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Academy of Performing Arts

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Thank you for your interest in Summerstage 2012!

This packet contains everything you need to know about the activity, and we look forward to having your child with us this summer.

Participants will enjoy two weeks of quality experience in Summerstage, and--at the same time--will benefit from five hours a day in the **fresh air and beautiful surroundings** of the Academy's six-acre campus. Four air-conditioned rehearsal studios, an outdoor stage, and a shaded picnic area provide optimum space and comfort during the children's time at the Academy. We know that a **safe and healthy environment** for your child is important to you, and you are welcome to visit us any time for a look at the facilities before sending in the enrollment form.

The date and cost of this year's session are:

July 9 - 20

Fee = \$220

This year marks our **36th season** of summer theater programs for children, and we hope your child will want to be a part of our long tradition.

Please read through the enclosed information **and return the enrollment form with your payment as soon as possible**. A minimum of 50% of the fee is due by **April 30**, with the balance due by **May 30**.

Many of our past students have gone on to opportunities in movies, commercials, television, and theater, but **we do not expect professionals to show up on the first day**. What we do expect are normal, active kids who will become a little more confident and a little more well-rounded by the end of the two weeks. That is what the Academy is all about.

We appreciate your enthusiasm for the Summerstage activity. Please do not hesitate to call or email us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dan Roberts, Director

View photos of last year's production at
www.academyinfo.net

General Information

AGE DIVISIONS. Participants will be divided into two age divisions for the purpose of instruction. Both divisions will combine for preparation of the stage production.

FEE PAYMENT. The total fee for the two-week session is \$220 per participant. A minimum 50% deposit is due with the enrollment form by April 30, and the balance is due by May 30. Enrollment is on a first-come-first-served basis, and deposits are non-refundable, except in situations determined to be an emergency by the Academy.

ATTENDANCE. The session runs weekdays, with a talent pre-show and musical production on the evening of the final day. Every participant will be expected to attend regularly and on time, unless illness or family emergency prevents it. In such cases, the directors must be notified in advance.

DISCIPLINE. For the benefit of all participants, no unacceptable behavior will be tolerated. In extreme or repeated cases, dismissal from Summerstage will result.

PARENT VISITATION. Parent visitation is not allowed during classes or rehearsals. Calls or visits are welcome, however, before or after hours if parents have concerns or questions.

TRANSPORTATION. Parents are expected to provide transportation within ten minutes of the end of each daily session. Instructors will be responsible for supervision during operating hours only.

ATTIRE. Participants may dress casually, but neatly. Clean shorts, jeans, tennis shoes, etc. are acceptable. Parents will be notified about any costumes or props not provided by the Academy.

WEATHER. Sessions will be held in any weather except dangerous storms. If such conditions arise during operating hours, underground shelter is available, and parents should arrive as soon as possible.

LUNCH. Each participant should bring a lunch and drink daily. All containers should be labeled for identification.

FACILITIES. Academy facilities include three air-conditioned rehearsal studios, and an outdoor stage, all situated on six acres of private land. The Academy is located in Grandview, 1.8 miles west of Highway 71 or 3 miles east of State Line Road on Blue Ridge. A map and detailed directions may be found on the school's web site at www.academyinfo.net.

LIABILITY. Neither the Academy nor its instructors will be held liable for injuries or illnesses of the participants, and parents are required to sign a waiver to that effect upon enrollment.

WHO IS YOUR DIRECTOR?



DAN ROBERTS is the owner of the Academy of Performing Arts, where he teaches drama, piano, and voice. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in music education, and he has been named "Outstanding Educator of the Year" and "Missouri Music Teacher of the Year." He has worked professionally as an actor, singer, and pianist since 1964 and has directed more than 150 musicals and play throughout the United States.

In addition to his teaching duties at the Academy, he has conducted theatre and video production workshops for corporate sales groups, local schools, American Cable TV, the adult continuing education program for the developmentally disabled at the University of Missouri and Longview College, and for the Mid-Continent Public Library System.

Dan is a published composer of more than a dozen musicals and plays, several orchestral sound tracks, and many individual works. He retired in 1995 from 23 years of public school teaching and 33 years of music ministry. He and his wife, Christina, have three grown children and four grandchildren.

WHO IS YOUR CHOREOGRAPHER?



JULIE JAMES is director of the Academy's "Show Steppers" Musical Theater Troupe. She holds bachelor's degrees in Liberal Arts and Elementary Education and a master's degree in Administration. She has trained since the age of seven in all styles of dance, and she has been certified by Dance Masters of America.

Equally proficient as an actress, vocalist, and pianist, her performing experience includes leading and supporting roles in more than thirty productions for both stage and television. In addition to her position at the Academy, she teaches 3rd grade in the Lee's Summit School District.

Julie is a Summerstage veteran herself, having performed in nine seasons before joining the directing staff in 1996. She and her husband, Mike, have two children.

