



Fall 2026 CLASSES

Palo Alto
**CHILDREN'S
THEATRE.**

FALL CLASSES REGISTRATION BEGINS:
Residents: August 20 | Non-Residents: August 27

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★ Play Palooza ★

TEN MINUTE PLAY CONTEST ★

Call for submissions!

Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest

Students from 3rd to 12th grade are invited to submit original plays to Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest, 2027.

Public, private, charter, and home-school students are welcome to submit entries.

Students submit original work in three categories: Elementary School (3rd-5th grade), Middle School (6th-8th grade), and High School (9th-12th grade). Collaborative works are accepted. Winning plays receive a workshop performance at PACT, and winning playwrights receive prizes donated by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. Performances of award-winning plays take place in a work-shop format on our Castle Stage. Awards sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre.

Submissions due: **February 1, 2027.**

Staged Reading Date: Wednesday, March 31, 2027 @ 6:30pm

To request a submission form or for more information, please e-mail: Christopher.Luciani@paloalto.gov

Call for Teen Actors!

Play Palooza, 10 Minute Play Contest

Work with fellow Teen Actors Age 13+ to create a high-quality workshop performance of Play Palooza's winning plays!

If you're interested in auditioning for this year's Play Palooza presentation, please e-mail: Christopher.Luciani@paloalto.gov
No preparation necessary. Cold reading and improvisation-based auditions.

Rehearsals: TBA (we will work with your schedule)

Staged Reading Date: Wednesday March 31, 2027 @ 6:30 pm

STORY ACTING

This class uses beloved classics and new literature to discover how theatre performers tell a story. Through movement, games and role-play exercises, participants learn beginner skills to create unique and interesting characters and to work as part of an ensemble.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tom Farley

6 classes	\$165R/\$189.75NR	Children's Theatre	10 Max
<u>49890</u>	4Y - 5Y Tu	10/06 - 11/10	3:40p- 4:25p
<u>49897</u>	4Y - 5Y Th	10/08 - 11/12	3:40p- 4:25p
<u>49898</u>	4Y - 5Y Sat	10/03- 11/07	9:15a -10:00a
<u>49899</u>	4Y - 5Y Sat	10/03- 11/07	10:15a 11:00a



MAGICAL SERIES SPECTRUM FRIENDLY STORY ACTING

We welcome our friends of different abilities, ages 4-8 (developmental age 4-6), to discover the magical world of storytelling for theatre! This class has a 5:1 participant to instructor ratio. For children who need 1:1 support, we ask that parents/caretakers/aides join their participant in the classroom.

Instructor: Tom & Sandy Farley

6 classes	\$165R/\$189.75NR	Children's Theatre	6 max
<u>49900</u>	4Y - 8Y Fri	10/02 - 11/16	3:40p - 4:25p

CREATIVE DRAMATICS

Participants will begin to discover the world of acting, using creative movement and their own imaginations, natural expressions, and voices. This class is perfect for children who love imaginative play and are ready to get excited about theatre!

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tessa Koning-Martinez
8 classes \$175R/\$201.25N\$NR Children's Theatre 10 Max
49920 5Y - 6Y Tu 9/29 - 11/17 4:35p-5:20p
49921 6Y - 7Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 4:35p-5:20p
49922 5Y - 6Y Sat 9/26 - 11/14 11:15a-12p
8 classes \$195R/\$224.25NR Children's Theatre 10 Max
49923 7Y Sat 9/26 - 11/14 11:00a-12:00p

CURTAINS UP! INTRO TO ACTING

Designed for beginners, participants in this dynamic and engaging class will work together as ensemble while they build performance skills and learn about character development. This class provides a fun and supportive environment for children who are new theatre.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tessa Koning-Martinez
8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 10 max
49926 8Y - 10Y Tu 9/29- 11/17 5:30p - 6:30p
49927 8Y - 10Y Sat 9/26 - 11/14 12:15p - 1:15p



SCENE STUDY CLASS

In this class, students use written and improvised scenes to explore acting techniques. Memorization of text is required.

Instructor: Kathy Blumenfeld, Tom Farley
8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 10max
49928 9Y - 11Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 5:30p - 6:30p

INTERMEDIATE ACTING CLASS: GETTING SPECIFIC

This class builds on skills that were learned in Intro to Acting (no prerequisite required), with a focus on scene study, script analysis, and character development.

Instructor: Bill Olson
8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 10max
49929 11Y - 15Y Sat 9/26 - 11/21* 4:00p - 5:00p
*No class 11/07

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE, SHAKING SHAKESPEARE!

Welcome to the World of Shakespeare, Young Thespians! The Bard's language, characters and stories pervade Western civilization. Who hasn't been touched by the tragic character of Juliet or the melancholy Hamlet? In this class, participants will work on short scenes and monologues from some of Shakespeare's most engaging plays.

Instructor: Tessa Koning-Martinez
7 classes \$153R/\$175.95NR Children's Theatre 10max
49930 11Y - 15Y Sat 9/26 - 11/14* 1:45p - 3:00p
*No Class 10/10



IMPROV LIKE A PRO

Improvisation is a wildly fun performing art form where an actor's split-second decisions can turn everyday situations into moments of comic delight! But improvisation is about more than just being funny or clever - participants learn the benefits of collaboration, listening without judgement, and trusting their instincts. This is a great class to learn more about theatre as well as communications skills.

Instructor: Bill Olson
 8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 14max
49931 10Y - 14Y Sat 9/26 - 11/21* 1:20p - 2:30p
 *No class 11/07

PERFORMANCE STUDIO

In this engaging class for actors of all experience levels, participants will learn about theatre in a hands-on, immersive way, as they work with a director to present a short one-act play.

Instructor: Bill Olson
 8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 13max
49932 10Y - 14Y Sat 9/26 - 11/21* 2:40p - 3:55p
 *No class 11/07

SPECTRUM FRIENDLY DANCE CLASS

We welcome all of our friends of different abilities to this class, with a parent or 1:1 caregiver or aide.

Instructor: Joanna Haas
 6 classes \$165R/\$189.75NR Children's Theatre 6 Max
49933 5Y - 12Y Mon 10/05 - 11/09 4:00p - 4:40p

PRINCE & PRINCESS BALLET

Fall in love with dance in this super fun class designed for little dancers. Morning classes are Parent Participation Class.

Instructor: Haryun Peun
 8 classes \$150R/\$172.50NR Children's Theatre 7max
49934 2Y - 3Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 9:10a - 9:40a
49935 3Y - 4Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 9:45a - 10:15a

LET'S DANCE

Playful dance class with a variety musical styles. Morning class is a Parent Participation Class.

Instructor: Haryun Peun
 8 classes \$150R/\$172.50NR Children's Theatre 7max
49936 2Y - 4Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 10:20a - 10:50a
49937 3Y - 4Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 10:55a - 11:25a



BOUNCING TO BROADWAY

A fun and innovative introduction to the wonderful world of Broadway musicals for young children. Parent Participation Class.

Instructor: Haryun Peun
8 classes \$150R/\$172.50NR Children's Theatre 7max
49938 3Y - 4Y Th 10/01 - 11/19 11:30a - 12:00p

MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE!

Learn the styles of dance pioneered by some of Broadway's famous choreographers.

Instructor: Joanna Haas
8 classes \$175R/201.25NR Children's Theatre 12 max
49939 8Y - 11Y Sat 9/26 - 11/14 3:15p - 4:00p

BROADWAY GOES HIP HOP!

Broadway meets Hip Hop in this fun and energetic class.

Instructor: Joanna Haas
8 classes \$175R/201.25NR Children's Theatre 12 max
49941 8Y - 11Y Sat 9/26 - 11/14 4:15p - 5:00p

BHARATANATYAM DANCE

Learn the ancient classical dance form from South India called Bharatanatyam. Classes available at all levels of experience.

Instructor: Aparna Seetharaman
11 classes \$155R/\$178.25 NR Children's Theatre 12max

Newcomers
49942 6Y - 99Y Fri 9/04 - 11/13 4:35p - 5:05p

Level 1
49943 6Y - 99Y Fri 9/04 - 11/13 5:10p - 5:40p

Level 2
49944 6Y - 99Y Fri 9/04 - 11/13 5:45p - 6:30p

ADVANCED SCENE STUDY

Building on the skills learned in our earlier Scene Study course (no prerequisite required), participants will learn advanced acting techniques, script analysis and how to make dynamic choices based on text. Students will have the opportunity to work on scenes and monologues, and learn how to incorporate feedback from a director into their work. Memorization of scenes is required. Scenes will be assigned on the first day of class.

Instructor: Bill Olson
8 classes \$175R/\$201.25NR Children's Theatre 8max
49945 11Y - 15Y Wed 9/23 - 11/18* 3:45p - 5:00p
*No Class 11/11

TEEN ARTS COUNCIL

The Teen Arts Council (TAC) is a teen-led organization dedicated to cultivating the leadership, management, and artistic skills of teens. Every hour spent participating in TAC sponsored events counts towards the President's Volunteer Service awards, while allowing high school students avenues for creative expression and a way to take an active role in bettering their community. The TAC also serves as a Granting Board, offering financial assistance to projects that fulfill their mission. The organization is an initiative of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre and meets **Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.** www.teenartscouncil.com. facebook.com/teenartscouncil



PRIVATE AUDITION COACHING

In this series of one-hour private lessons, one of our professional acting coaches will craft sessions to meet each student's needs. Perfect for those with a passion for the performing arts and who are interested in pursuing Theatre in college, as a career, or as a serious hobby. The instructor will work with you to perfect two contrasting monologues and/or a song if you're auditioning for a musical! Each session includes three 45-minute classes.

Please carefully select the instructor that will meet your goals for the session.

Instructor: Melanie McBride – Acting & Vocal

4 classes	per session	\$300R/\$345NR	Children's Theatre
8Y – 18y	Mon	9/28–10/19	3:30p-4:15p
8Y – 18y	Mon	9/28–10/19	4:30p-5:15p
8Y – 18y	Mon	10/26–11/16	3:30p-4:15p
8Y – 18y	Mon	10/26–11/16	4:30p-5:15p

Instructor: Melanie McBride – Acting & Vocal

4 classes	per session	\$300R/\$345NR	Children's Theatre
8Y – 18y	Tu	9/29–10/20	3:30p-4:15p
8Y – 18y	Tu	9/29–10/20	4:30p-5:15p
8Y – 18y	Tu	10/27–11/17	3:30p-4:15p
8Y – 18y	Tu	10/27–11/17	4:30p-5:15p

Instructor: Bill Olson – Acting Only

3 classes	per session	\$225R/\$258.75NR	Children's Theatre
8Y – 18y	Sat	9/26–10/10	11:00a – 11:45a
8Y – 18y	Sat	9/26 –10/10	12:00p – 12:45p
8Y – 18y	Sat	10/17–10/31	11:00a – 11:45a
8Y – 18y	Sat	10/17–10/31	12:00p – 12:45p

THE JOY OF SINGING

Celebrate the joy of singing! For the child who loves to sing, hum, or march to the beat of their own drum, this early childhood singing class is filled with music, games and fun! There will be a final sharing day for friends and family on November 18, 2026. No music experience required, but it is suggested that participants are able to read independently or that families commit to practicing lyrics at home between classes.

Instructor: TBA

8 classes	\$295R/\$339.25NR	Children's Theatre	20 max
<u>49970</u>	5Y – 7Y	Wed	9/30-11/18 3:40p-4:30p
<u>49971</u>	5Y – 7Y	Wed	9/30-11/18 4:40p-5:30p

JOY OF MUSICAL THEATRE

Celebrate the joy of musical theatre! This class gives students a glimpse of what it is like to rehearse and perform a musical. Building on the skills learned in The Joy of Singing (no prerequisite required), participants will learn songs from a classic musical – while still getting to play some games and have lots of fun! There will be a final sharing day for friends and family on November 18, 2026.

Instructor: TBA

8 classes	\$295R/\$339.25NR	Children's Theatre	15max
<u>49972</u>	8Y – 10Y	Wed	9/30-11/18 5:40p -6:30p

Vocal Lessons

Enjoy these one-on-one, in-person vocal lessons. Participants will learn innovative singing techniques, and with the instructor's guidance, students are able to select songs from a variety of genres, including but not limited to Broadway, country, pop and rock.

<https://tinyurl.com/pact-vocal>



2026-2027 SERIES

Saturdays at 10am & 12pm
Sundays at 10am, 12pm & 2pm

Jack and the Beanstalk

October 3-4, 2026

Sleeping Beauty

October 24-25, 2026

Little Red Riding Hood

November 21-22, 2026

The Gingerbread Man

December 19-21, 2026

Snow White

January 23-24, 2027

Rumpelstiltskin

February 20-21, 2027

One Grain of Rice

March 27-28, 2027

The Princess and the Frog

April 24-25, 2027

Jane and the Beanstalk

May 22-23, 2027

With simple sets and costumes, and lots of chances to get up and wiggle, the Playhouse Series is the perfect beginning theatre experience for our littlest members, suggested ages 2-6. Performances are approximately 55 minutes in length.