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## **Darien Arts Center's Theater Summer Camps for Kids in Grades 5 to 12**

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Shakespeare on the Sound and the Open Arts Alliance are partnering with the Darien Arts Center to provide new theatre offerings this summer for Grades 5 to 12.

— *an announcement from* [Darien Arts Center](#)

The summer camp for Grades 7 to 10, *Twelfth Night, Jr.*, begins June 24 and showcases a culminating performance on the Shakespeare On The Sound stage in Rowayton on July 3.

*Into the Woods, Jr.*, for Grades 5 to 12, begins Aug. 12, with auditions on June 3. Additionally, there are vocal and dance audition workshops on June 2 for Grades 6-10.

*Twelfth Night, Jr.* is a rare opportunity to delve into one of Shakespeare's most popular plays, and is ideal for budding actors this summer. Rehearsals take place in the DAC Weatherstone Studio with an exciting opportunity to perform on the Shakespeare On The Sound stage in Rowayton's Pinkney Park.

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After creating a supportive and nurturing ensemble through acting exercises and theatre games, the campers will explore and rehearse a 45-minute version of *Twelfth Night* directly adapted from the script used in the Shakespeare on the Sound production.

This intensive camp promotes artistic self-expression, collaboration, literacy, self-confidence, and self-reliance. It runs from June 24 to July 5 from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The fee for the camp is \$910.

Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's cockeyed fairytale comes to life in *Into the Woods, Jr.* an adaptation of their groundbreaking Tony Award-winning musical.

Favorite characters like Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack (and his beanstalk) come to life in this production with final performances that showcase an ensemble of talented singers and actors on Aug. 24 and 25 in the DAC Weatherstone Studio.

The camp, led by Open Arts Alliance's Rocco Natale, is for Grades 5 to 12. It will hold rehearsals from Aug. 12 to 23, from 11:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. Auditions for *Into the Woods, Jr.* are on June 3. Schedule an audition by emailing [maria@darienarts.org](mailto:maria@darienarts.org). Fee for the camp is \$1,200.

"Partnering with Shakespeare on the Sound and Open Arts Alliance is truly exciting for us," said Maria Pizzarello, DAC theatre program director. "Not only do these partnerships introduce new artists to the Darien Arts Center, they bring expertise and wonderful talent to the students of Darien."

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