



Summer 2018 Elementary Drama Camp

Week 1:	June 17 – June 21	8:00 am – 11:30 am
	<i>June 21 Showcase</i>	<i>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM</i>
Week 2:	July 24 – July 28	8:00 am – 11:30 am
	<i>June 28 Showcase</i>	<i>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM</i>

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Overview:

Wow! Another summer is here already! We are excited about what we have planned for this year and are anxious to begin. Theater is a uniquely and dynamically collaborative art form that can enrich the talents and abilities of young artists of all age and experience levels.

This summer, Jody and Karyn Reppert will direct a musical theater camp at Yocum Institute for Arts Education for elementary and middle school aged drama students. The camp is open to everyone. Campers will have the opportunity to explore all aspects of theater in a safe and nurturing environment. Jody and Karyn Reppert have been involved in theater education for more than 25 years. As Wilson High School drama advisors, they have created one of the top theater programs in the state.

Each week at our summer camp, students will sing, dance and act as they create an original musical play. Each Friday at 11:00, friends and family members will have a chance to watch our public performances as campers present their work from the week on the Yocum stage.

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, GODSPELL, BLOOD BROTHERS, and NOISES OFF.

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.

Daily Schedule:

GROUP ASSIGNMENTS (A, B, C)

Students will be grouped according to age - specific group assignments have not been set

Monday – Tuesday (schedule is subject to change)

				music	tech theater	script writing	dance
Warm-Up	8:00	to	8:15	all	all	all	all
Session 1	8:20	to	8:55	A		C	B
Session 2	9:00	to	9:35	B	A		C
Session 3	9:40	to	10:15	C	B	A	
<i>snack</i>	10:20	to	10:30				
Session 4	10:35	to	11:10		C	B	A
Wrap-Up	11:15	to	11:30	all	all	all	all

Thursday Dress Rehearsal Day

(schedule is subject to change)

				music & dance	script writing	tech theater
Warm-Up	8:00	to	8:15	all	all	all
Session 1	8:20	to	8:55	A	B	C
Session 2	9:00	to	9:35	B	C	A
Session 3	9:40	to	10:15	C	A	B
<i>snack</i>	10:20	to	10:30			
Rehearsal	10:35	to	11:10	all	all	all
Wrap-Up	11:15	to	11:30	all	all	all

Friday Performance Day!!!

Warm-Up	8:00	to	8:15
Final Dress	8:20	to	11:00
PREVIEW PERFORMANCE	11:00	to	11:30

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.**
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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

ALADDIN KIDS Tickets:

Be our honored guest! Elementary school campers will receive 1 complimentary ticket to the middle school camp performance of ALADDIN KIDS!!! ALADDIN KIDS will be performed on Friday, June 28 @ 7pm. Tickets will be distributed on Thursday at camp.



Transportation:

Transportation is not provided for the children who attend The Yocum Institute for Arts Education camps. Children should not arrive before 7:45 AM and must be picked up promptly at 11:30 AM.

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.

Friday Performance Information

Friday Student Schedule:

Announcements / Info	8:00	to	8:15
Final Rehearsal	8:20	to	10:50
Audience Seating	10:50	to	11:00
PERFORMANCE!!	11:00	to	11:30 <i>(approximately)</i>

On Friday, we will present a short performance for friends and family that will highlight some of the terrific activities that we've been working on throughout the week.

A couple of notes about the performance:

- Everyone is invited! Friends, family, neighbors...
- Tickets to the performance are free.
- Seating is general admission – there are no assigned seats.
- Seating will begin at 10:50 – the audience is asked to remain in the lobby until 10:50.
- The performance will be approximately 30 minutes – our goal is to end close to 11:30.

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