

2025-26 IN-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & RESIDENCIES Grades 6-8

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WORKSHOPS & RESIDENCIES OVERVIEW

Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park is committed to serving our community through education and engagement programs. Our in-school programs are designed to engage learners of all ages and abilities. Our programs are customizable to accommodate your school's needs.

Our enrichment workshops, drama integration residencies, and theatre skills residencies have been designed with classroom teachers in mind to meet current state learning objectives. This packet includes descriptions of in-depth workshops and residencies that integrate required reading material, while underscoring current academic standards.

WORKSHOP AND RESIDENCY PRICING

Through generous grants, we are able to offer our in-school workshops and residencies at highly reduced rates. The rates below are for one curriculum presented to classrooms of up to 30 students and include one teaching artist per classroom and all materials. Additional curriculum are treated as separate residencies.

Five-Session Residencies

Pricing: \$500 for 1-3 classrooms per day | \$750 for 4-5 classrooms per day | \$1000 for 6-7 classrooms per day. Each residency has five sessions (one per day) that last 45-55 minutes. Additional generous need-based subsidies are available for schools that qualify.

One-Session Enrichment Workshops

Pricing: \$100 per enrichment workshop session, per instructor, for workshops up to one hour.

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DRAMA INTEGRATION RESIDENCIES BRINGING BOOKS TO LIFE: FIVE SESSIONS

Through our fun-filled, immersive five-session residencies, students are engaged in the power of collaborative and visual storytelling that deepens their reading comprehension and critical analysis skills. In these residencies, your students retell stories by creating and bringing to life the setting, characters and events. Below are our current offerings for grades 6-8.

These residencies meet CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL/RI reading literature and informational texts standards for grades 6-8. Want a different topic? We can adapt our current offerings to any book or social studies theme.







The Outsiders

Students will create a theatrical performance that blends different forms of dramatic writing through the lens of this classic book. Through monologue writing and collaborative third-person narration, students will create physical representations of the dystopian world created by S.E. Hilton.

A Long Walk to Water

Students will use the book as a guide to create in their own visual interpretation of the story. Each day will be spent working on tableaus, monologue writing, prologue and epilogue creation, and finally putting it all together to share their own piece of theatre depicting Salva's journey.

Beowulf

In this workshop, engage your students in the power of collaborative and visual storytelling. Students will analyze the structure and subtext of *Beowulf* and further examine the epic poem's imagery, transforming your classroom into Hrothgar's great hall and Grendel's lair.

The Diary of Anne Frank

Using writing and performance students will deepen their understanding of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. They will analyze the text to write monologues, weaving creativity with fact while exploring the impact of one of the most significant eras of recent history.

A Christmas Carol

Engage your students in the power of collaborative and visual storytelling. Students will interpret Charles Dickens' structure and descriptive language and write monologues as the characters. This interactive process will culminate in a retelling of Scrooge's the ghostly visits.

DRAMA INTEGRATION RESIDENCIES BRINGING BOOKS TO LIFE (Continued)





Your students will dive into this epic Greek poem by Homer. Through writing and performance exercises, they will interpret Odysseus' hero journey and the creatures he encounters along the way.

Greek Mythology

Engage your students in the power of visual storytelling. Students will create a theatrical performance that blends different forms of dramatic writing. Through first-person monologues and prologue and epilogue writing, students will embody the story from the descriptions in the myth.

Once on This Island

Engage your students in a workshop centered around the Broadway musical, *Once on This Island*. This workshop gives students the opportunity to interpret the words and worlds of this tale and create their own visual storytelling piece of theatre.

Dear Evan Hansen

In this five-day workshop, students will have the opportunity to make a personal connection with this hit Broadway musical. Students will listen to the lyrics of the songs, write their own monologues, and weave together their own interpretation of this moving musical.

Romeo and Juliet

Travel to fair Verona in this collaborative and storytelling-based workshop. Students will work with the text of *Romeo and Juliet* to create staged pictures and monologues that depict their interpretation of the story. This workshop will end with a presentation of their work.







DRAMA INTEGRATION RESIDENCIES PUBLIC SPEAKING: FIVE SESSIONS

Empower students to create effective conversations. In these residencies, students learn to identify key details of a story/text, develop vocal techniques for oral presentations and learn to identify real-life connections between the words of the text and their use in performance, as well as everyday life. Below are our current offerings for Public Speaking grades 6-8. Choose the subject that best serves your academic learning goals.

These residencies meet CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL speaking and listening standards for grades 6-8. Want a different topic? We can adapt our current offerings to any book or social studies theme.





Great Speeches, Great Speakers

Students will choose a speech to dissect and present while exploring tools that will help them. They will identify strong language, build confidence, and learn how to communicate the speaker's point of view.

Flowers for Algernon

Students will learn to identify key details from the story in order to deliver an effective rendition of Charlie's writing. They will explore the author's word choices and develop vocal techniques for oral presentations.

Greek Mythology

Students will learn to deliver powerful versions of classic myths. The focus of this workshop is to develop confidence and understand the use of emotion within the fundamentals of public speaking.

A Christmas Carol

Students will work with the classic text to identify key details from the story to deliver powerful and touching performances. They will explore intention and emotive language and will develop vocal techniques for oral presentations of the text from *A Christmas Carol*.

Speaking Your Own Words

In this workshop, students will create a personal piece of text that they will present during the culmination. They will learn key components of public speaking including eye contact, articulation and posture.



DRAMA INTEGRATION RESIDENCIES MONOLOGUE WRITING: FIVE SESSIONS

Inspired by fiction and non-fiction writings, these five-session residencies encourage students to focus on the power of the written word. Students use their imaginations and storytelling skills to deepen their understanding of texts, personal moments or historical events. Students retell moments in time by creating narrative or active monologues. Below are our current Monologue Writing offerings for grades 6-8.

These workshops meet CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W writing standards for grades 6-8. Want a different topic? We can adapt our current offerings to any book or social studies theme.





Beowulf

Engage your students in the power of literary interpretation through collaborative storytelling. Through writing and performance exercises, your students will interpret *Beowulf*'s descriptive language and examine its influence on modern-day fantasy.

Favorite Book Characters

Have your students ever wanted to transform into their most beloved literary character? In this workshop, students will dive into their adventures by writing monologues from the character's point of view.

Personal Monologues

Celebrate your students' own stories and lived experiences. In this workshop, students use what they know best — themselves — to write monologues about who they are.

Social Studies: Holocaust Survivors' Stories

Students will honor the stories of Holocaust survivors in this writingbased workshop. Students will study texts, connect emotionally to the words and create a presentation that pays homage to survivors.

Social Studies: The Little Rock Nine

Empower students through the history of the Little Rock Nine and their pioneering fight for equality in schools. Students will focus their writing on their own power to create positive change.



ENRICHMENT WORKSHOPS ONE SESSION

Immerse your students in the wonder of theatre! In these one-session workshops, a Playhouse teaching artist uses drama techniques and other theatre activities to expand on the selected subject while deepening student's understanding of theatre as a form of expression and a career. Workshops are 45-55 minutes long. Below are our current Enrichment Workshop offerings for grades 6-8.

These workshops meet the NCAS.TH:Cr/Pr theatre creating and performing standards for grades 6-8. Want your Enrichment Day workshop to be arts integrated? We can adapt our current offerings to any book or social studies topic being studied.





Actor's Toolbox Workshop

Using the five acting pillars (body, voice, imagination, cooperation and collaboration), the Actor's Toolbox workshop teaches a basic understanding of introductory drama for the classroom. Students will engage in an interactive series of games that enable ensemble building.

Career Day

Performance is only one small part of theatre arts. In this workshop, students get a taste of the exciting worlds of Acting, Playwriting, Costume and Scenic Design, and learn about other careers in the theatre. Step into the shoes of a playwright, learn how designers make decisions, and discover what goes on behind the scenes at a theatre.

Improv

Quick thinking and humor combine in this fast-paced class that will keep students on their toes! Students will learn the basics of Improv including saying yes, creating characters on the spot, obstacles, and character relationships, while participating in games and exercises designed to exercise the imagination.

Public Speaking

Empower students to create effective conversations by investigating the habits of good speech. Students will learn to identify the key details of a text and develop vocal and physical techniques for oral presentations.



THEATRE SKILLS RESIDENCIES FIVE-SESSIONS

All the world's a stage! Our Theatre Skills residencies are designed for students and classrooms interested in learning more about specific aspects of theatre. In our five-session residencies, a Playhouse teaching artist shares their knowledge about these specialized topics including movement, character creation, acting, and playwriting. Below are our current offerings for grades 6-8.

These workshops meet the NCAS.TH:Cr/Pr theatre creating and performing standards for grades 6-8.







ACTING AND CHARACTER

Acting

This five-session workshop will give young actors the tools they need to soar! Actors will learn about ensemble, objectives, and scene work while discovering how to use their voice and body to portray characters.

Improv

Quick thinking and humor combine in this fast-paced class that will keep you on your toes! Students will learn the basics of Improv including saying yes, objectives, and stakes, while participating in games and exercises designed to exercise the imagination.]

Character Creation

Through playwriting, monologue writing, character study, and guided journey, students will create and explore animal characters. Each day focuses on a key element for actors to create and portray characters realistically.

WRITING AND CREATING THEATRE

Playwriting

Students will unleash their imaginations while creating new worlds and ideas. In this workshop, they will explore essential elements of playwriting: Monologues, Dialogue, Environment, Character Creation, and Scene Writing.

Production Sampler

Performance is only one small part of the theatre. In this four-session workshop, students will get a taste of Acting, Costume Design, Playwriting and Directing. Learn how to make costume decisions, step into the shoes of a playwright, and participate in a directing class.

THEATRE SKILLS RESIDENCIES (Continued)









MUSICAL THEATRE

Pop Musical Theatre Singing

Students will explore the basic tools of the voice that every performer needs for healthy vocal production. Focusing on contemporary musical theatre repertoire, students will learn skills in breath and enunciation, and will cover vocal riffs and runs popular in this style of musical theatre.

Classic Musical Theatre Singing

Students will spend five sessions investigating the vocal tools needed for healthy singing while learning to perform a collection of classic musical theatre songs. This series of classes will cover the tools of Ear Training, Performance Techniques, and Execution of Skills, among others.

Contemporary Musical Theatre Dance

Contemporary Musical Theatre Dance encompasses dances seen in musicals produced since the 1990's, which incorporate more pop, rock, and hip-hop influences. Students will learn these styles and various dance combinations in this five-session workshop.

Classic Musical Theatre Dance

Students will dive into Classical Musical Theatre Dance and learn new dance combinations in the style of the Golden Age of Musicals. Technique will be rooted heavily in ballet, tap, and jazz.

MOVEMENT

Stage Combat

Each session of this action-packed curriculum focuses on the skills and body awareness you need properly perform combat onstage. In this series, students will use their imaginations to portray duels, attacks, and falls while keeping control of their bodies to stay safe.

Character Movement

Discover how actors use their bodies to create believable characters in this five-session course. Storytelling, movement, and imagination combine in this class that dives into the specificity of character action and how to create deeper characters through movement.

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