



MARIN THEATRE HOSTS SUMMER CAMPS FOR ALL AGES

Four summer camps are to be offered between June 17-July 26 in Mill Valley

MILL VALLEY, CA (15 May 2024) — Parents seeking a fun and educational camp for their artistically inclined child have an opportunity this summer in Mill Valley. **Marin Theatre** will host four programs for 2nd grade to 12th grade students this June and July: **Musical Makers** (June 17-28), **Theatre Camp - 2nd-5th Grade** (July 8-19, two one-week sessions), **Theatre Camp - 6th-8th Grade** (July 8-19, two one-week sessions), and **Teen Camp** (July 22-26). The camps, staged by Marin Theatre Company staff, are chockfull 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 MarinTheatre.org, email education@marintheatre.org or call **415-322-6026**.

“Marin Theatre has created innovative and socially significant plays for nearly 60 years, and that mission also applies to our summer camps,” said Marin Theatre Education Programs Manager Euan Ashley. “We want our students at summer camp to enhance their theatre and storytelling abilities and discover the power of theatre. Our activities are supervised by some of the brightest theatre professionals. The skills our campers learn will make them better future theatremakers and provide them with important everyday life skills.”

Marin Theatre's summer camp will begin with **Musical Makers**, a two-week program running from June 17 to 28, where students in grades three to five collaborate to create their own special musical featuring songs from beloved stage musicals. Throughout the camp, students will learn about acting, singing, choreography, and script creation to prepare for the premiere of their final production for their loved ones.

This will be followed by **Theatre Camp - 2nd-5th Grade**, providing action-packed one-week experiences (available in two sessions July 8 to 19). This fun, interactive theatre camp shares the fundamentals of theatre along with important life skills, culminating in a showcase for parents, friends, and family at the conclusion of the camp. For older youth, Marin Theatre hosts **Theatre Camp - 6th to 8th Grade** (also available in two sessions July 8 to 19), offering middle school students the opportunity to build upon their theatre skills and develop abilities in morale and communication. At the conclusion of camp, all campers will collaborate to present a one-of-a-kind performance.

Teen Camp is a day program from July 22 to 26 for theatre students wanting to hone their craft. These teenage campers will receive instructions from professionals to help develop their performance skills, which include script analysis, character development, rehearsal techniques, performance etiquette, and the opportunity to rehearse a monologue that can be utilized in future auditions.

ABOUT MARIN THEATRE

Marin Theatre was founded in 1966, when 35 Mill Valley residents came together under the leadership of Sali Lieberman to create the Mill Valley Center for the Performing Arts (MVCPA). The nonprofit organization brought arts as diverse as film, theatre, poetry, dance and concerts of classical, jazz and folk music to Marin County for a decade. After a number of successful community theatre productions, MVCPA began to exclusively produce and present theatre performances in 1977. The group staged critically acclaimed, award-winning plays in a golf clubhouse, a veterans' auditorium, and several schools and parks. MVCPA changed its name to Marin Theatre Company in 1984, beginning of a period of extraordinary growth. By 1987, MTC had become a professional theatre company, opening its own theatre complex and joining with other local theatres to negotiate the first regional Actors' Equity contract in the Bay Area. MTC then created a new play program to support emerging American playwrights, launching a New Works developmental workshop and public reading series in 2004 and establishing two new play prizes in 2007. MTC joined both the League of Resident Theatres (LORT) and the National New Play Network (NNPN) in 2008. Now rechristened **Marin Theatre**, the company is the leading professional theatre in the North Bay and the premier mid-sized theatre in the Bay Area. In the fall of 2023, **Lance Gardner** was appointed artistic director. Gardner is well known to Bay Area audiences for his many leading appearances on stage at Marin Theatre Company, as well as at Berkeley Rep, California Shakespeare Theater, Magic Theatre, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley, and others. He served as president of the Board of Trustees at Aurora Theatre Company, and was live event producer at *KQED*, launching a series of public events for the acclaimed public broadcasting company, before assuming this role at Marin Theatre.

FOR CALENDAR EDITORS:

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WHERE: Marin Theatre, 397 Miller Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941

WHEN: June 17-28: Musical Makers
July 8-19: Theatre Camp - 2nd-5th Grade (Two one-week sessions)
July 8-19: Theatre Camp - 6th-8th Grade (Two one-week sessions)
July 22-26: Teen Camp

TUITION: **Musical Makers:** \$1,000 per child
Theatre Camp - 2nd-5th Grade: \$550 per child
Theatre Camp - 6th-8th Grade: \$550 per child
Teen Camp – \$550 per teen

INFO: For more information, or to register online visit MarinTheatre.org, email education@marintheatre.org, or call 415-322-6026

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