

This course gives primary-age performers a chance to "take the stage." Using literature as the medium, these students will experience music, movement and dramatic components. Students will learn about characterization through improvisation and storytelling, as well as create musical accompaniments using Orff instruments (xylophones, glockenspiels and metallophones). A culminating presentation for family and friends will take place in the final week.

Grades K-2
 Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
 Thursdays, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
 \$320

Moms & Tots Music
 Tuesdays, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
 \$240

Performing Arts for Home-Schoolers
 Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 am
 \$400 1st Child, \$200 2nd Child
 (Any additional children free!)

Home-schooled students will acquire skills in singing, instrument playing, acting and public speaking. The course will afford the opportunity to work with other students on the preparation of skits, songs and presentations. Character development and proper vocal technique will be emphasized.

Designed with the half-day kindergarten and 4-year-old pre-school child in mind, this class will offer these young performers extra enrichment in performing arts.

Rhythm & Rhyme Showtime
 Ages 4-5
 Tuesdays, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m.
 \$240

The flagship program of Brightest Star, the Musical Theatre Workshops offer students the opportunity to grow as a "triple threat" with classes in singing, acting and dancing. This program culminates in a musical theatre presentation on the Bickford stage. The course is designed to challenge each student at his/her own level. Students need not have previous experience.

Musical Theatre Workshops
 Grades 3-5: Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.; \$640
 Grades 6-12: Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; \$960*

Whether you are preparing for a musical or non-musical audition, you will gain techniques to enhance your presentation. Learn how to analyze, how to impress and how to choose the right material. Each student will leave the class with a monologue and song specifically designed to "sell."

Audition Preparation
 Grades 6-12
 Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 p.m.; \$320

This comprehensive public speaking course is designed to improve oral communication skills, while enhancing comfort in front of the group. Goals include the ability to organize thoughts and improve vocal production. Particular attention will be given to students preparing for college interviews, fire and police oral exams and those involved in sales careers.

Public Speaking
 Teen/ Adults
 Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 \$320

Each of these acting courses will include improvisation, scene study, character development, class critiquing, vocal production, breathing, concentration and use of the body exercises. Material used in scene study will allow each student to create an audition-ready monologue.

Acting!
 Grades 3 - 7: Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Grades 8-12: Thursdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Adults: Thursdays, 6:45-7:45 p.m.
 \$320

General Information

Our Philosophy

At Brightest Star School of Performing Arts, we believe that the performing arts provide opportunities for learning about all aspects of one's world, enhancing academic learning capacity, increasing self esteem and building strong communication and interpersonal skills.

Our students participate in group activities led by master educators and art professionals in an environment, which promotes independent thinking, creative problem solving and group decision-making. The programs are structured so that participants work toward a common goal, ensuring the emotional growth necessary for success in the modern world whether or not their future lies in the arts. Our goal at Brightest Star is to empower each participant with a strong sense of individual accomplishment and achievement.

Our Creative Space

Located within the Morris Museum, the Bickford Theatre is the proud home of Brightest Star School of Performing Arts. This beautiful 312-seat theatre produces professional theatre and presents children's performances, lectures, and jazz and dance concerts. Bickford Theatre is a senior member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

Our Staff

Elizabeth A. Vecchio
 Elizabeth has been an arts educator for many years, teaching in public and private schools. Having been a music fellow at Northwestern University and a Fulbright recipient, she has directed hundreds of dramatic and musical productions throughout the Tri-State area.

Pamela Meys Kane

Prior to full-time work with Brightest Star, Pamela Meys Kane taught elementary and middle school for 20 years, most recently at Oak Knoll School in Summit. Additionally, Pamela served as music director at Notre Dame Church in Cedar Knolls where she directed and accompanied the adult, teen and children's choirs and founded a "Moms and Tots Music" program which has grown and spread to other locations.

Ruthann Lanni

Dance teacher and choreographer for Brightest Star School of Performing Arts, Ruthann studied dance as her life's passion. She received her M.A. in Dance Education from New York University and has taught ballet, tap, jazz and musical theatre. Ruthann brings years of teaching experience, curriculum development and performance experience to the dance program.

Faculty: Carl Botti (Guitar), Deirdre Gari (Dance), Elizabeth Mancinelli (Piano), Maria Anne Ross (Technical Theatre), Dr. Michele Yamosky (SMT), Rick Edinger (SMT), Jonas Yoder (Suzuki Violin), Jenny Peters (Home Schoolers, Musical Theatre), Camille DiLorenzo (Acting)

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Musical Theatre Dance

Following the National Standards for Arts Education, the Musical Theatre Dance programs are designed to explore each dancer's innate knowledge and understanding of movement through physical dance training and notation, enhancing the skills of discipline and teamwork.

Creative Dance & Dance

In a creative dance format, these classes use a conceptual approach of the elements of time, space, body and relationships to introduce dance movement to young dancers. Children will learn basic stage directions, dance notation and control of movement through lessons and activities that stimulate verbal and non-verbal expression.

Creative Dance: Ages 4-6

Wednesdays, 4:30-5:15; \$240

Dance: Grades 2-5

Wednesdays, 5:15-6:00 p.m.: \$240

Dance: Grades 6-12

Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.; \$320

Using a jazz warm-up and musical theatre base, this class will help students bridge the gap from beginner to advanced dancer. Skills for successful auditioning will also be explored.

Advanced Dance: *by audition only*

Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.; \$320

This class helps refine movement and control to enhance the dance craft and teaches dancers performance and audition skills, while engaged in expanding their movement vocabulary.

Adult Dance

Wednesdays, 8:15 - 9:15 p.m.; \$320

This class uses the performance aspect of dance to help both the beginner and experienced dancer perfect their craft and shape their body for the stage. Variations from Broadway shows will be taught weekly, expanding and reviewing participants' knowledge of theatre dance.

Brightest Star Select Chorus

by audition only

Grades 7-12

Wednesdays, 5:00-6:15 p.m.; \$320

This mixed chorus will explore the vast repertoire of SATB choral music. Participants will sing the music of the masters, traditional folksongs, popular and musical theatre pieces, and music of other cultures and languages. Particular emphasis will be placed on tight a cappella harmony.

Adult Voice Class & Private Lessons in Voice, Guitar, Piano, Violin & Dance For All Ages!

For more information or to register for a mutually convenient time, please call 973.971.3726.

Early Summer Intensive Musical Theatre

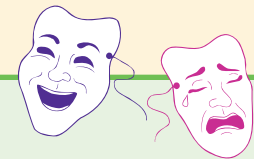
Entering Grades 3-8 in Sept. 2009

Week I: Monday, June 15-Friday, June 19, 2009

Week II: Monday, July 223 p.m.; \$275 per week

Register for both weeks and save \$25 (\$525)

These two, one-week intensive programs will give the student an opportunity to strengthen his or her skills in singing, dancing and acting. Each week will culminate in an age-appropriate musical. Students may register for one or both weeks.



Summer Musical Theatre

Entering Grades 6-12

by audition only

Session I: June 29 – July 17, 2009

Session II: July 20 – August 7, 2009

Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Brightest Star Summer Musical Theatre is a three-week "triple threat" program designed to fully educate teens in the musical theatre genre. Students are admitted by audition only, and will receive daily classes in voice, acting and dance, as well as lessons in technical theatre, character development, costuming, story writing, and puppetry. In addition to preparing audition pieces, each student will produce a program "bio" and resume and will perform in a final musical production, presented on the Bickford stage for the public. Auditions will be held Saturday, February 7, 2-6 p.m., and Sunday, March 1, 2-5 p.m. If student is accepted, a \$100 non-refundable deposit is due within 2 weeks of acceptance notification. Balance of registration must be paid in full by June 16, 2009.

Call 973.971.3726 to schedule your audition now!

\$675/session

Register for both sessions and save \$100!



Register today and be guaranteed a space... Classes fill quickly!

Registration Form

Please submit one form for each participant.

Participant's Name _____ Age at time of participation _____ Grade _____	
Name of School _____ Parent's Name _____	
Address _____	
Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail _____
Course	Course
Performing Arts for Home-Schoolers Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. \$400 _____ (1st child) \$200 _____ (2nd child) N/C _____ (Add'l. Children, Specify How Many)	Musical Theatre Dance Creative Dance: Ages 4-6 Wednesdays, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. \$240 _____ Dance: Grades 2-5 Wednesdays, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. \$240 _____ Dance: Grades 6-12 Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. \$320 _____ Advanced Dance (<i>by audition only</i>) Wednesdays, 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. \$320 _____ Adult Dance: Wednesdays, 8:15 - 9:15 p.m. \$320 _____
Moms and Tots Music Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. \$240 _____ Wednesdays, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. \$240 _____	Early Summer Intensive Musical Theatre Session I: Monday, June 15–Friday, June 19, 2009 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$275 _____ Session II: Monday, June 22–Friday, June 26, 2009 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$275 _____ Register for both Sessions – Save \$25! \$525 _____
Rhythm & Rhyme Showtime Tuesdays, 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. \$240 _____	Summer Musical Theatre Session I: June 29 – July 17, 2009, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$675 _____ Session II: July 20 – August 7, 2009 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$675 _____ (Register for both Sessions – Save \$100!) \$1250 _____
Creative Drama & Song Wednesdays, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. \$320 _____ Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. \$320 _____ Thursdays, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. \$320 _____	Total: \$ _____
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Public Speaking Teen/ Adult: Thursday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$320 _____	Signature _____
Audition Preparation Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$320 _____	Send registration and payment to: Brightest Star School of Performing Arts c/o Bickford Theatre 6 Normandy Heights Road Morristown, NJ 07960
Brightest Star Select Chorus (<i>by audition only</i>) Wednesdays, 5:00 - 6:15 p.m. \$320 _____	
<small>Brightest Star reserves the right to cancel any class due to inclement weather or any course that does not meet enrollment without rescheduling. No refunds after the first day of class. There will be no make-up classes. Inquire about our family discount.</small>	