

DDP Performing Arts Academy 2019 Spring Acting Workshop FAQs

What is the date of the workshop? Saturday, April 6, 2019

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

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.

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 call the Education Department line at 812-288-2632, ex. 132 or email Tina Jo at Wallace@derbydinner.com or Leslie at Leslie@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 54 students in the morning session and 54 students in the afternoon session. The students are broken up into three groups of 18 based on age.

Is there a final show? No, our workshops are process-oriented. We only have a final sharing for our week long theatre camp. In the last 10 minutes of class students will be onstage if parents want to come early and watch them receive a certificate and recap the day.

Will my child be cast in a Derby Dinner Playhouse show? Over the past few seasons, over 40 camp/workshop students have gone on to be cast in DDP professional shows. Because we have over 2300 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? We do encourage students to bring their own refillable water bottle to minimize waste. Water and cups are provided during the workshop. 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 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 as a PDF or JPEG document via email or fax as well.