

Fall Acting Workshop FAQs

What is the date of the workshop?

Saturday, September 13, 2025

What time does it run?

The morning session (ages 5-9) runs from 9:00AM-Noon.

The afternoon session (ages 10-17) runs from 1:00-4:00PM.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Please be prompt for drop-off and pickup. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes early as no staff will be available to supervise. There will be cones and signs directing you through a carpool line for drop off & pick up in front of the building. You will not have to leave your vehicle for either. Specific instructions will be emailed a week before to registered participants.

Where do I go?

The workshop sessions will begin and finish in the theatre arena at Derby Dinner Playhouse.

What should I wear?

Wear comfortable clothes in which you can comfortably move. Please - no skirts or open-toed shoes/sandals/flip-flops. If weather is chilly, please leave a coat with your child as we will go outside to the studio. 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.

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. Outside of class time, you can email thussey@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?

There will be 42 students in the morning session and 42 students in the afternoon session. The students are broken up into three groups based on age.

Is there a final show?

No, our workshops are process-oriented. We will be doing games and activities but will not have anything to share for this workshop. Students will receive a certificate to take home from the day.

Will my child be cast in a Derby Dinner Playhouse show?

Over the past few seasons, students have gone on to be cast in DDP professional shows. Because we have over 2500 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.

Can parents watch class?

We find that most students do much better and are often more free creatively when not being observed by parents. If you have any questions or concerns email thussey@derbydinner.com

What about food?

We do encourage students to bring their own refillable water bottle to minimize waste. If the students want to bring a non-refrigerated snack for breaks, they may certainly do so.

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. 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 payment.