



## Middlesex School Summer Arts 2018 Course Descriptions

### *Period 1*

#### **Ceramics – Grades 7-11**

Students will learn to create both functional vessels and ceramic sculpture. All major hand building techniques will be taught. Creative solutions to problems and personal vision will be stressed as we explore the medium of clay. All work will be kiln-fired and glazed.

#### **Dance Company – Grades 8-11**

**3 and 5 week campers only**

This class is for those dancers (male & female) who want to take a deeper look into technique and performance for concert. These students will get a hands-on approach into choreography, costuming, lighting and learn what goes into the creation of a dance concert. Final performance will be in the evening of show week in addition to Noontime Show and Festival Day. This is an audition based class.

#### **Design a Musical - Grades 6-11**

Musical theatre is a form of theatrical performance that combines songs, spoken **dialogue**, acting and dance. This class will give you the tools to create your own piece of musical theatre. Bring your own ideas or begin use the first days of the session to brainstorm. This course will introduce the traditional approach to musical theatre with an emphasis on a play's arc through its beginning, turning point, and ending.

#### **Digital Photography – Grades 4-11**

Students will learn how to frame and plan photos, manage digital files and use Photoshop, Throughout the class students will be archiving their photographs systematically allowing efficient recall. Basics in color correction will be covered in Photoshop. The goal is for each photographer to develop creative exploration through photography. Campers are welcome to bring their own cameras - otherwise cameras will be provided by MSSA. This class is offered during multiple periods.

#### **Drumming – Grades 4-11**

Explore the exciting world of percussion. Work on rhythms and technique as you enter the crazy syncopated world of Drumming!

#### **From Script to Screen – Grades 6-11**

This class will take students all the way through the process of writing, pre-production, and production of their own short films. By the end of the summer, students in this class will have experience with screenwriting, producing, directing, and editing short narrative videos. All students will begin by learning the basic rules of screenwriting using the free screenwriting program CeltX. Pre-production will begin in week 3 once all scripts have been workshopped with the class. This is where planning, casting, storyboards, shot lists and location scouting will come into play. Once fully prepared, students will shoot their films during the 4th week of camp, leaving weeks 4 and 5 for post-production-- including editing, dialogue re-recording, special effects, and creating DVD copies of their work to share with the world!

#### **Games – Grades 4-11**

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer, bocce and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

### **Graphic Design - Grades 4-11**

This class will introduce what graphic design is exactly and focus on its basic elements, how to generate ideas, developing strong designs, and typography.

### **Greasepaint Kids - Grades 4-5**

**5 week campers only**

#### ***A Year with Frog and Toad***

##### *Musical Production*

Every performer needs to start somewhere. At Greasepaint, we provide the community to do so with professional guidance and nurturing. On our way to creating a main-stage musical play, Greasepaint Kids learn the fundamentals of rehearsing and performing on stage: ensemble work, vocal technique, character exploration, responsibility, and performance process. But even a Greasepaint Kid will tell you that, more than anything, it is about having fun and making friends!

The treasured characters from the children's books and the beautiful Broadway musical hop from page to stage in this story of friendship and adventure. Adapted from the three-time-Tony-nominated Broadway hit comes *A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS*. Based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books, the jazzy, upbeat score bubbles with melody. Part vaudeville, part make-believe, and all charm, *A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS* tells the story of a friendship that endures throughout the seasons.

This whimsical show follows two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog, and the rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons. Waking from hibernation, Frog and Toad plant gardens, swim, rake leaves, go sledding and learn life lessons along the way. Throughout the year, two best friends celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special.

***This show will perform Monday July 23 at 7pm.***

### **Guitar – Grades 4-11**

Grab your guitar and get started learning to play one of the most versatile instruments in the world! Emphasis will be on making music from the start, and students will have fun playing simple fun tunes as well as learning enough chords to play countless songs. Make music playing individually, with partners and small groups, and as a whole ensemble. Learn music from tablature (a diagram of where to put your fingers) and 'play-along' CDs, as well as listening to a variety of styles. Class is designed for those with no prior experience playing the guitar, and those who want to review the basics. (Students must supply their own guitar).

### **Hip Hop (Dance) – Grades 6-11**

Get ready to get your funk on and explore the latest and coolest hip-hop moves in this class!

### **Illustration – Grades 7-11**

A drawing class for students with some drawing experience. Possible themes may include (but not limited to) children's books, Poster Art, observation of animals at play. A variety of media will be used. Students will be encouraged to incorporate poetry, verse and / or text with a chosen piece of work.

### **Improv – Grades 9-11**

You may have seen "Whose Line is it Anyway?" on TV. Improv is fun, but it does take a lot of work, energy and concentration in order to create entertaining, interesting theatre for an audience. We'll work with short game-type forms as well longer forms of Improv. How do you create believable characters and make interesting scenes for you and the audience? Take this class and find out. We will put on an Improv show that will include both short (Dating Show, for example) and longer forms of Improvisation (Movie styles).

### **Intro to A cappella – Grades 6-8**

This ensemble-based singing group will perform popular styles of a cappella music during the camp session. Learn to sing in multiple parts and work on your musicality. Previous singing experience is recommended but not required. Performances: Noontime Shows and on Festival Day.

### **Jewelry Making – Grades 4-11**

In this class we will start with basic earring, necklace, and bracelet techniques and move into more complex projects including wire jewelry, seed bead stitching and bead making. This class is geared towards new jewelry designers, but will have projects for all levels!

### **Lighting for Theatre – Grades 6-11**

Explore both the artistic and technical side of theatre electrics. This class will focus on the why behind lighting as well as the how. Students will work together on bringing to life the lighting effects for the final week productions, as well as for the Noontime shows. There may be some work at heights, and close toed shoes (toe and heel enclosed) are required.

### **Lyrical Dance - Grades 6-8**

Lyrical dance is a style of dance created by merging ballet, jazz and contemporary dance techniques. Lyrical dancing is performed to music with lyrics to inspire movements to express strong emotions the choreographer feels from the lyrics in the chosen song.<sup>1</sup> Because lyrical dancing focuses on the expression of strong emotion, the style concentrates more on individual approach and expressiveness than the precision of the dancer's movements. No experience necessary.

### **Musical Composition - Grades 4-11**

Learn how to compose music in rock, pop, house, chill, latin and world beat styles using O-Generator software. Learn how to notate or improve upon your notation skills using the Notion app on an iPad. You'll have the opportunity to learn about songwriting elements, compose instrumental tracks using loops (or your instrument) and write and record your lyrics. Engage your creative skills on independent projects or collaborate with classmates.

### **Piano - Grades 4-11**

Small group piano lessons for beginning and intermediate players.

**3 week campers only**

### **Proscenium Players (Periods 1 and 2) – Grades 9-11**

**5 Week Campers Only**

#### ***Peter and the Starcatcher***

The Tony-winning play, based on the best-selling novels, upends the century-old story of how a miserable orphan boy becomes the legendary Peter Pan.

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A young orphan and his mates are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. They know nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains a precious, otherworldly cargo. At sea, the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly, a Starcatcher-in-training who realizes that the trunk's precious cargo is starstuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands. When the ship is taken over by pirates – led by the fearsome Black Stache, a villain determined to claim the trunk and its treasure for his own – the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure.

***This show will perform Wednesday July 25 at 7:30pm.***

### **Sculpture – Grades 6-11**

Explore the world of 3 dimensional art. What is negative space? Using a variety of materials including but not limited to clay, recycled goods and fabric we will be creating a world of sculpture.

### **Sewing for Costumes – Grades 4-11**

Learn sewing techniques essential to costume design. Some work on costumes for 2018 MSSA show season. No experience necessary.

### **Wearable Art - Grades 4-8**

Campers will be challenged to create art that will be worn. Using both traditional and non-traditional means, campers will explore design techniques and thematic concepts while manipulating and transforming the materials in creative ways. Projects may include, but are not limited to, paper-bead bracelets and necklaces, zentangle t-shirts, tie-dying, fabric and patch applique.

<b>Period 2</b>
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### **Act II Players (Periods 2 and 3) – Grades 6-8**

**5 week campers only**

#### **Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach***

##### *Musical Production*

Roald Dahl's fantastical tale of a boy, his insect friends and their amazing journey across the ocean on a giant piece of fruit.

*Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach* is now a musical for the whole family to enjoy! Featuring a wickedly tuneful score by the Tony Award-nominated team of Pasek and Paul (*Dear Evan Hansen*, *Dogfight* and *The Greatest Showman*) and a curiously quirky book by Timothy Allen McDonald (*Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley*), critics rave: *James and the Giant Peach* is a "masterpeach!"

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A delightfully offbeat adaptation of the classic Roald Dahl adventure, the creative possibilities with *James and the Giant Peach* are endless. Actors will love playing the outlandish characters and performing brand new material from one of Broadway's hottest duos.

***This show will perform Tuesday July 24 at 7:30pm.***

### **Backstage Magic – Grades 4-8**

Learn all the secrets about what really happens backstage and how the magic is made. Students will work on special effects, set dressings and props (properties - this means anything that is hand-held onstage) as class projects and for the shows!

### **Broadway Dance – Grades 4-11**

This class will take you thru the “how to” of Musical Theater with appropriate scenes and music. From the character to the song, you will sing classic Broadway show tunes and develop some beloved characters for your own Noontime show and Festival Day performances.

### **Comedy Club – Grades 7-11**

THE OFFICE. 30ROCK. COMMUNITY. THE DAILY SHOW. SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE. Before they made it on television, comedy writers and actors were making laughs at Chicago's Second City and Manhattan's Upright Citizen's Brigade. This summer, come study comedy writing and improvisation based on the world's most successful comedy institutions. See if you have what it takes to be the next Kristen Wiig, Tina Fey, Will Farrell, Amy Poehler, Donald Glover or Steve Carrell. Join MSSA's 2018 Comedy Troupe!

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### **Drawing – Grades 7-11**

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### **Exploring the World in 3D – Grades 4-8**

This Arts class seeks, searches, and creates with exposure to a multitude of methods and materials. We will learn new skills with which to express ourselves.

### **Fabric Art - Grades 4-11**

Bring your creative ideas to this versatile medium. Explore different types of fabric art - batik, wall hangings, scarves are possible projects. Techniques will include, batik, silk painting, wax and dye stamping, making custom stamps, fiber etching (burn out) on scarves and shirts and possibly more!

### **Games – Grades 4-11**

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, bocce, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

### **Jazz (Dance) – Grades 4-11**

Sonya Tayeh, Mia Michaels, Bob Fosse and Travis Wall are just a few big names today in contemporary jazz dance. Come learn this fun and unique style that brings together energetic, expressive movement with today's most exciting music. Bring in your favorite music and let's dance to it!

### **Playwriting - Grades 6-11**

This class will give you the tools to write your own play. Bring your own ideas or begin use the first days of the session to brainstorm. This course will introduce the traditional approach to theatre which is rooted in character and narrative structure, with emphasis on a play's arc through its beginning, turning point, and ending.

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### **Rock/Jazz Band – Grades 4-11**

This class is an exploration into the various Rock and Jazz styles and the artists who created and developed them. Songs of the 50s to the present and styles from Dixieland to Fusion will be incorporated. We will develop sight reading and improvisation skills. Knowledge of rhythms, notes, chords and key signatures is required.

### **Short Shorts: Commercials and Sketches – Grades 4-11**

This class is for students who are interested in pitching their ideas and then jumping straight into production. The only rule: no content can run longer than 60 seconds. It's an ideal length of time for commercial content, sketches, or experimental works. Students will be expected to produce at least two 60 second pieces every week.

### **Silver Clay - Grades 6-11**

Use ceramic techniques to create pendants, earrings, and rings out of Precious Metal Silver Clay. This exciting new material transforms into 99% pure silver after kiln firing. You will learn a variety of techniques for forming fine jewelry including stone setting. You will be making wearable mini sculptures in real silver! This is as close to magic as it gets.

### **Stage Make-Up – Grades 4-11**

You will learn to create, design and apply make-up for the stage or just for fun, covering techniques from aging, glamour, fantasy, to the most outlandish special effects. Campers in this class have the opportunity to do make-up for evening stage productions during the final week of MSSA.

### **Story Into Play – Grades 4-8**

Let's put on a play! This class gives you the opportunity by using simple staging, as well as basic props and costume pieces. Do you have a favorite story or book you would like to turn into a play?

### **Swimming Lessons – Grades 4-11**

Red Cross swim instruction. Campers will be tested during the first week of camp for placement in the appropriate level. The Staff has certification for all levels.

### **Watercolor – Grades 6-11**

This class will experiment with traditional and nontraditional techniques within the watercolor medium. Plein air painting (outdoor/ landscapes) will be included with this class. Open to all ages and experiences.

## *Period 3*

### **Acrylic Painting – Grades 7-11**

**3 and 5 week campers only**

Students will use acrylic paints to create paintings ranging from realism to abstraction. We will work from observation, sketches, and imagination, and use both traditional and experimental techniques to explore this medium to its fullest. In-depth instruction in painting techniques will be a foundation of this class. The work of all students will be professionally photographed for inclusion in their portfolios.

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### **Contemporary Ballet (Dance) – Grades 4-11**

Contemporary ballet is a genre of dance that incorporates elements of classical ballet and modern dance. Many of its attributes come from the ideas and innovations of 20th century modern dance, including floor work and turn-in of the legs.

### **Creative Writing – Grades 4-11**

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### **Drawing – Grades 4-6**

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### **Games – Grades 4-11**

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### **Modern (Dance) – Grades 7-11**

Modern Fusion: Technique class with an emphasis on blending modern dance technique with West African movement and rhythms. Students will learn whole body connectivity, balance, and weight shifting with upbeat, strong, and grounded movement.

### **Photo Documentary and Yearbook – Grades 4-11**

Be a part of the exciting world of publishing and help bring the MSSA yearbook to life! Create and gather photographs, reviews, drawings, cartoons, poems, lyrics, short stories, and anything else that will create a memorable yearbook of an unforgettable summer.

### **Photoshop - Grades 4-11**

This class will delve into the art and craft of photography. What elements make up a compelling photograph, and how can our camera help us to achieve capture these elements? How can Adobe Photoshop software enable us to be creative and make our photographs even stronger? What aspects of presentation should be considered before hanging a photo on a wall to be seen? This class will look at all these aspects of photography and tap into what each student finds interesting about the art form.

### **Piano - Grades 4-11**

Small group lessons covering beginner and intermediate piano.

**3 Week Session Only**

**Print Making – Grades 4-11**

A variety of traditional and innovative printmaking techniques will be explored. Block printing, etching, and monoprints are planned.

**Rockapella – Grades 9-11**

This ensemble-based singing group will perform popular styles of a cappella music during the camp session. Past material has included The Doors, Billy Joel, Queen, Rolling Stones, the Beatles and Alanis Morissette. Previous singing experience is recommended but not required. Performances: Noontime Shows and on Festival Day.

**Rubbish to Runway - Grades 4-11****3 Week Session Only**

Using recycled materials, create wearable fashion. Be ready to show off your creations on the MSSA runway!

**Sound Design and Recording - Grades 6-11**

Sound design is the process of recording, acquiring, manipulating or generating audio elements. It is employed in a variety of disciplines including filmmaking, television production, theatre, sound recording and reproduction, live performance, sound art, post-production and video game software development. Sound design most commonly involves the manipulation of previously composed or recorded audio, such as music and sound effects. In some instances it may also involve the composition or recording of audio to create a desired effect or mood.

**Stage Combat – Grades 4-11**

Our first two weeks will be spent learning the basics of stage combat; both unarmed (wrist grabs, slaps, punches, kicks, hair pulls) and armed (attacks and parries with “silly swords”). This is a great 2-week course for someone who wants to try fight choreography. During the next three weeks we’ll be bringing our mad skills to some fighting scenes. We’ll be shaking up Shakespeare and busting our way through other fun fighting scenes. Number one in stage combat is safety – pre-planned moves that entertain the audience but are totally safe for the performers! Come, learn and have fun!

**Stage Management - Grades 6-11**

Ever wonder what a Stage Manager does? This course examines the duties and procedures of one of the most important members of any show. Students learn the basic skills necessary to see a production through from preparatory work to performance, including blocking, tech, cue calling, and more.

**Stop Motion Animation – Grades 4-11**

Do you love to draw, paint, build scenes, tell stories, and take pictures? Then this class is for you! Stop Motion Animation brings all of those skills together and lets you put any image in motion – from 2D projects to 3D using your own characters and landscapes. Students will use the MyCreate App and iPads to create their own stop-motion projects. Once complete, projects will be finished in Final Cut with sound effects, dialogue, music and titles. Never animated before? Welcome aboard!

**Swimming Lessons – Grades 4-11**

Red Cross swim instruction. Campers will be tested during the first week of camp for placement in the appropriate level. The Staff has certification for all levels.

**Tap (Dance) – Grades 4-8**

Learn the basics of the only dance style "Made in America." We'll use classical, swing and modern music to accompany our learning of the basic steps, as well as, for routines. No experience required. Performance: Festival Day [Required: tap shoes, comfortable clothing]

**Video Yearbook – Grades 4-11**

Be a part of the exciting world of video production and help bring the MSSA yearbook to life! Create a theme, gather video footage, help edit and select music and anything else that will create a memorable video yearbook of an unforgettable summer.



<b>Period 5</b>
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**ACT/TUNES Company** (Periods 5 and 6) – Grades 9-11

**5 week campers only**

***The Addams Family - A New Musical Comedy***

THE ADDAMS FAMILY features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

***This show will perform Friday July 27 at 7:30pm.***

**Acting for the Camera – Grades 7-11**

This class is intended for experienced actors who want to learn the subtle art of acting for the camera. Each week, students will be given material and a scene partner on Monday. Tuesday will be rehearsal day, along with peer feedback. By Wednesday, we will begin to shoot each scene and on Friday, watch on the big screen as the work is assembled, with feedback all along the way about choices on camera and behind the camera. Students will learn how to edit their own performances as well as the performances of their peers. By the end of the summer, each student will assemble a reel with a number of different scenes in which they are featured, and can take home a DVD copy of their acting for the camera reel.

**African Drumming – Grades 1-11**

The goal of this fun hands-on music making class will be to perform rhythmically exciting music from around the world. Working as a group, we'll explore rhythms and melodies from Africa and other regions. Using all types of drums and percussion and any other instruments played by members of the group.

**Contemporary Jazz - Grades 7-11**

This unique style explores a wide range of organic, often angular movements and syncopated rhythms with a strong base in classical technique. Designed for the beginner students each class will give you a deeper understanding of body alignment, shifting of the weight, and confidence with floor work. This class encourages dancers to explore freedom of movement and self-expression.

**Creative Writing - Grades 1-11**

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**Fractured Fairytales – Grades 1-6**

Take a fairy tale and give it a new twist. We will transform favorite fairy tales into creative and hilarious presentations. You will work on acting, movement, dancing, drumming, and singing. Anything goes as we learn to work as an ensemble (a group working together!). Join us in this land of trolls, magic capes, and secret potions.

**Games – Grades 1-11**

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**Guitar – Grades 4-11**

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play countless songs. Make music playing individually, with partners and small groups, and as a whole ensemble. Learn music from tablature (a diagram of where to put your fingers) and ‘play-along’ CDs, as well as listening to a variety of styles. Class is designed for those with no prior experience playing the guitar, and those who want to review the basics. (Students must supply their own guitar).

### **iPad Ensemble Electronic Instrumentation – Grades 4-11**

Enter the exciting world of using digital technology to make music. Using an iPad and various apps students will learn to create music as an ensemble as well as individually.

### **Jewelry Making – Grades 4-11**

In this class we will start with basic earring, necklace, and bracelet techniques and move into more complex projects including wire jewelry, seed bead stitching and bead making. This class is geared towards new jewelry designers, but will have projects for all levels!

### **Lego Maniacs – Grades 1-11**

Ever wanted to build your own world? We will create models of real-life vehicles and landmarks as well as our own architectural wonders. We will also invent characters and stories for the people and things that live in our worlds.

### **Live Action Role Play (Beginner/Intermediate Level)– Grades 4-11**

A live action role-playing (LARP) is a form of role-playing game where the participants physically act out their characters' actions. The players pursue goals within a fictional setting represented by the real world while interacting with each other in character. The outcome of player actions may be mediated by game rules or determined by consensus among players. Event arrangers called gamemasters decide the setting and rules to be used and facilitate play. Campers will get to create their own world with it's own unique set of rules and then learn how to interact with each other in that world.

### **Mixed Media – Grades 4-11**

Fabric! Wood! Inks! Pastels! Found objects! All of these materials and more can be used to make art. We'll use 2-3 different materials in each piece of artwork made, with an abundance of imagination and creativity stirred into the mix.

### **Musical Theatre Scene – Grades 6-8**

Take part in all aspect of musical theatre: the singing, the dancing and the acting – all within a scene! Scenes from different musicals will be chosen and performed with the dialogue, song and choreography. Performances: Noontime Show and Festival Day

### **Puppets! – Grades 1-6**

Create your very own puppets from a design that you create. Construction will include paper maché, painting, stuffing, sewing, and stringing your puppet. In addition, consider the prospect of writing a play with the other participants where the puppets would make a grand appearance for the campers.

### **Show Choir – Grades 1-6**

Find your “Glee!” This class will cover a variety of vocal music styles from pop and R&B to country. Also covered will be vocal technique and the proper way to use your voice. The class will focus on the art of the group performance. Noontime show and Festival Day performances.

### **Spotlight Players (Periods 5 and 6) – Grades 4-11**

**3 week campers only**

#### *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka JR.*

#### *Musical Production*

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### **Stage Make-Up – Grades 4-11**

You will learn to create, design and apply make-up for the stage or just for fun, covering techniques from aging, glamour, fantasy, to the most outlandish special effects. Campers in this class have the opportunity to do make-up for evening stage productions during the final week of MSSA.

### **Swimming Lessons – Grades 1-11**

Red Cross swim instruction. Campers will be tested during the first week of camp for placement in the appropriate level. The Staff has certification for all levels.

### **Tap (Dance) – Grades 6-11**

Learn the basics of the only dance style "Made in America." We'll use classical, swing and modern music to accompany our learning of the basic steps, as well as, for routines. No experience required. Performance: Festival Day [Required: tap shoes, comfortable clothing]

### **Technical Theater Crew – Grades 6-11**

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### **Wild Art! - Grades 4-11**

In this class students will go out into nature and use wildlife and/or landscapes that they find interesting as inspiration and subject matter for art, field recording, video, educational, and/or music projects. We will identify and learn more about what we find using field guides and other resources available on the internet. Then we will use what we have documented as inspiration and subject matter for visual/sound art and or nature documentaries.

## *Period 6*

### **Acrylic Painting – Grades 4-7**

Students will use acrylic paints to create paintings ranging from realism to abstraction. We will work from observation, sketches, and imagination, and use both traditional and experimental techniques to explore this medium to its fullest.

### **ACT/TUNES Company (Periods 5 and 6) – Grades 9-11**

**5 week campers only**

#### ***The Addams Family - A New Musical Comedy***

THE ADDAMS FAMILY features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

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**Acting and Directing - Grades 7-11**

We will be directing scenes using the class as our actors and directors. By working on the same scene with multiple directors, we will learn that directing presents endless possibilities.

**Actors Workshop – Grades 4-11**

For the performer who wants to go further with their craft. How to audition, what makes a good monologue, how do you dissect a scene, why are the best actors' reactors and many more techniques to broaden your actor's toolbox. The class will work with both scripted and improvised material as well as some self-scripting. Performance opportunities include noontime show and Festival Day.

**Art Exploration – Grades 1-6**

This Arts class seeks, searches, and creates with exposure to a multitude of methods and materials. We will learn new skills with which to express ourselves.

**Cartooning and Caricature - Grades 1-11**

This class will cover how to make funny and engaging cartoon characters. Fundamentals of figure drawing, and creativity exercises that can help us create funny characters and scenarios will be covered. In addition to character creation, students can make their own single panel cartoons, comic strips, and/or comic books. The art of caricature can also be explored in this class, as the teacher has a professional background in this area.

**Ceramics – Grades 4-7****3 and 5 week campers only**

Students will learn to create both functional pots and ceramic sculpture. All major hand building techniques will be taught. Projects will challenge the imagination, and stretch your ability to think creatively. All work will be kiln-fired and glazed. Prepare to learn, have fun, and get your hands dirty!

**Digital Photography – Grades 4-11**

Learn the art of photo in the digital age. This class will cover all the basics of photo from framing and composition to downloading, editing and printing. Campers may bring their own equipment.

**Games – Grades 1-11**

Kan-jam, kickball, four square, wiffle ball, bocce, capture the flag, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

**Hip Hop (Dance) – Grades 1-6**

Get ready to get your funk on and explore the latest and coolest hip-hop moves in this class!

**Improv – Grades 6-8**

You may have seen “Whose Line is it Anyway” on TV. Improv is fun, but it does take a lot of work, energy and concentration in order to create entertaining, interesting theatre for an audience. We'll work with short game-type forms as well longer forms of Improv. How do you create believable characters and make interesting scenes for you and the audience? Take this class and find out. We will put on an Improv show that will include both short (Dating Show, for example) and longer forms of Improvisation (Movie styles).

**Lego Maniacs – Grades 1-11**

Ever wanted to build your own world? We will create models of real-life vehicles and landmarks as well as our own architectural wonders. We will also invent characters and stories for the people and things that live in our worlds.

**News Flash! – Grades 1-11**

Wassup around camp? It's up to you to uncover the latest news and report it in the camp newspaper. Write! Observe! Inform! Snoop! Entertain! Come be a reporter for Backstage Beat, sports, CIT surveys, exclusive interviews, opinion

pieces, movie reviews, and much more. Work independently or team up to write an article with a friend. At the end of each week, your terrific newspaper is distributed at camp and uploaded to the MSSA web site for all to enjoy.

### **Sculptural Bookmaking - Grades 6-11**

Explore the possibilities of bookmaking as an art form. Along with a variety of techniques we will use water color paper, painting, drawing and other media to create Pop-up, Accordion, Tunnel, and Radial books as beautiful and unique three dimensional works of art.

### **Spotlight Players (Periods 5 and 6) – Grades 4-11**

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### **Songwriting - Grades 4-11**

There are no “rules” in songwriting—but there are “tools” that are consistently found in successful songs. This class will explore what works and encourage students to use techniques that have proven successful—while adding their own unique flavor to it.

### **Stop Motion Animation – Grades 4-11**

Do you love to draw, paint, build scenes, tell stories, and take pictures? Then this class is for you! Stop Motion Animation brings all of those skills together and lets you put any image in motion – from 2D projects to 3D using your own characters and landscapes. Students will use the MyCreate App and iPads to create their own stop-motion projects. Once complete, projects will be finished in Final Cut with sound effects, dialogue, music and titles. Never animated before? Welcome aboard!

### **Storytime with Lowell - Grades 1-5**

Do you have a favorite story or book? This class will allow campers to listen to and share their favorite books and stories with the option of acting them out.

### **Strike up the Band! – Grades 4-11**

This class is the chance for musicians to work together to create the MSSA house band! We will explore a variety of music genres including improvisation, an opportunity to jam with other musicians. The band will perform at a Noontime Show and Festival Day!

### **Swing Dance - Grades 6-11**

Swing dance is a group of dances that developed with the **swing** style of **jazz** music in the 1920s–1940s, with the origins of each dance predating the popular "swing era". During the swing era, there were hundreds of styles of swing dancing, but those that have survived beyond that era include: Lindy Hop, Balboa, Collegiate Shag, and Charleston.

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**Video Mapping/Projection Design: Create your world - Grades 4-11**

In this class students will learn how to design a digital light environment using projection technology and software to enhance any theatre production (including dance, theatre, music, and more). Ever wanted to know more about manipulating a live camera feed and projecting it with effects? How about using different surfaces to project onto like a small square cube, a rectangle shape, or even a sphere? Learn how to do these things while learning Isadora (a software program dedicated to projection design). Have a chance to design your projection using scenes, actors, generators, live cameras, while having the opportunity to be the subject as well.

**Water Nonsense – Grades 1-11**

Chill out and have some fun in the pool at the end of the day. Play water games, splash around and have a great time at the pool!