

THEATREWORKS SILICON VALLEY HOSTS SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS FOR ALL AGES

Spring Theatre Camps offered between April 2-13
Summer Theatre Camps offered between June 4-August 3

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA (5 February 2018) — Parents looking for a fun and enriching camp for their artistic offspring can find an outlet on the Peninsula this spring and summer.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley introduces three programs for grades K-12: **Spring Theatre Camp (April 2-13)**, **Summer Theatre Camp (June 4-August 3)** and **Teen Teaching Artists in Training (June 4-August 3)**. The camps, staged by TheatreWorks Education staff, are chock-full of theatre activities for children and youths. Each program is taught by theatre professionals, who foster and encourage the campers' creativity and imagination, as well as teach basic performance skills. For more information the public may visit theatreworks.org/youth-programs or call (650) 463-7154.

TheatreWorks' **Spring Theatre Camp** is a K-5 spring break camp, hosted at schools in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and a new addition this year, Los Altos. These one-week camps (April 2-6 and April 9-13) offer fun activities that utilize theatre skills. During **Spring Theatre Camp**, campers will be part of an ensemble that plays, learns, and creates performances together, showing off their creation with a final performance for family and friends at the end of each camp.

For summer break, TheatreWorks stages camp sessions for students from kindergarten to high school with its Summer Theatre Camp and Teen Teaching Artists in Training. **Summer Theatre Camp** for K-6 students offers students a way to practice acting, music, dance, playwriting, and stagecraft skills in a playful and engaging manner. Participants are instructed by TheatreWorks Teaching Artists, with each session culminating in a performance created by the students.

Summer Theatre Camp sessions run in two-week increments from June 4-August 3 in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Los Altos. Students entering grades 10-12 who are interested in teaching and sharing their passion for theatre may enroll in the internship program, **Teen Teaching Artists in Training (TTT)**. Designed for teens to discover the joys of teaching, the TTT

program will be mentored by a master Teaching Artist, offering the opportunity to assist experienced Teaching Artists, lead games and exercises, learn class management and theatre lesson planning skills, and much more. The **Teen Teaching Artists in Training** program takes place June 4-August 3 in Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Los Altos.

In 2016/17, **TheatreWorks Education and Outreach** programs served some 20,000 students, 1,800 adult learners, and 1,013 teachers from 57 schools in 7 counties. In addition to the *Oskar* presentations, **TheatreWorks Education** has created a variety of programs for Bay Area elementary, middle, and high schools including the wildly popular Playing with Poetry, Playing with Science, the TELL Project (Theatre for English Language Learners), and the Young Playwright's Project, and Young Storytellers Lab. Last summer, TheatreWorks Education launched the Teaching Artist in Training program in which teens in grades 9-12 gain valuable teaching experience at TheatreWorks Summer Theatre Camps, receiving mentorship from experienced, professional Teaching Artists. TheatreWorks Education also offers professional development opportunities for area educators, and partners with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital to provide theatre classes for youth and siblings facing long-term illness, as well as piloting a theatre program for the children at Ronald McDonald House this past fall.

With some 100,000 patrons per year, **TheatreWorks Silicon Valley** has captured a national reputation for artistic innovation and integrity, often presenting Bay Area theatregoers with their first look at acclaimed musicals, comedies, and dramas, directed by award-winning local and guest directors, and performed by professional actors cast locally and from across the country.

For Calendar Editors:

WHAT: Parents looking for an entertaining and enriching camp for their imaginative youngsters can find an outlet on the Peninsula in three locations this April. **TheatreWorks Silicon Valley** introduces programs for grades K-12, offered in the spring and summer: **Spring Theatre Camp**, **Summer Theatre Camp**, and **Teen Teaching Artists in Training**. The camps, staged by TheatreWorks Education staff, are chock-full of theatre activities for children and youths. Each program is taught by theatre professionals, who foster and encourage the camper's creativity and imagination, as well as teach basic performance skills.

WHEN/

WHERE:

Spring Theatre Camp (Grades K-5):

April 2-6 – Nixon Elementary in Palo Alto

April 9-13 – Los Altos United Methodist Church and Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park

Nixon Elementary, 1711 Stanford Ave, Stanford

Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalenda Ave, Los Altos

Oak Knoll School, 1895 Oak Knoll Lane, Menlo Park

Summer Theatre Camp (Grades K-6) and TTT (Grades 10-12):

Session A: June 4-15 – Duvneck Elementary in Palo Alto

Session B1: June 18-29 – Duvneck Elementary in Palo Alto

Session B2: June 18-29 – Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park

Session B3: June 18-19 – Covington School in Los Altos

Session C1: July 9-20 – Duvneck Elementary in Palo Alto

Session C2: July 9-20 – Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park

Session D: July 23-August 3 – Oak Knoll School in Menlo Park

Duvneck Elementary, 705 Alester Ave, Palo Alto

Oak Knoll School, 1895 Oak Knoll Lane, Menlo Park

Covington School, 201 Covington Rd, Los Altos

TUITION: **Spring Theatre Camp:** \$350 per child for the spring camps; a sibling discount is available as well as extended care, and need-based scholarships.

Summer Theatre Camp: \$640 per child for the summer camps; a sibling discount is available as well as extended care, and need-based scholarships. Camp t-shirt is also included.

Teen Teaching Artists in Training: This is an unpaid internship opportunity for high school students entering grades 10-12. The number of internships available is determined by camp enrollment.

INFO: For information or to register for the camp, visit theatreworks.org/youth-programs or call **(650) 463-7154**

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