

METROPOLIS

School OF THE PERFORMING ARTS



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SUMMER 2010
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Vision & Mission

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METROPOLIS SCHOOL
OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

VISION

As the premiere performing arts institution in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, our goal is to cultivate an individual's unique performance artistry by empowering and nurturing the emerging artist in a safe learning environment where students can explore the various disciplines. We aim to facilitate a student's understanding of the world around them and assist in the articulation of that view through the creative process. We strive to embolden every student to discover their unlimited potential to observe, question, learn and ultimately motivate personal and social change through the performing arts.

MISSION

To provide students of all ages the opportunity to explore and appreciate the performing arts through the practice of technique, discovery and articulation of a personal artistic aesthetic, development of original work and the experience of collaborative performance.

SOPA SUMMER CALENDAR

JUNE 14 – AUGUST 21, 2010

METROPOLIS SUMMER DANCE RECITAL

This summer, students enrolled in any of our Dance classes will be working toward their first ever Metropolis Summer Dance Recital. The Dance Studio at Metropolis has grown tremendously over the past three years and now students will have the opportunity to shine on the Metropolis Stage!

SOPA PRODUCTION 2010

TREASURE ISLAND PERFORMANCE DATES

MAY 1, 2010 at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. • MAY 2, 2010 at 1 p.m.



MetropolTots is our comprehensive Early Childhood Program for children ages 8 months to 5 years. MetropolTots offers classes in Music, Drama and Dance. These classes provide a safe and nurturing atmosphere, socialization and an introduction to new skills. MetropolTots gives little ones their first steps in developing their imagination, encouraging exploration and instilling a love for song, story, movement and play.

METROPOLTOTS MUSIC

MUSIC TOGETHER 8 MONTHS – 5 YRS \$150 (includes materials and CD)

Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, kindergarteners and the adults who love them. This program recognizes that all children are musical and provides families with a rich musical environment in the classroom, as well as facilitates family participation in spontaneous musical activity at home within their daily life.

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Thursdays 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

Intro to Music and Piano 4–5 YRS \$130

This music class is the perfect introduction for young students interested in playing any musical instrument. After exploring music symbols, singing songs, basic rhythm exercises and instruments, students will be introduced to basic piano concepts and fundamentals.

Tuesdays 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.



METROPOLTOTS DRAMA

Wiggle, Giggle, and Grow 2–3 YRS \$120

We use a variety of creative dramatic and fun approaches, including songs, rhythm instruments, story time and puppets, all to teach your child an array of concepts from colors and counting to shapes and animals.

Wednesdays 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

WGG: Imagination Exploration 4–5 YRS \$140

Students will be engaged in creative drama experiences and exercises. They will learn how to explore story elements and experiment with gesture, vocalization and creative play. In this class, we will cultivate creativity and imagination. This is a great way to get your child learning the basics of theatre, building self-esteem and honing their ability to work as part of a team.

Mondays 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

METROPOLTOTS DANCE

Tutus and Tap Shoes 3–4 YRS \$140

Your student will discover strength, rhythm and coordination while learning to dance. This class teaches early tap and ballet with a creative, relaxed and encouraging approach.

Saturdays 9 – 10 a.m.

Movers and Shakers 4–5 YRS \$140

This class is an engaging way to introduce students to movement and dance by focusing on gross motor skills, balance, strength, stretching, shapes, energy use, direction, weight exchange and locomoting skills. Students experience movement in an encouraging environment where they build a foundation for physical expression of thought and emotion. Great for new students or as the next level after Tutus and Tap Shoes!

Saturdays 10 – 11 a.m.

The Summer Drama Program is the perfect complement to our year-round classes. It gives young artists a unique and creative opportunity to put their acting chops to the test while they develop a performance piece based on a popular theme.

SPECIALTY THEATRE CLASSES

These Specialty Classes have been carefully designed to meet the interest and needs of students developing skills in the performing arts. Be a part of this exciting summer at the Metropolis School!

Puppetry and Mask

Students will dive into the creative world of puppets and mask by designing their own characters, environment and adventures. Using one of the world's oldest and most popular art forms, students will discover how to communicate through movement, gesture, sound and song.

Starlights Grades K-2	Thursdays	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	\$145
Starlights Grades K-2	Saturdays	10 – 11 a.m.	\$145

Song and Dance

Students interested in Musical Theatre will love this class! By developing technique in acting, singing and dancing, students will rehearse scenes and songs from some of their favorite Broadway musicals.

Starlights Grades K-2	Saturdays	9 – 10 a.m.	\$145
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Theatre Design

Discover what it is like to design sets, costumes and lights for the theatre! Students will creatively explore all of the elements of theatre design in this class. This is the ultimate in creativity and expression. Students will display their designs in the Metropolis Lobby during selected summer performances.

Footlights Grades 3-5	Saturdays	10 – 11 a.m.	\$145
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Musical Comedy

This class will combine the elements of song, dance, physical comedy and some circus arts. Students will have the opportunity to explore these creative genres and discover how thrilling true comedy can be.

Footlights Grades 3-5	Mondays	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	\$145
Footlights Grades 3-5	Saturdays	11 – 12 p.m.	\$145

Improvisation

Gain some serious Improvising skills through this fun and energetic class. This is a crash course on how to improvise like the pros. Learn from the best actors that have studied and performed with Second City and IO (formerly, Improv Olympic).

Spotlights Middle School	Thursdays	5:30 – 7 p.m.	\$195
Limelights High School	Saturdays	11 – 12:30 p.m.	\$195

Stage Combat

This thrilling class will highlight hand-to-hand, rapier and dagger, physical stunts and more. In a safe environment, students will learn the moves and how to execute them so that any audience will be fooled!

Spotlights Middle School	Saturdays	11 – 12:30 p.m.	\$195
Limelights High School	Saturdays	12:30 – 2 p.m.	\$195



Our Music School is staffed by world-renowned professional musicians accomplished in both performance and instruction. Through an extensive core of private lessons, group classes and choral and chamber ensembles, you have personal access to an unmatched music education, as well as performance opportunities.

PRIVATE LESSONS (15 MIN., 30 MIN., 45 MIN., AND 60 MIN. LESSONS AVAILABLE)

Private instrumental lessons are essential to your musical development. These lessons are tailored, individualized, hands-on experiences that focus on technique, theory, reading and repertoire. Choose an instrument, length of lesson and call us to today to schedule.

Cello • Flute • Saxophone • Clarinet • Guitar • Violin/Viola • Percussion • Piano • Voice

GROUP GUITAR CLASSES

Learn to play guitar through this welcoming class setting. Classes feature intimate instruction, but are large enough for you to benefit from one another's learning experiences. Both beginner and intermediate students will enjoy learning basic note reading, rhythm, and chord progressions as they develop the skills necessary for advanced playing.

Grades K-2	Thursdays	4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	\$160
Grades 3-5	Thursdays	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	\$160
Grades 6-12	Thursdays	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	\$160
Adults	Wednesdays	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	\$160

METROPOLIS CHAMBER PROGRAM

Students will become more proficient in the basics of music notation, technique, performance and blending within an ensemble. This concentrated environment encourages students to gain self confidence for solo playing while allowing them to study composers and genres within a group setting. **Dates and acceptance into ensemble are to be determined by Instructor. Please call the Education Office for details.*

†Requirements for Advanced Guitar Ensemble: Students must have had 2 consecutive semesters of private guitar lesson and be able to read all notes on treble clef for all 6 strings.

Chamber Orchestra Ensemble*	Sundays	1:00 p.m.	\$160
Guitar Ensemble†	Mondays	6:30 p.m.	\$160
Four Hand Piano Ensembles	Call for days, times and pricing		
Beginner String Ensemble	Call for days, times and pricing		

YOUNG SINGERS ENSEMBLE

This choral program introduces vocal fundamentals of singing in a group, and offers performance opportunities. Through fun and dynamic activities, students learn the basic foundations of vocal technique and ensemble singing, such as breath control, harmony, melody, pitch, blending and tone.

Grades K-4	Wednesdays	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	\$160
Grades 5-8	Wednesdays	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	\$160

ROCK BAND PERFORMANCE

For students who want to perform in a rock band or for players that have also had some experience with a bona fide six-string, drum set or vocals, this is the class for you. **This class culminates in a live performance at the MANE Event Festival in Arlington Heights!** *Beginners must also take at least 4 fifteen minute private lessons. All students must have basic knowledge of guitar chords. Electric Guitar required.*

Grades 7-12	Fridays	6 – 7 p.m.	\$160
Grades 9-12	Fridays	7 – 8 p.m.	\$160



Dance

THE METROPOLIS DANCE STUDIO PROGRAM

K-12

In the Dance Studio Program, you'll prepare for the first ever Summer Recital through rehearsing dance technique in ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and theatrical dance.

RECITAL DATE IS AUGUST 28, 2010.

STARLIGHTS DANCE STUDIO PROGRAM

Pre-Ballet/Beginner Tap This combined class is where students begin their dance education journey. Students explore the foundations of ballet and tap technique, vocabulary, rhythm and coordination while also fostering creative movement and expression.

Ballet 1 This is the next step for Pre-Ballet students or students with previous experience. Student will intensively explore ballet technique and vocabulary in a more traditional ballet class, while still having the freedom to create and experiment with newly learned skills.

Pre-Jazz Students will have their first experience in the classic technique of jazz while having the opportunity to link it to its ballet roots. Students will experiment with lines, shapes, rhythm and levels as they learn combinations and create in this open and engaging class.

Starlights GRADES K-2

Pre-Ballet	Saturdays	11 – 11:30 a.m.	\$80
Beginner Tap	Saturdays	11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	\$80
Pre-Ballet/Beg. Tap	Saturdays	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.	\$145*
Ballet 1	Mondays	5:15 – 5:45 p.m.	\$80
Pre-Jazz	Mondays	5:45 – 6:15 p.m.	\$80
Ballet 1/Pre-Jazz	Mondays	5:15 – 6:15 p.m.	\$145*

*Ballet 1 and Pre-Jazz are open to students in 2nd grade with a teacher recommendation. *Combined classes are at a discounted rate.*

DANCE STUDIO PROGRAM

The Metropolis Dance Studio Program takes a creative and engaging approach to dance training to present dance as an expressive art form. This comprehensive class will combine multiple styles of dance. Students rehearse the foundations of ballet and jazz, but also incorporate other styles such as hip hop, tap, lyrical, and musical theater.

Footlights GRADES 3-5

Dance Studio Program	Mondays	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	\$145
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Spotlights & Limelights MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Dance Studio Program	Mondays	7:30 – 9 p.m.	\$195
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Additional Recital Fee for each Dance Studio Class will be applied at time of Registration.

METROPOLIS SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Adults



For adults who want to either try acting for the first time, return to acting after a hiatus or continue building beginning acting skills. This class is a fresh, fun way to gain confidence performing and speaking in front of people while being introduced to basic acting techniques.

ADULT ACTING: MONOLOGUES

For adult actors of all levels. This class is designed to help you pick, prepare and polish monologues for auditioning.

Tuesdays	7 – 8:30 p.m.	\$195
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DANCE FITNESS FUSION

This class is designed for any adult who wants to have fun, get fit and improve their overall health and stamina. Experience an exciting blend of dance genres including hip-hop, swing, ballet and jazz that are fused together to create a dynamic workout for all levels. Class ends with a relaxing cool down that will prepare you for a peaceful night. No dance experience is necessary.

Thursdays	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	\$140
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GROUP GUITAR

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Wednesdays	7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	\$160
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Workshops & Private Coaching

ACTING, DANCE AND VOICE PRIVATE COACHING

Whether you're a professional, looking to break into the field or auditioning for college admission, this intensive, intimate learning experience is for you. You receive one-on-one instruction with our top acting, voice, dance, and Alexander Technique coaches who will help perfect your audition pieces and provide constructive feedback to advance your career. Weekly or single coaching sessions are available for monologues, scene work and audition songs and dances.

SCENE TO SONG WORKSHOP

Watch for upcoming details on this dynamic and skillfully crafted workshop for serious young performers. Professional artists and faculty members, Tiffany Gates and Cortney Lowinski have developed this specialized workshop to focus on the difficult task of transitioning from a scene to singing a song in musical theatre performance. Specific dates will soon be released. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to work intensely on your craft and get tons of direct feedback.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WORKSHOPS
& PRIVATE COACHING, PLEASE VISIT
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CHICAGO DRAMATISTS PLAYWRITING WORKSHOP

Beginning playwrights and writers who wish to hone their skills will delve into the world of story structure. Through a variety of in-class writing exercises, at-home writing assignments, class discussions, and in-class readings of participants' work, writers will learn the essentials of good playwriting, including character motivation, plot structure, dialogue, dramatic conflict, as well as proper formatting and the submission process. Playwriting Fundamentals offers writers the opportunity to share work in a supportive and challenging environment.



PLAYWRITING FUNDAMENTAL with DANA LYNN FORMBY

Mondays	6/14 – 7/19	6:30 – 9 p.m.	\$195
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DANA LYNN FORMBY is a Resident Playwright at Chicago Dramatists where she co-manages the Instant Theatre program. Her recent plays include "Corazon de Manzana," invited to the 2009 WordBRIDGE play lab; "The Small of Her Back," a 2009 Keneda Finalist, which includes a reading at The Public in NY and The Alliance theatre in Atlanta; and "Inherit the Whole," which was presented in readings at Premiere Stages, Victory Gardens Theater.

Each one of us has a story to tell. And those stories connect us to ourselves and each other. This fun, high-energy workshop is filled with hands-on activities designed to uncover, develop and shape those stories that are uniquely yours into a one-person show. Whether you're a new or seasoned storyteller or writer, just bring your sense of adventure, an open mind and your spirit of fun. Participants are encouraged to bring 5–7 minutes of their solo show, or a story they think may become part of a solo show, or even just an idea for a solo show.

STORYTELLING AND THE ONE-PERSON SHOW with ARLENE MALINOWSKI

Saturday	June 26, 2010	1:30 – 5 p.m.	\$50
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ARLENE MALINOWSKI has been performing her critically-acclaimed solo shows to sold-out houses across the country, including St. Louis Center, Ojai Solo Series, The L.A. Women's Theatre Festival, HBO Workspace, Blue Sphere Alliance, West Coast Ensemble, colleges nationwide, and the 16th Street Theater in Berwyn, Illinois. She is a Resident Playwright at Chicago Dramatists.

Faculty & Staff

Registration

FACULTY AND STAFF

The Metropolis School of the Performing Arts wants you to learn from our world-class instructors. Each school is staffed with professional artists accomplished in both performance and instruction. You'll get top-notch training from working artists and learn everything you need to become skilled in the performing arts

MUSIC SCHOOL FACULTY

Elif Allenfort*, *Piano*
Vasile Ardeleanu, *Violin*
Maruca Bednarek, *Cello*
Sheetal Bhagat, *Voice*
Aimee Biasiello, *Violin/Viola*
Brad Conroy, *Guitar*
Tiffany Gates*, *Voice*
Sevgi Giles, *Piano*
Matt Hart*, *Percussion*
Paul Henry*, *Guitar*
Mimi Johnson, *Voice*
Robbie Kellogg, *Guitar*
Brian Riggs, *Guitar*
William Rush, *Voice*
Kim Sopata, *Flute*
Bryan Shilander, *Piano*
Lesley Swanson, *Flute*

DRAMA SCHOOL FACULTY

Grace Aiello
Dana Dardai
Marlene Flood
Sarah Rose Graber
April Dawn Gladu
Robin Hughes
Steve Leaver *
Cortney Lowinski
Aimee-Lynn Newlan
Michelle Shaver
Sarah Wade*
Megan Wilhite*

DANCE SCHOOL FACULTY

Kristen Gurbach Jacobson*
Laura Merchut
Danielle Coody

METROPOLIS EDUCATION STAFF

Annie Sisson Rezac, *Education Director*
Aimee-Lynn Newlan, *Outreach Manager*
Michelle Shaver, *Education Office Manager*
Lesley Swanson, *Music School Administrator*
Cortney Lowinski, *Education Special Events*
Laura Merchut, *Outreach Associate*
Aimee Biasiello, *Music School Assistant*

*Denotes Department Head

REGISTRATION

Register online at MetropolisArts.com/sopa, stop by our office or call us at **847 577 5982 x221**.

BLOG

Get updates on events and more at MetropolisArts.com/sopanews.

REGISTRATION DATES

GROUP CLASSES

Early Registration (no registration fee) March 15 – April 30
Registration (\$10 registration fee) May 1 – June 5
Late Registration (\$15 registration fee) June 6 – June 20

PRIVATE LESSONS Returning students must register by **MAY 14** in order to secure their time slot with their current Instructor. Private Lesson students must register for a minimum of 6 lessons and a maximum of 10 lessons.

PAYMENT

We accept cash, checks (made payable to Metropolis Performing Arts Centre), Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

GROUP CLASSES At least half of the full payment is required at the time of registration. Full payment is required by June 14.

PRIVATE LESSONS At least half of the full payment is required at the time of registration. Payment plans are available. Full payment is required by June 28.

REFUNDS

\$40 of tuition is non-refundable. No refunds will be given after classes/lessons begin.

DISCOUNTS

Early Registration	Waived \$10 Registration Fee
Returning Student	Get \$10 off
Take 2 classes	Get \$10 off or take 3 classes and get \$20 off
Siblings!	Get \$10 off the second child and \$20 off the third

No Limit on how many discounts can apply!

CHECK OUT MORE CLASS DESCRIPTIONS, TEACHER BIOGRAPHIES, OUTREACH INFORMATION AND OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER AT

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