



ACADEMY THEATRE

275 Chestnut Street • Meadville, PA 16335 • 814-337-8211



Summer Theatre Classes



For students in 9th through 12th grade

Advanced Youth Camp: June 14-25

Students will help team-teach morning Youth Camp students; then spend the afternoon creating lesson plans and performance project ideas for the morning group as well as taking additional courses on auditioning, character building, and technique.

Instructor: Jessica Surdyk; **Tuition:** \$25 (with teaching)/\$50 (without)

Acting Basics: June 28- July 2, 9:00am-12:00pm (additional session 1:00-4:00pm if necessary)

Through activities, exercises, script study and analysis, students will explore and develop a greater mastery of live stage performance. The students will develop facility with basic stage movement and continue to study two major acting methods: Stanislavsky and Wesley Balk and will apply these tactics to musical selections. The students will also explore the basics of “stage violence” including both incidental and combat. They will learn how to perform several basic techniques in a safe and convincing theatrical manner. The week will conclude with an informal performance of scenes analyzed and prepared by students. **Instructor:** Marc Weagraff; **Tuition:** \$60*

Acting Masterclass: July 5-9, 9:00am-12:00pm

Students will directly apply concepts and strategies learned last year in Acting Basics (Stanislavsky, Balk, concepts of space and movement, etc.) as we prepare and perform a one-act play (or excerpted scenes program depending on enrollment). We will discuss character choices and analysis in both general and specific instances. We will also continue our study of stage violence by choreographing short sequences which will be performed as part of a closing program. **Instructor** Marc Weagraff; **Tuition:** \$75*

Voice Masterclass: July 5-9, 1:00-4:00pm

We will discuss and explore the physical and technical use of the voice- primarily in singing but also in spoken stage speech. We will address techniques of singing including breathing, projection, and diction. We will learn how to apply healthy vocal techniques to various styles of music including legit. theater, character voices, and pop/rock/contemporary. Students should prepare at least 2 songs of different styles to be coached during the week. Additional coaching will be available as time permits. The week will conclude with a public performance of the songs prepared. **Instructor:** Marc Weagraff; **Tuition:** \$75*

**Students enrolling in more than 1 class with Marc Weagraff will receive a discount. Need-based Scholarships are also available. Please contact the Academy at 814-337-8211 or director@theacademytheatre.org for more information.*

Jessica Surdyk is a graduate of Edinboro University with a B.A. in theatre arts and has been working as a theatre director and educator since then. Her most recent productions were *Assassins* for Meadville Community Theatre and *Willy Wonka* for the Academy. Ms. Surdyk has been the Academy’s Youth Camp Director for the past 3 years. She also conducts private audition coaching sessions and is a talented lighting and set designer.

Marc Weagraff holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Michigan, and a Masters and Bachelors of Music from the Cleveland Institute of Music. Currently, Dr. Weagraff is a faculty member at Baldwin-Wallace College where he teaches opera history, art song literature, and voice. His voice students have been heard on Broadway, network television, national tours, regional theater and opera houses throughout the United States, France and Austria.

ENROLLMENT FORM

Complete and return along with payment to Academy Theatre, 275 Chestnut St., Meadville, PA 16335

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Circle courses you wish to attend:

Advanced Youth Camp

Acting Basics

Acting Masterclass

Voice Masterclass

Space is limited, please enroll early!!