BUILD CONFIDENCE

More than learning lines and choreography, your child will develop confidence as he or she discovers the magic of their talents and energy while working as part of a team towards a common goal. A mom shared with us, "My kids spent most of their summers at Summer Stage and the lessons they learned when working with others on shows have stayed with them all of their lives."

### LEARN FROM AN EXPERIENCED STAFF

Our Summer Stage staff remember the moment they realized they loved doing theater and sharing it with others. Our staff members are theater, dance, music and technical theater professionals and college students who want who want to create that magical experience for your child.

### MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Your child will develop friendships with young people from all over the region who enjoy similar things as your son or daughter. In over forty years of Summer Stage, we have witnessed friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

### IT'S AFFORDABLE

Summer Stage is the most affordable, quality theater program in our region. We offer scholarships for families with financial challenges.

The Upper Darby Performing Arts Center and Upper Darby Summer Stage are jointly sponsored by the Upper Darby School District Board of School Directors and Upper Darby Township Mayor and Council through the Department of Recreation and Leisure Services.

### OUR MISSION

The Mission of Upper Darby Summer Stage is to encourage young people to develop the magic of their talents, personality and energy, and to share that magic with our audiences through outstanding theatrical performances for the entire family.

### ABOUT UPPER DARBY SUMMER STAGE

Since 1976 Upper Darby Summer Stage has opened the magical world of musical theater to thousands of children and teenagers through a comprehensive program of classes, performing experiences and outstanding performances for the public.

Beginning at the ages of 4 and 5 children experience the magic of a fully staged children's show live onstage. After 4th grade children can develop their imaginations and talents as part of our **Performing Starts** classes, gradually working towards full participation in our **Children's Theater** shows. Young technicians learn skills in carpentry, painting, lighting and sound as they participate in the **Technical Program**. As performers develop their skills they may audition for **The Shooting Stars**, our touring ensemble. The Summer Stage program culminates in the **Mainstage Program**, offering young adults a performance experience on a virtually professional level.

"Summer Stage manages to reach a level of professionalism and aesthetic excellence that is nothing short of miraculous."

*-The Philadelphia Inquirer*



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# REGISTER

## YOUR CHILD FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER!

# UPPER DARBY Summer stage 2019

Magic on stage.  
Memories for life.

One of the country's most successful  
youth theater programs since 1976!

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ages 10 - 28! Visit:

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# Performing Starts Programs

One session per student

## LEVEL 1 Theater Bugs Program

Finishing 4th grade

**Theater Bugs** will develop their creativity and imagination through four exciting theater classes:

- Singing
- Dance
- Acting
- Improv and Storytelling

The sky is the limit when it comes to developing basic performing technique, building bright characters, and finding "your own unique voice" as a first-time Summer Stager.

### Classes take place at

Upper Darby Performing Arts Center

**Monday - Friday:** 8:15 AM to 11:15 AM

### Theater Bugs Program Fees:

\$170 for residents\* | \$280 for non-residents

## LEVEL 2 Magic Makers Program

Finishing 5th or 6th grade

**Magic Makers** will further develop techniques of singing, dancing and acting and at the end of the three week session will perform their very own Performance Showcase! Their journey will include learning theater terminology, getting a peek behind the scenes to see how a theater production works at Summer Stage, and rehearsing as a cast of storytelling players.

### Classes take place at

Upper Darby Performing Arts Center

**Monday - Friday:** 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

### Magic Makers Program Fees:

\$170 for residents\* | \$280 for non-residents

## LEVEL 3 Rising Stars Program

Finishing 7th grade

**Rising Stars** are put to the challenge of performing in a fully-staged musical for their family this summer. Fine tuning characters, creating a theatrical world, and storytelling through a professional script are just a few exciting elements! This program, is a stepping stone to becoming a **Children's Theater** performer. Students who have completed the 2018 Magic Makers program may register after completing 6th grade. New students must have completed 7th grade to participate.

### Classes take place at

Upper Darby Performing Arts Center

**Monday - Friday:** 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM

### Rising Stars Program Fees:

\$175 for residents\* | \$290 for non-residents

Each Performing Starts Program offers two 3-week sessions:

**DATES: First Session:** June 20 to July 12 (no classes on July 4, 5) • **Second Session:** July 15 to August 2

One session only per participant

# Technical Theater Program

(Finished 8th grade through high school)

Members of the **Technical Theater Program** are immersed in the backstage world of Summer Stage. Learning skills in carpentry, painting, sound, lighting and backstage management, technicians create scenery, props and special effects for our seven major productions. The Technical Theater program is open to students who are finishing 8th grade or in high school.

An interview with the Technical Director is a requirement for admission to the program. Please call 610.622.1189 to schedule interview.

### Technical Theater Fees:

\$175 for residents\* | \$275 for nonresidents

Dates: End of June through August 16



# Children's Theater Program

Finishing 8th grade through 11th grade - **Cast members must be available 9 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday**

We've got Magic Up Our Sleeve for all participants in our **Children's Theater** productions!

**Children's Theater** participants rehearse a fully staged and costumed children's musical and will perform for thousands of people. Auditions are not required for participation but are necessary for leading roles. Membership in the **Children's Theater** program is open to students who have completed **Rising Stars** or who are finishing 8th grade.

Rehearsals are held in the morning from 9 am to 12 noon and in the afternoons from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. There will be one weekend rehearsal for each show. Participants will be assigned to a cast after registration and will be notified by mail the week of April 29. Please do not call the Box Office for assignments.

Students finishing 8th through 11th grades may register for two shows.

Please check your family calendar before you register online. To choose a show you **MUST** be available 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday during these dates:

### Show #1:

**Disney's High School Musical, Jr.**

**June 18 through July 12**

Additional rehearsal July 7, closed July 4, 5

### Show #2:

**Seussical, Jr.**

**June 18 through July 19**

Additional rehearsal July 14, closed July 4, 5

### Show #3:

**Disney's Frozen, Jr.**

**June 19 through July 26**

Additional rehearsal July 21, closed July 4, 5

### Show #4:

**Honk, Jr.**

**July 9 through August 2**

No additional rehearsal.

### Show #5:

**Elliot and the Magic Bed**

**July 16 through August 9**

Additional rehearsal August 4

### Show #6:

**Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka, Jr.**

**July 23 through August 16**

Additional rehearsal August 11

### Children's Theater Fees:

**One show:** \$185 for residents\*  
\$345 for non-residents

**Second show:** \$150 for residents\*  
\$220 for non-residents (if openings are available)

### Scholarships

A limited number of financial need scholarships are available. Request a scholarship application while registering.

# Mainstage Program - Big Fish

(Ages 18 to 28)

The pinnacle of Summer Stage participation is the **Mainstage Program**. Open to performers 18 years or older, Mainstage raises the bar to a professional level in the production of a Broadway style musical. Reviewers have called Mainstage shows, "Virtually perfect" and "Mesmerizing." Auditions and a strong commitment to excellence are required of Mainstage performers.

Participants must be finished 12th grade. Those who finished 10th grade who have participated in Summer Stage Children's Theater are also eligible to audition. Auditions are scheduled for Sunday, June 2. Check the website at [www.udpac.org](http://www.udpac.org) for audition songs and more information.

### Mainstage Fees:

\$20 for residents\* | \$20 for non-residents

Dates: June 2 through August 10



\*A resident is a student who meets the residency requirements for the Upper Darby School District