

Kids Interested in Performing on Stage Can Polish Skills at These Summer Workshops

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Aspiring actors in Grades 5 through 10 can strengthen performance skills this summer at the Darien Art Center's new theater pop-up workshops.

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Students will better prepare themselves for their next performance opportunities with one-day workshops in tap, dance, improv and auditioning.

In Actors Can Tap, students will learn not only a tap number from Newsies, but the skills required to act the dance with Kathryn Luckstone, whose choreography for Wilton High School helped them win Best Musical in this year's Halo Awards.

Modifications will be made for all levels in this mixed level class that takes place on Monday, July 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. for Grades 5 to 7, and on Tuesday, July 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. for grades 8 to 10.

In Actors Can Dance, also taught by Luckstone, students learn a full dance number from The Greatest Showman. This acting-the-dance workshop is for grades 5 to 7 and takes place on Wednesday, July 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Improv for Actors, taught by DAC Theatre Program Director, Maria Pizzarello, is for grades 5 to 7 and takes

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place on Tuesday July 16; from 1 to 3 p.m. Students of all levels gain the important skills of improv while playing improv games and devising sketches.

Advanced Acting/Audition prep, also led by Pizzarello, is for grades 8 to 10 on Wednesday July 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will be led through the process of selecting, rehearsing and performing audition pieces.

No preparation is necessary for this two-hour session, which is a great opportunity to strengthen acting skills and to find a way to calm nerves for auditions.

Fee for each workshop is \$40. Registration can be done [online](#).