Metro Parks Theater Academy

Spring 2027

To Register Monday-Friday Call:

615-880-2787 ext 0

Nashville.gov/theater

Metro Parks Theater Academy is a place for students ages 3-adult to learn all about theater no matter if their interest is acting & directing, singing & dancing, or the technical aspects of putting on a production. Students will spend time discovering and developing their theater talents and will have a chance to showcase what they learn in a low stakes performance setting.
All classes have open enrollment unless otheriwse noted.

Classes offered in: Musical Theater, Improvisation, Theater Dance, Acting, Acting for Film, & Shakespeare

Musical Theater

Learn acting, singing and dancing skills.

Primary Musical Theater | 5-7 years

A playful introduction to singing, dancing, and acting! Kids explore storytelling through song, learn basic stage movement, and build confidence while working together. Games encourage listening, expression, and imagination.

Mondays	4:00-5:00pm	Miranda Miller	CPAS	January 4- April 26	$126

Secondary Musical Theater | 8-12 years

Students deepen skills in voice, choreography, and character work. They learn stage presence, ensemble harmony, and scene-building, fostering teamwork, discipline, and creative problem-solving.

Mondays	5:00-6:00 pm	Miranda Miller	CPAS	January 4- April 26	$126

Upper Level Musical Theater | 13- 18 years

Focused, performance-driven training in acting, advanced vocal technique, and dance styles. Teens refine professionalism, emotional range, and collaboration, preparing for auditions, productions, and leadership roles onstage and beyond.

Mondays	6:00-7:00 pm	Miranda Miller	CPAS	January 4- April 26	$126

Musical Theater *(cont.)*

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Broadway Babies | 3.5-4 years

In this class young performers who love to sing & twirl are introduced to foundational theatrical principles. Students begin training in expressing themselves through imagination, teamwork, musicality, movement & song in a developmentally appropriate way that helps spark and feed the joy of song & dance!

Wednesdays	2-2:45	Amelia Hendricks	McCabe	January 6- March 17	$98

Theater Dance

Dance for the stage without the singing.

Intro to Theater Tap & Jazz | 5-9 years

Build confidence & dance skills while exploring the basics of tap, jazz, and musical theater dance in a fun, nurturing environment! This class is appropriate for beginners.

Wednesdays	5:30-6:30 pm	Amelia Hendricks	Madison	January 6- April 28	$135

Theater Tap & Jazz | 10-14 years

Continue to build confidence & dance skills while exploring theatrical tap, jazz, and musical theater dance. This class is geared towards the later beginner or students with some experience. Students can expect to be intruduced to material at a higher rate and intensity while remaining in a fun, nurturing environment!

Wednesdays	4:30-5:30 pm	Amelia Hendricks	Madison	January 6- April 28	$135

Adult Musical Theater Dance | 18 years & older

A playful, welcoming space for any adult ready to move, laugh, and create together. Whether you're brand new or returning to the stage, no experience is necessary—just bring your curiosity and a willingness to play! This semester will focus on dances from different genres of Musical Theater dance over the decades.

Wednesdays	6:30-7:30 pm	Amelia Hendricks	Madison	January 6- April 28	FREE

Acting for the Stage & Screen

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Learn the art of performance without the song & dance.

Scenes and Monologues | 11-13 years

In a supportive, creative environment, students explore character development, voice, and movement through engaging scenes and monologues. They learn to analyze scripts, make strong acting choices, and connect emotionally with material. Emphasis is placed on listening, reacting truthfully, and building confidence speaking alone and with partners. Collaboration, constructive feedback, and stage presence skills help them grow as performers while strengthening focus, empathy, and communication—both onstage and in everyday life.

Tuesdays	5:15-6:15 pm	Sara Fidelholtz	CPAS	January 5- April 27	$135

Acting for Screen | 10-13 years

Budding screen stars ages 10-13 learn the essentials of acting for film and television — from mastering on-camera presence to hitting their marks and delivering authentic performances. Students explore script work, scene study, and improvisation, all while building confidence and teamwork in a fun, supportive environment.

Wednesdays	5:00-6:00 pm	Chantea Kirkwood	CPAS	January 6- April 28	$135

Acting for Screen | 14-18 years

Teens ages 14-18 take their skills to the next level with advanced on-camera techniques, in-depth character study, and industry-style rehearsals. They gain experience in everything from audition prep to working with scene directors, leaving them ready to shine both on set and in front of the camera.

Wednesdays	4:00-5:00 pm	Chantea Kirkwood	CPAS	January 6- April 28	$135

Shakespeare Club | 10-18 years

A fun, welcoming class for theater-loving students ages 10-18 who want to explore big characters, bold stories, and some of the most famous scenes ever written. No experience is necessary — just a love for theater and a willingness to play! Through games, acting exercises, and scene work, students will learn how to make Shakespeare's language feel clear, exciting, and alive. This club is perfect for curious performers who want to build confidence, sharpen their acting skills, and discover that Shakespeare can be dramatic, hilarious, and surprisingly relatable.

Mondays	4:30-6:00 pm	JR Knowles	CPAS	January 4- April 26	FREE

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Improvisational Theater

The study of creating scenes & characters on the spot!

Youth Improvisation | 7-10 years

An improv class for ages 7-10 is a joyful, high-energy playground for the imagination! Through fun games, storytelling, and quick-thinking exercises, kids learn acting techniques like character creation, voice, and movement. They practice teamwork, active listening, and thinking on their feet—skills that boost confidence and adaptability. Mistakes become opportunities, helping children embrace creativity without fear. Friendships grow and students discover how to collaborate, share ideas, and shine both onstage and in everyday life. It's not just acting—it's building life skills wrapped in play, where every "Yes, and..." opens the door to new adventures.

Tuesdays	4:15-5:15 pm	Sara Fidelholtz	CPAS	January 5- April 27	$135

Early Improv Troupe | 7-12 years

Youth learn acting techniques like character creation, voice, and movement. They practice teamwork, active listening, and thinking on their feet—skills that boost confidence and adaptability. Mistakes become opportunities, helping children embrace creativity without fear.

Wednesdays	5:30-6:30 pm	Derek Pham	East Park	January 6- April 28	$135

Teen Improv Troupe | 13-18 years

An Improv classes especially for teens. Teens learn acting techniques like character creation, voice, and movement. They practice teamwork, active listening, and thinking on their feet—skills that boost confidence and adaptability. Mistakes become opportunities, helping to embrace creativity without fear.

Wednesdays	4:30-5:30 pm	Derek Pham	East Park	January 6- April 28	FREE

Improv Playhouse | 18 years & older

Enjoy an evening of play and creativity with Improv Playhouse.

Tuesdays	7:00-9:00 pm	Charity Loput	CPAS	ONGOING	FREE

Productions

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For those who love an audience, fully produced Musicals culminating in stage performance.

Fall Production Class | 10-16 years

Step into the wonderfully magical world of Theater Performance. Through rehearsals and performance preparation, students will strengthen their acting skills, build confidence, and learn how to create bold characters within a fully staged production. Along the way, they will work together while gaining experience in both onstage performance and behind-the-scenes theater skills. No matter their experience level, students will grow as performers while bringing this spooky, funny, and heartfelt story to life.

This class culminates with performances at the Looby Theater April 9-11, 2027.

Tuesdays & Thursdays	4:30-7:00 pm	Amelia Hendricks	CPAS/Looby Theater	January 12- April 11	$150
Saturdays	10am-12:30pm	Amelia Hendricks	CPAS/Looby Theater	January 12- April 11	Included

CLASS PRE-REQUISITES

No experience necessary for theater classes. Students new and experienced alike will benefit from a shared environment with their peers. Theater classes help build confidence and leadership skills in addition to growing skills for the stage.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Students must be the minimum age by September 2nd, 2026 for both the Fall 2026 and Winter/Spring 2027 Sessions. This age requirement aligns with the MNPS age requirement for the school year.

CLASS LOCATIONS

Centennial Performing Arts Studios **(CPAS)**
211 27th Ave North, Centennial Park

Z. Alexander Looby Theater **(Looby)**
2301 Rosa L. Parks Blvd, Nashville, TN

McCabe Park Community Center **(McCabe)**
101 46th Ave North, McCabe Park

Madison Park Community Center **(Madison)**
550 North Dupont Avenue Madison, TN

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