



Yocum INSTITUTE for ARTS EDUCATION

Summer 2019 Middle School Drama Camp

Week 1:	June 17 – June 21	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Week 2:	June 24 – June 28	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	June 28 PERFORMANCE DAY!	3:30 PM - 8:00 PM
	June 28 SHOW TIME!	7:00 PM

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Overview:

We are excited to again bring to life our summer theater camp program. This year our middle school students will perform a fully realized production of ALADDIN, KIDS!

During this two week experience, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students (as of 2018-2019) will put together an entire show with music, dance, lights, props, costumes, sound, and set pieces. The actors will experience all aspects of being involved in a full production from casting through technical theater to live performances.

The purpose of this booklet is to serve as a guide for parents and students participating in the camp. Included in the pages that follow are descriptions of various elements of the camp, information regarding policies, and answers to many of your questions.

Yocum Institute Contact Information:

Yocum Institute Web Page: www.institute-of-arts.org

Camp Directors: Jody & Karyn Reppert repjod@gmail.com

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TO REGISTER: [REGISTER USING THIS LINK](#)

Our Staff:

The Yocum Summer Drama Camp staff is comprised of Wilson teachers and theater artists who are experienced, talented, dedicated, and passionate about Youth Theater. Our camp staff this year includes: Jody & Karyn Reppert, Jen Caputo, Erica Hassler, and Andrew Rhoads. We are committed to an educationally sound, process-driven approach to working with young people. Each director and staff member is in compliance with a thorough background check as required by the PA State Educational Board.

Camp Directors: *Karyn & Jody Reppert*

Jody and Karyn Reppert are thrilled to work with the young actors of the Wilson School District. The Repperts have cultivated a wealth of experience of working with children and the arts. Karyn and Jody are both Pennsylvania and Arizona state certified English and drama teachers. They are both employed by the Wilson School District and have been actively involved in all aspects of Youth Theater. While in Arizona, they founded The Educational Theater Company and produced highly successful, process-driven productions. The Repperts have directed, acted in, assisted, or produced more than 350 productions in Pennsylvania and Arizona over the last 25 years.

Karyn has an Integrated Arts Degree from Penn State University and teaches 8th grade English in the Wilson School District. In addition to being a master teacher, Karyn is also an accomplished actress and vocalist. Some of her favorite on-stage roles include those in productions of INTO THE WOODS, FROZEN, GYPSY, THE CRUCIBLE, CHICAGO, A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC, JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, NOISES OFF, BLOOD BROTHERS, and GODSPELL.

Karyn's husband Jody is also an accomplished teacher and theater artist. While at Mountain Pointe High School in Arizona, Jody was twice presented with the Tempe Diablos Excellence in Teaching Award. In 1997 he received a prestigious teacher of the year honor from the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board. In addition, Jody directed the 1999 Arizona division 5A state championship play TALL TALES from THE KENTUCKY CYCLE. At Wilson High School he is the founder and advisor to the ambitious year-round theater group, The Wilson Theater Company. While working in the public school system, Jody oversaw the initiation of many student performance groups including: improv comedy troupe; student directed one-acts; summer, fall, and spring main stage productions; children's theater productions; and many highly successful cross-curricular performances. Some of the productions that Jody has directed include: CHICAGO, 12 ANGRY MEN, LEADING LADIES, FOOTLOOSE, HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING, LEGALLY BLONDE, INTO THE WOODS, THE WIZARD OF OZ, THE LARAMIE PROJECT, JOHN LENNON & ME, HAMLET, SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR, GODSPELL, THE CRUCIBLE, THE MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE, and STORY THEATER.

Jody and Karyn are the parents of six terrific children: Jonathan, Tyler, Tina, Brady, Morgan, and Joshua. They reside in Wernersville.

What to Bring to Camp:

Everyday Items:

- Your script and folder (we provide)
- A pencil
- Sneakers or dance shoes
- Snack (non-refrigerated / no glass containers)

Dress:

Every day in camp we will be doing quite a variety of things ranging from dance to set construction.

- Please make sure that you are wearing clothing that will enable you to work and move freely.
- **It is imperative that you wear sneakers or dance shoes every day while at camp.**

Camp Basic Rules:

- Everyone listens and follows directions
- Everyone participates
- Everyone is respectful of each other, the space, and the equipment
- Everyone helps to clean up
- Everyone keeps candy, gum, and drink ... out of classes and rehearsals
(closed containers with water is okay)

If a student is disruptive, one or more of the following disciplinary actions may be initiated

- The student's parent or guardian will be contacted
- The student may be removed temporarily or permanently from group activity
- The student may be sent home from camp early with a parent or guardian

Medical / Health:

Students cannot attend camp if they have any of the following: fever, diarrhea, vomiting, a contagious disease, or a contagious condition (lice, scabies, pinworms, conjunctivitis, impetigo, etc...) If a student exhibits sign of any of these conditions while at camp, his/her emergency contact person will be called to pick her/him up immediately. If your child attended camp with a contagious condition, please inform us so that appropriate measures can be taken.

In the event of an accident or health problem at camp, we will contact the person listed on the student's Emergency Contact Form. If contact is unsuccessful and immediate care is warranted, the child will be taken to the emergency room at the Reading Hospital. However, no treatment will be administered at the hospital unless the medical release form has been completed and signed. The form is part of this packet.

Transportation:

Transportation is not provided for the children who attend The Yocum Institute for Arts Education camps. Children should not arrive before 12:15 PM and must be picked up promptly at 3:30 PM.

Final Performance Information

On Friday, June 28th @ 7:00 PM we will present a public performance of ALADDIN KIDS. Our final performance is open to the entire community.



Schedule for Friday, June 28 (3:30 PM – 8:00 PM)

- Our camp schedule on June 28 will be altered.
- Camp will begin at 3:30 PM on June 28th and will end following our evening performance.
- We will provide pizza and have a cast party before the final performance at 7:00 PM.

ALADDIN JR tickets

- Each student will receive 2 tickets for the performance for no additional cost.
- Additional tickets may be purchased for \$7 / \$10.
- Additional tickets will go on sale on Monday, June 24.
- All seating is general admission

CAST PARTY details!!!

- Our cast party will start at approximately 5:00 pm.
- We will provide pizza and paper products.
- Cast members need to bring their own drink and an additional party treat
 - CAST MEMBERS WITH LAST NAMES A-M: **bring salty crunchy treats**
 - CAST MEMBERS WITH LAST NAMES N-Z: **brings sweet treats**
- Please remind us know if students have food allergies that we need to be aware of.
- If your student does not like pizza, please pack an alternative main food item for him or her.

We're looking forward to a great summer!!!