



Middlesex School Summer Arts 2017 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.

Costume Design I – Grades 4-11

Imagine designing costumes for Romeo and Juliet from three different periods, choosing your own fabrics, colors and style. This class guarantees you will have beautiful sketches, in color, of your own creations and the knowledge of how differently people dressed long ago. [No previous experience or drawing skills needed]

Costume Design II – Grades 6-11 5 week campers only

Design a costume from the Elizabethan era. Create a color rendering of your design using a packet of established fabrics as your guide. Draft the patterns and build a period costume on your very own Barbie that will be provided. Requirements: Costume I (absolutely necessary), hand sewing skill or a strong desire to develop such skills.

Dance Company – Grades 9-11

Five 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. Five week campers only.

Digital Photography – Grades 4-11

Students will learn how to take pictures, digital file management / Photoshop manipulation, and output to the Yearbook and MSSA newspaper. The technical aspects of photography covered will be the interplay of aperture and shutter speed along with lens effects and basic flash. Students will also learn how to tell a story with photos. 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.

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 4-11

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

Kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Greasepaint Kids - Grades 4-5**Five week campers only****Original Musical Production – *A Bug is A Bug***

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!

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 4-11

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 & Sound Design – Grades 6-11

Explore both the artistic and technical side of theatre electrics. This class will focus on the why behind lighting and sound as well as the how. Students will work together on bringing to life the lighting and sound effects for the final week productions, as well as run the Noontime shows. There will 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.¹ 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.

Musical Theatre Scene – Grades 6-11

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.

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

Five Week Campers Only

Our Town

Our Town is the 1938 Pulitzer Prize winning play by American playwright Thornton Wilder. It tells the story of the fictional American small town of Grover's Corners between 1901 and 1913 through the everyday lives of its citizens. Throughout, Wilder uses metatheatrical devices, setting the play in the actual theatre where it is being performed. The main character is the stage manager of the theatre who directly addresses the audience, brings in guest lecturers, fields questions from the audience, and fills in playing some of the roles. The play is performed without a set on a mostly bare stage. With a few exceptions, the actors mime actions without the use of props.

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.

Steel Drums – Grades 4-11

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, Brazil, the Caribbean and other regions. Using steel pans (also known as steel drums or pans, and sometimes, collectively with other musicians, as a steel band or orchestra) we'll practice and perform tunes guaranteed to get the audience smiling and up on their feet!

Swim 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.

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.

Vocal Performance - Grades 4-8

Learn how to present yourself confidently while building vocal skills and creating a repertoire of material.

Wild Art! - Grades 4-11

In this class students 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 2

Act II Players (Periods 2 and 3) – *Grades 6-8***Five week campers only****Schoolhouse Rock!**

Musical Production

A pop culture phenomenon comes to the musical stage in *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* The Emmy Award-winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math and more through clever, tuneful songs is not only making a small-screen comeback, it's lighting up stages everywhere – from school multi-purpose rooms to university and regional theatres all around the country. *Schoolhouse Rock Live!* follows Tom, a nerve-wracked school teacher who is nervous about his first day of teaching. He tries to relax by watching TV, when various characters representing facets of his personality emerge from the set and show him how to win his students over with imagination and music, through such songs as "Just a Bill," "Lolly, Lolly, Lolly" and "Conjunction Junction."

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 Tina Fey, Will Farrell, Amy Poehler, Donald Glover or Steve Carrell. Join MSSA's 2017 Comedy Troupe!

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, otherwise cameras will be provided for class

Drawing – *Grades 7-11*

Develop your drawing skills; learn new ways to express what you see before you by exploring various materials and techniques. Work from still life arrangements, the figure and landscapes. Mediums include graphite, charcoal, conte crayon and soft pastel.

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.

Games – *Grades 4-11*

Kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Guitar – *Grades 4-11***Three week campers only**

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).

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!

News Flash! – Grades 4-11

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.

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.

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.

Stage Management - Grades 4-11

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.

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?

Swim 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.

Taiko Drumming - Grades 4-11

Taiko is the traditional Japanese style of percussion. It is an energetic and physically demanding style that combines aspects of dance, athletics, and even martial arts with powerful musical expression.

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****Three and five 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

Every great song, movie, or play has sprung from the head of a writer. A writer takes all of his or her confused thoughts, dreams, and observations and turns them into art. This class is for kids who have big ideas, but maybe not the biggest personalities to express those ideas. We will create stories, poems, songs and scripts.

Djembe - African Drumming - Grades 4-11

The goal of this fun, hands-on music making class will be to perform rhythmically exciting music from Africa. Working as a group, we'll explore rhythms and melodies from Africa. We will use a variety of drums and other percussion instruments and can incorporate other instruments played by members of the group.

Games – Grades 4-11

Kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

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.

Page to Stage - Grades 4-11**Three Week Session Only**

Become involved with the creation of a theatre piece from the very beginning, then see it all the way through to the end. Develop the script, create costumes, props, set pieces and design lights and sound. Students will be involved with every aspect of the show and then present it on Festival Day.

Performance Ensemble – Grades 7-11

Devised theatre, or collaborative creation, is a form of theatre where the script originates not from a writer, but from collaborative, usually improvisatory, work by a group of performers. In this class students will work together through various exercises to develop original pieces of theatre.

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**Three Week Session Only**

Small group lessons covering beginner and intermediate piano.

Print Making – Grades 4-11

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

Rhythm Section Master Class – Grades 4-11

Piano, Bass and Drums! These instruments are the anchor of every band's rhythm section and thus the foundation of every great band. This course will introduce musicians to all three instruments and develop skills needed for playing in any band.

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.

Scenic Painting – Grades 4-11

Anyone can paint....really! Dive into a class that will take you from the basics of stroke-work and color mixing to using all of the tools of the trade, wood-grains, sprayers and more. Learn confidence as a painter and then come join us painting the sets for the productions. Sneakers or a closed shoe (toe and heel enclosed) must be worn. Bring an old shirt to wear over your clothes.

Set Design – Grades 6-11

This course is a look at set designing for theatre. This course will use script analysis techniques used by designers to develop a clear production concept. Students will exercise creative and practical skills through in-class projects and will create floor plans, renderings, scale models and other various paperwork.

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!

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.

Period 5**ACT/TUNES Company (Periods 5 and 6) – Grades 9-11****Five week campers only**

Les Misérables, colloquially known in English-speaking countries as *Les Mis* or *Les Miz*, is a sung-through musical based on the five-part novel *Les Misérables* by French poet and novelist Victor Hugo. Premiering in Paris in 1980, it has music by Claude-Michel Schönberg and original French-language lyrics by Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel, alongside an English-language libretto with accompanying English-language lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer. The London production has run continuously since October 1985 – the longest-running musical in the West End and the second longest-running musical in the world.

Set in early 19th-century France, it is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

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.

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.

African Drumming – All Grades

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 - All ages

Every great song, movie, or play has sprung from the head of a writer. A writer takes all of his or her confused thoughts, dreams, and observations and turns them into art. This class is for kids who have big ideas, but maybe not the biggest personalities to express those ideas. We will create stories, poems, songs and scripts.

Drawing – Grades 2-6

Develop your drawing skills; learn new ways to express what you see before you by exploring various materials and techniques. Work from still life arrangements, the figure and landscapes. Mediums include graphite, charcoal, conte crayon and soft pastel.

Fractured Fairytales – Grades 2-8

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 – All Grades

Kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer 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.

Guitar – Grades 4-11

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iPad Ensemble Electronic Instrumentation – All Grades

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!

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

Photo Documentary and Yearbook – All Grades

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.

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

Three week campers only

Snoopy! The Musical

Atop his kennel, Snoopy surveys the skies, scene of his triumph as a First World War flying ace. Modestly he considers his genius. Stoically he accepts that his brilliance in nearly every field of endeavour will forever go unremarked by humankind. He can but uphold his own high standards. ("I refuse to chase a stick that hasn't been properly sanded and polished") and his own immutable philosophy ("In the book of the life the answers are not in the back"). Please join Snoopy, Woodstock and the Peanuts gang in this delightful sequel to *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.

Stage Make-Up – Grades 4-11

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Technical Theater Crew – Grades 6-11

Join the action behind the scenes. Students will learn the ins and outs of backstage running crews, lighting, sound, and set construction. Topics will include stage management, rigging, rope work, plotting scene changes, and backstage safety. Students will assist backstage during the final performance week as running crews for the performances, as well as daily with Noontime shows. This is the class for all those who want to learn the tricks of the theatre ninja. Sneakers or closed shoes (toe & heel enclosed) must be worn.

Period 6

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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.

Art Exploration – All Grades

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.

Audio Processing - Grades 4-11

Learn the basics of digital audio processing and sound generation in the Max/MSP environment. Max/MSP is a powerful graphic programming environment that requires no coding, and is designed for use by artists, musicians, and composers.

Audition Techniques – Grades 6-11

This class will focus on how to prepare for an audition. Students will be musically and dramatically coached on songs and monologues they have selected to use for auditions. The class will also discuss what to look for when selecting repertoire and how to interpret a 16 bar cut of a song.

Cartooning and Caricature - All Grades

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

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 – *All Grades*

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 4-11*

Kickball, four square, wiffle ball, capture the flag, soccer and more! Come enjoy your favorite games and maybe learn some new ones!

Hip Hop (Dance) – *Grades 2-6*

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 – *All Grades*

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! – *All Grades*

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 4-11*

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.

Show Choir – *Grades 2-6*

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*

Three week campers only

Snoopy! The Musical

Atop his kennel, Snoopy surveys the skies, scene of his triumph as a First World War flying ace. Modestly he considers his genius. Stoically he accepts that his brilliance in nearly every field of endeavour will forever go unremarked by humankind. He can but uphold his own high standards. ("I refuse to chase a stick that hasn't been properly sanded and polished") and his own immutable philosophy ("In the book of the life the answers are not in the back"). Please join Snoopy, Woodstock and the Peanuts gang in this delightful sequel to *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*.

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!

Strike up the Band! – *All Grades*

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

Tap (Dance) – *Grades 7-11*

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*

Join the action behind the scenes. Students will learn the ins and outs of backstage running crews, lighting, sound, and set construction. Topics will include stage management, rigging, rope work, plotting scene changes, and backstage safety. Students will assist backstage during the final performance week as running crews for the performances, as well as daily with Noontime shows. This is the class for all those who want to learn the tricks of the theatre ninja. Sneakers or closed shoes (toe & heel enclosed) must be worn.

Vocal Performance - *Grades 4-11*

Learn how to present yourself confidently while building vocal skills and creating a repertoire of material.

Water Nonsense – *All Grades*

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!