

PROGRAM GUIDE

EARLY CHILDHOOD

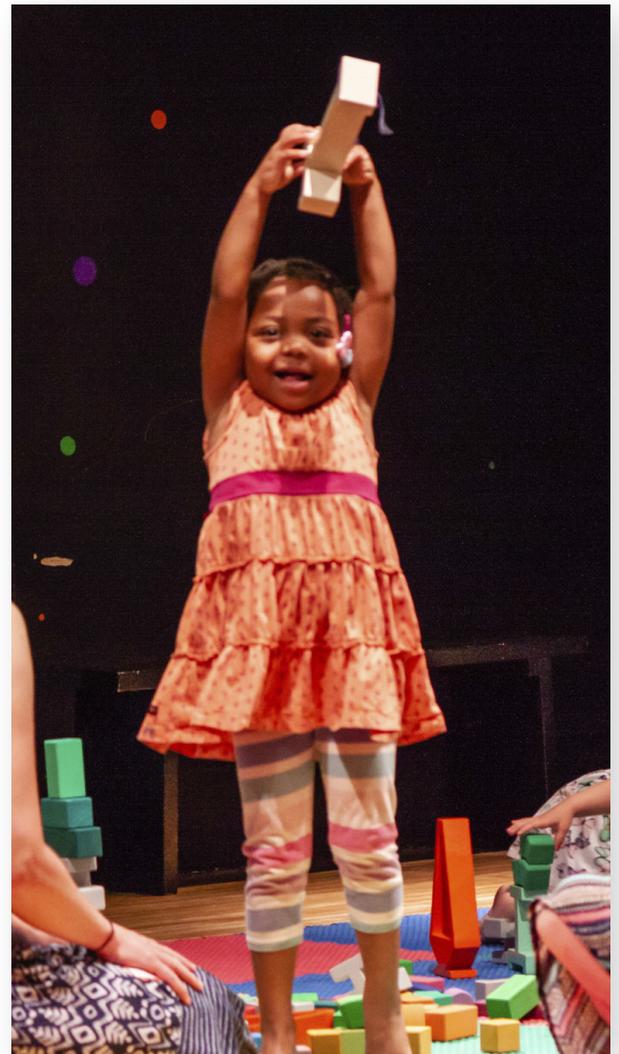
HELLO THERE!

We're SteppingStone Theatre

and we specialize in youth Arts programming.

At SteppingStone we use theatre as a tool to grow emotionally and socially healthy young people who are meaningful contributors to our community. We believe young people are powerful makers of culture and positive social change, so providing enriching arts experiences for their ideas to be realized is our first priority. Art making experiences with SteppingStone are rich, sometimes messy, collaborative processes from the first name game through the final sharing for family and friends. Teaching Artists guide developmentally sound lessons and experiences that place young people at the center as artists and makers.

We take great pride in our carefully crafted, thoroughly researched ECE curriculum. Take a look at the following pages to learn more about the programs we offer our youngest creators.



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

THEATRE EXPLORERS

Recommended for Early Preschool & Preschool Ages 3-4

Pricing starts at \$85/hr (includes 1 teacher + content + materials)

Enrollment

Min: 5 | Ideal: 6-8 | Extracurricular Max: 10

**During the school day, we can accommodate a full classroom, provided the primary teacher stays in the classroom to assist.*

**Extracurricular Enrollment Maximum is per 1 Teaching Artist. We are able to add multiple teachers or class sections to increase maximum enrollment.*

Total Contact Hours

Min: 1 | Ideal: 6-8 | Max: 12

Inspired by favorite books and themes, young learners express their creativity through creative drama led investigations with sensory-engaged stories, songs, art-making and creative play. Our Teaching Artists engage children in activities which introduce them to the world of Theatre while fostering social, physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

Each meeting presents the opportunity to discover new stories and activities. Class should meet for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 2 hours per day. Designed with a flexible format, class can meet just once, once a week, or multiple times per week for a short or long duration (between 1 and 12 hours total).

On the final day of class, family or friends may be invited to a Class Sharing of creative drama exercises, favorite songs, creative movement, and artwork made throughout the program.

Theatre Learning Looks Like:

- Loosely structured play
- Physically Engaging with imaginary objects and environments
- Learning simple theatre exercises and vocabulary



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

PAGE-TO-STAGE

Recommended for K-Prep & Kindergarten Ages 4-6

Pricing starts at \$85/hr (includes 1 teacher + content + materials)

Enrollment

Min: 6 | Ideal: 8-10 | Extracurricular Max: 12

**During the school day, we can accommodate a full classroom, provided the primary teacher stays in the classroom to assist.*

**Extracurricular Enrollment Maximum is per 1 Teaching Artist. We are able to add multiple teachers or class sections to increase maximum enrollment.*

Total Contact Hours

Min: 4 | Ideal: 12-15 | Max: 18

Inspired by favorite books or a theme of your choosing, students work together in a process-oriented environment, to explore theatre foundations like physicalizing characters, story sequencing, and theatre vocabulary. Our Teaching Artists engage students in rich creative exploration to promote artistic growth while fostering social, physical, emotional, and cognitive development.

Learning is scaffolded, with each meeting building upon the previous. Class should meet for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 4 hours per day. Designed with a flexible format, class can meet just once, once a week, or multiple times per week for a short or long duration (between 4 and 18 hours total).

On the final day of class, family or friends may be invited to a Class Sharing of creative drama exercises, scenes, favorite songs, creative movement, and artwork made throughout class.

Theatre Learning Looks Like:

- Using your body to express ideas
- Pretend play with pantomime
- Learning simple theatre exercises and vocabulary



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

THEATRE ENRICHMENT

Recommended for Ages 3-4 and 4-6

Pricing starts at \$12/registrant (includes 1 teacher + content + materials)

Enrollment Min: 6 | Ideal: 8-10 | Extracurricular Max: 15

**During the school day, we can accommodate a full classroom, provided the primary teacher stays in the classroom to assist.*

**Extracurricular Enrollment Maximum is per 1 Teaching Artist. We are able to add multiple teachers or class sections to increase maximum enrollment.*

Does your Daycare or Preschool Center offer registration-based elective Enrichment Programs for students? SteppingStone offers our Theatre Explorers and Page-to-Stage models as enrichment options.

These enrichment classes can be designed to fit your program schedule with "quarter", "trimester", or "semester" sessions throughout the school year and summer. Each session will present new curriculum. Parents are welcome register their student at the start of each new session. Both models feature the option of ending each session with a Final Sharing for family & friends.

In order to make these enrichment programs truly engaging, we request a representative from your center be present in the classroom to assist in managing student activities and needs.



EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS

THEATRE EXPLORERS & CAREGIVERS

Recommended for Ages 18 mos - 5 yrs

Pricing starts at \$120/hr (includes 1 teacher + content + materials)

Enrollment Min: 2 | Ideal: 8-12 | Extracurricular Max: 18

**During the school day, we can accommodate a full classroom, provided the primary teacher & caregivers stay in the classroom to assist.*

**Extracurricular Enrollment Maximum is per 1 Teaching Artist. We are able to add multiple teachers or class sections to increase maximum.*

This hour-long program is hands-on and interactive! Young children and their caregiver(s) join in 30 minutes of guided stories, songs, and creative play, while the remainder of class is spent independently exploring hands-on creative drama and art-making stations. Children will build confidence, communication, and social skills as they explore ideas through their senses and creative play!

With a flexible design, these hour-long programs can be held just once, or ongoing. We can accommodate a pre-registration or drop-in style of programming. Programming can be adapted for a mixed age group or target a specific age range. Stories & activities will be different for each class session.

This program may also be a great option for daycare centers and preschool programs looking to do something special for a "back to school night", "parent day" or "grandparent day".

Theatre Learning Looks Like:

- Combining materials in new and unexpected ways
- Showing imagination in play and interactions
- Learning through the senses
- Practicing speaking and listening



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Pricing Specifics

- Outlined pricing includes one teacher, course content, and basic materials. If additional teachers, assistants, or materials are required, additional fees will be assessed.
- For programming held at SteppingStone Theatre, an additional site fee will be assessed.
- For programming held 20+ miles beyond downtown St. Paul, an additional mileage fee will be assessed.
- ***Working within a budget? We understand! Let's work together to figure out the best programming options for your group which won't break the bank.***

Contact Hours

- We are **flexible with scheduling** and are able to accommodate programs that meet only once, once a week, a few times a week, or every day of the week.
- We are able to **schedule programming any day of the week** (including weekends) 8:00am-8:00pm.

Booking

Requests must be made at least 6 weeks in advance. Programs which will be highly customized must be requested at least 12 weeks in advance.

When inquiring about programs, please have an idea of your dates, times, ages, group size, and budget.

When inquiring about programs, you and SteppingStone will work together to determine the best program structure to fit your needs. Once logistics have been settled, a contract will be drafted.

Payments

A 15% non-refundable/non-transferable deposit is due 10 days after your contract has been issued.

The balance due may be paid incrementally or in one lump sum no later than 14 days after programming has concluded.

Cancellations

We understand things don't always work out. You are welcome to cancel programming up to 14 days before the class start date.

For cancellations, SteppingStone retains the 15% deposit. If cancellation occurs less than 14 days out, the full program fee will be due to SteppingStone.

Your Part

You'll be responsible for managing all promotions and registrations for the program.

You must provide a site representative, familiar with your organization, who will be on-site to oversee the program and answer any instructor questions.

For each section of programming, you must provide a classroom assistant who is familiar with your organization. The assistant will help our instructor manage classroom activities and student needs.