

SteppingStone

FOR YOUTH

Theatre

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 early years curriculum. Take a look at the following pages to learn more about the programs we offer our youngest creators.



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EXPLORE OUR PROGRAMS



THEATRE EXPLORERS

Recommended for Preschool Ages 3-5

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

Enrollment

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

**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+

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

Inspired by favorite books and themes, young artists express their creativity through creative drama led investigations with sensory-engaged stories, songs, art-making, and creative play. Teaching Artists guide active sessions that encourage young artists to ask big questions and experiment with different solutions to challenges in our stories.

The class should meet for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 2 hours per day. Designed with a flexible format, a 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:

I express myself through play, creative movement and embodying characters.

I play in unstructured ways with props.

I experiment with art materials to make marks and explore an open-ended art process.

I participate in a group story experience.

I engage in parallel and/or cooperative play with my peers.



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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

Let your imagination run wild! Inspired by books that celebrate young creators and innovators, your child will investigate and problem-solve their way through dynamic and colorful story scenarios. This class is all about your young artist exploring the theatre-making process, working together with friends, sharing their ideas with the group, and physicalizing the character's emotions.

Learning is scaffolded so classes build upon the previous. The class should meet for a minimum of 1 hour and a maximum of 4 hours per day. Classes are designed with a flexible format to meet just once, once a week, or multiple times per week.

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

Theatre Learning Looks Like:

- I use my body and voice to express ideas.
- I lend my ideas about characters I portray as well as ask and answer questions during drama.
- I collaborate with my peers to bring to life places and characters in my imagination.



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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

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Total Contact Hours

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

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" or "semester" sessions throughout the school year and summer. Each session will present a new curriculum. Parents are welcome to register their students at the start of each new session. Both models feature the option of ending each session with a Final Sharing for family & friends.

We request a representative from your center to be present in the classroom to assist in managing student activities and needs.



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THEATRE EXPLORERS PLAYDATE

Ages 18 mo's - 5 yrs & their Caregiver

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

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

**Caregivers accompany children for program.*

Contact Hours: 1.5 hrs/class

**Multi-session series of Playdate classes available.*

Spark children's curiosity with themed stories, play, and art-making! Your Teaching Artist will lead a dynamic guided storytime, bringing books to life through creative drama and songs. Then, your class space will transform into interactive art, sensory, and gross-motor playscape for your child to explore at their own pace.

Young children and their caregiver(s) join in 30-45 minutes of guided activities and the remainder of the class is independent explorations of art-making and stations.

Programs are flexible and can be held once, or be ongoing. The program can be designed for a mixed or a specific age range.

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



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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.



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