

# LifeStage Theatre Class Descriptions

2011-2012 Season 6: August 22, 2011 through May 26, 2012

Enrollment in classes is open through September (Fall Semester) and through January (Spring Semester) as space is available. There will be a recital at the end of each semester. Required materials for all classes: spiral notebook and pencil.

## Musical Theatre (Grades K & up)

A FUN class that introduces and prepares students for the magical world of musical theatre. Students combine music, acting, and movement to create exciting and believable performances. Students will study styles of musical theatre, vocal technique, storytelling through movement, and will create a musical performance for the recital at the end of the semester. A great class for beginners and a "just plain fun" class for the experienced! Dance shoes are a plus, but not required.

## Abracadabra! (Grades 3-6)

An introduction to basic magic tricks, this class is designed to help young students learn how to fool the eye, impress their friends, and entertain family members. A \$35 fee is due upon enrollment and includes Magic Kit.

## Improv (Middle/High School)

This FUN and ENERGETIC class is designed for Middle School and High School students who are looking to build confidence and feel more comfortable speaking or performing in front of a group. Learn fundamentals of improv from a pro in a supportive and encouraging environment!

## ADULT Improv

Whether you're a budding comedian, teacher, business professional or anyone looking to build confidence while having fun, this class is for you! Learn fundamentals of improv from a pro in a supportive and encouraging environment!

## "In the Zone" Acting for Stage & Camera (High School)

Learn the acting secrets you need to convincingly portray a character in intimate theatre settings and for the camera. We will focus on natural, organic acting by staying in the moment and "in the zone." Sign up if you plan on being an actor at the professional level or if you are curious how the pros do it. And it all happens in a supportive and encouraging environment!

## LifeStage Players (Grades 3-12)

LS Players is our elite troupe of actors and performers with a goal to develop a relationship with the community while growing as theatre artists. Facilitated by Staci Schuhmann, this workshop-based class will host guest artists teaching throughout the year and will also be working on material for community performances. Being a LS Player is a privilege requiring maturity and responsibility. Enrollment in any other LifeStage Theatre class is required in order to ensure the growth of our performers. No audition required, just a great attitude, an open mind and a creative spirit! **LS Players will be the cast of "How to Eat Like a Child" which is a full-scale production to be performed at LifeStage Theatre in May 2012.**

## Elementary Triple Threat Program (Grades 3-5)

If you are a singer, actor and dancer ... you are a triple threat! This exciting program is designed to help prepare our elementary students for performance in musical theatre with specific focus on certain aspects of each genre. Students in this program can enroll in any one or all of the following classes each semester as they work toward becoming a triple threat! Jazz and/or tap shoes are a plus and may be requested.

### Acting Basics

A foundation setting class that covers the basic fundamentals of acting that is designed for beginning and intermediate students who are curious about what it means to be an actor and for those who are looking to build confidence and prepare for live performance.

### Acting the Song

This intimate class setting encourages the dramatic interpretation of a song while developing music techniques and skills. Don't just sing a song—mean it!

### Theatrical Dance

This class is designed for beginning dancers who wish to learn and grow in the fundamentals. Students will focus on a variety of styles and basic steps needed to audition for or perform in musical theatre productions.

## Middle/High School Triple Threat Program (Grades 6-12)

This program is designed for Middle School and High School students interested in pursuing a future in the performing arts. Students receive professional training in acting, voice and dance. Students in this program can enroll in any one or all of the following classes as they work toward becoming a Triple Threat: Music, Acting, Dance. Jazz and/or tap shoes are a plus and may be required per teacher request. Class placement determined by staff based on audition and/or experience.

## LifeStage Theatre's Young Generation Players - YGP

This audition-based class provides the opportunity for Lifesong's theatre students to be involved in a full-scale production. YGP creates a professional and positive environment and is dedicated to excellence. YGP will present at least one production each semester. Previous experience is welcomed, but not required. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES.** Students who are cast in YGP productions must be enrolled and active in at least one LifeStage Theatre class. Tuition for this class varies per production and Individual and Family tuition maximums do NOT apply. Auditions are held within the first 2 weeks of each semester.

# LifeStage Theatre General Info & Policies

## Lifesong Studio & LifeStage Theatre Tuition & Payment Policy

A \$40 registration fee at Lifesong/LifeStage is charged for the first family member and \$10 for each additional family member per season and must accompany the registration form. All tuition is due on the first week of each month. We do not mail out monthly statements but reminders are posted at the studio and email reminders will be sent. A \$15 late fee will be added automatically to all accounts paid after the 10th day of the month. Full tuition is due each month regardless of the number of classes or lessons. Tuition is not pro-rated for absences or holidays with the exception of August, which is half tuition. When making payments, PLEASE include student's name and how the money should be applied to your account on the memo section of your check (example: "Susie Jones, August tuition" or "Susie Jones, costume fee"). Payments may be mailed or taken care of at the Front Desk. Some of our families make arrangements with their bank for automatic bill pay. Also, to avoid a late fee or as a convenience, payments may be made by phone with a credit card. Cash, Checks, Visa and MasterCard are accepted for all payments. Additional fees such as recital fees, costumes, art supplies, etc. are due at various times throughout the year.

A \$30 service charge will be added to the account for returned checks. No refunds. Monthly Theatre tuition is \$50 for the first theatre class and \$30 for each additional theatre class. Exception: LifeStage Players is a 90 minute class and the tuition is \$75 monthly. This class will be considered the "first class" and additional theatre classes would be \$30 per month. Individual maximum for theatre tuition is \$175 per month. Maximum theatre tuition per family is \$275/month. Tuition for YGP is not included in the maximums.

## LifeStage Theatre Class Recitals

All theatre classes will have the opportunity to perform their work at the end of each semester. This provides students with the opportunity to share their hard work with their families, friends and fellow students.

## LifeStage Theatre Class Attendance & Class Observation

In order to progress personally as an actor, as well as keep up with the progress of the class, regular attendance is strongly encouraged. Absences not only affect the individual but also affect everyone else in class, especially as preparations are made for recital performances. If you must miss class for any reason, please call and notify the studio front desk. There are no refunds for missed classes. The teacher will invite parents in the last 10 minutes of class on the first week of each month to observe.

## Lifesong Studio & LifeStage Theatre Withdrawal Policy

Enrollment in classes or lessons at Lifesong and LifeStage is through May (the end of the current season). The front desk must be notified of withdrawal from any class or lesson prior to the beginning of the month in order to stop tuition for the next month. All withdrawals are written in our "Add/Drop" book at the time of notification. Failure to properly notify the front desk will result in tuition continuing to be charged to your account. By enrolling in a class, you have reserved a spot that could be released for someone else. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of this policy.

## Theatre Class Schedule (by "official" class name)

Class names indicate location, day, start time and subject. Classes in Studio A, B, C & D are located at Lifesong Studio. Classes in T (theatre) and TB (theatre box office) are located at LifeStage Theatre.

### Musical Theatre Classes (K-2nd)

T Tue 4pm **Musical Theatre - FULL**

T Thu 4pm **Musical Theatre**

### Musical Theatre Classes (3rd-5th)

T Tue 5pm **Musical Theatre**

T Wed 3:30pm **Musical Theatre**

### Improv Classes

T Mon 6:30pm **Improv (MS/HS)**

T Mon 7:30pm **Improv (Adult)**

### Specialty Classes

4 Mon 6:30pm **Abracadabra! (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)**

T Wed 4:30pm **LifeStage Players**

T Thu 6:15pm **In the Zone (HS Acting)**

Young Generation Players (YGP) – Audition

### Elementary Triple Threat Classes

Monday Schedule (4:15-6:30pm):

T Mon 4:15pm **Acting Basics**

C Mon 5pm **Acting the Song - FULL**

C Mon 5:45pm **Theatrical Dance**

### Elementary Triple Threat Classes

Thursday Schedule (4-6:15pm):

C Thu 4pm **Theatrical Dance**

T Thu 4:45pm **Acting Basics**

TB Thu 5:30pm **Acting the Song - FULL**

### MS Triple Threat Classes

Monday Schedule (4:15-6:30pm)

C Mon 4:15pm MS TT **DANCE**

T Mon 5pm MS TT **ACTING**

TB Mon 5:45pm MS TT **MUSIC**

Thursday Schedule (4-6:15pm)

TB Thu 4pm MS TT **MUSIC**

C Thu 4:45pm MS TT **DANCE**

T Thu 5:30pm MS TT **ACTING**

### HS Triple Threat Classes (Monday only)

Monday Schedule (5-7:15pm):

TB Mon 5pm HS TT **MUSIC**

T Mon 5:45pm HS TT **ACTING**

C Mon 6:30pm HS TT **DANCE**