

DDP Performing Arts Academy FAQs

When will registration open? Most camps will open registration at least two months in advance of the class. The only exception is our Winter Musical Theatre Workshop which opens one month in advance. If you are on our education email list, you will receive an email the day we open registration. For our summer camps, all registrations open on February 15th.

What time does the workshop run?

Half day camps: The morning session (ages 5-9) runs from 9:00AM-Noon. The afternoon session (ages 10-17) runs from 1:00-4:00PM.

One day Summer Camp: 9:30AM-2:30PM (ages 5-7)

Week long Summer Camp: 9:00AM-3:00PM each day (ages 7-17)

What time are pick up and drop off: Unfortunately, we cannot provide pre or post care. Please be prompt for drop-off and pickup. **Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes early** as no staff will be in the building to supervise. At the end of the day, students will not be allowed to wait outside for pickup. If you arrive early for pickup, you are more than welcome to wait in the lobby or in the theatre arena seats (top row is less obtrusive.)

Where do I go? The workshop sessions will begin and finish in the theatre arena at Derby Dinner Playhouse. Parking is free.

What should I wear? Please wear comfortable clothes in which you can comfortably move. Please - no skirts or open-toed shoes/sandals. For our musical theatre classes, if you would like to bring dance shoes, you may, but they will never be required.

Where will classes take place? The 3 classes take place on stage and in the rehearsal rooms of our rehearsal studio behind the theatre. To get from the arena to our other classrooms, students will be escorted by teachers out the back stage door of Derby Dinner, along a rock path behind the building right to the entrance door for the studio. They do not have to walk on or near any streets to get to it. Please make sure they have a coat if temperatures are cold.

Who will teach? All of our teachers are DDP professionals with education/ teaching experience. They are either on our artistic staff as directors/choreographers and/or actors who have performed here. We value having teachers that are working theatre professionals.

How do I contact you? If there is an emergency and you need to reach a teacher or student during class time, please call the box office at 812-288-8281. If you need to reach us outside of class time, you can call the Education Department line at 812-288-2632, ex. 132 or email Tina Jo at Wallace@derbydinner.com.

Do I need to have prior theatre experience? No. It is our mission to offer theatre camp to everyone, regardless of experience or skill level. Our teachers will do their very best to tailor the training to the individual.

How are the groups divided? All students are broken up into groups based on age. Each class will have 15-18 students.

Is there a final show? Our workshops are process-oriented; therefore we never do a full production. For our acting classes, there is no sharing. For our musical theatre classes, the last 15 minutes of class we will share a song and dance onstage from each group. For our week long theatre camp, we have an hour long final sharing on the stage to which parents will be invited. Students will receive a certificate at the end of the workshop.

Will my child be cast in a Derby Dinner Playhouse show? Over the past few seasons, over 30 camp/workshop students have gone on to be cast in DDP professional shows. Because we have over 1700 current and former students, it would be impossible to schedule an open call audition for each show. However, the workshop is a great opportunity for DDP directors and staff to train and get to

know your child for consideration for future callbacks, should they meet the specific needs the director of the show may request.

Can parents watch class? We find that most students do much better and are often more free creatively when not being observed by parents. The best non-obtrusive place to observe class is in the theatre arena as the other classrooms are smaller and it tends to disrupt the class.

What about food? Water and cups are provided during the workshop. For half day camps, students may bring a non-refrigerated snack for breaks. For full days, students will need to bring a non-refrigerated lunch as well as any snacks they may need.

What is the cancellation policy? You may cancel one month in advance with no penalty and receive a full refund. If you cancel less than one month in advance, you will receive a refund only if there is a waiting list, and there is someone to take that open space. If you cancel less than one week before the workshop date, no refund will be given. If we cancel the workshop day due to inclement weather, the workshop will be rescheduled for another date. If a workshop is canceled, we will email you and we will leave a recording at the Education Department extension – 812-288-2632, ex. 132. The box office will be notified as well. If we are unable to schedule another date, we will issue a refund or credit.

NOTE – due to the large number of people registering and to be fair, we cannot *save* spots for students over the phone or email. To register, we must receive the completed registration form and payment either in the mail, or by dropping off at box office. If you pay with credit card and scan the document with payment info, we can accept a PDF or JPEG via email or fax as well.