

BRAND NEW TO STAGE KIDS?

Welcome! We are so glad you're here—and we're here to help! You can find lots of information about Stage Kids at www.stagekidswa.org, but the best way to stay informed is to subscribe to our e-newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @StageKidsWA. You can reach out to us anytime at info@stagekidswa.org or 509-663-6996.

WHY STAGE KIDS?

If you're reading this, you probably already know that participation in performing arts is one of the most impactful investments you can make in your child's wellbeing and development. Research shows that participation in performing arts opportunities improves a child's sense of self and self-confidence; it helps them develop a growth mindset as they are positively encouraged to practice resilience and creative problem-solving; it trains them in what good teamwork looks like—embracing diversity of skills and perspectives; it improves their academic and social-emotional outcomes; and it increases an appreciation for arts and culture as well as civic engagement.

But you already knew all that! Perhaps what you don't know is that, for the very reasons above, Stage Kids' mission is not performing arts; our mission is to equip your child with life skills, character, and relationships for a bright future. The performing arts are simply our incredibly fun, incredibly effective medium for doing so!

OUR PROGRAMS

Stage Kids' programs are offered year-round and include performing arts opportunities for kids ages 4-19.

CLASSES: Education is the core of Stage Kids' programs—this is where kids develop most! That's why participation in a Stage Kids class is a requirement for being in each show. Classes are primarily geared toward kids 3rd-8th grade, but we sometimes have classes for preK-2nd and 9th-12th graders, too. Classes generally take place once per week and last 45-120 minutes, depending on the class. Classes run for 6, 7 or 8 weeks (depending on the class) and are offered each winter (Jan-Feb), spring (Mar-May), and fall (Sep-Nov).

- o Core Classes - Our Intro to Theater-1 Class is the starting point if you are new to Stage Kids! Enrollment in or completion of Intro to Theater-1 is required in order to participate in a show, and Intro to Theater-1 and -2 are typically prerequisites for taking other elective Stage Kids classes. Stage Kids is an educational organization first and foremost. Our desire is to see kids grow in skills and character. The knowledge and abilities kids develop in Stage Kids classes will enhance their growth and experience during Stage Kids shows, and also help them develop life skills which they will use off of the stage.
- o Elective Classes - Our elective classes are for those Stage Kids who have completed Intro to Theater-1 and -2, and want to continue enjoying the exciting variety of theater classes we consistently offer, as well as fulfill the class requirement to participate in a show. Our elective topics include a wide range of theater subjects (i.e. dance, sewing, acting, prop construction, stage makeup, voice, set building, puppetry, etc.)
- o Performance Classes - Our Performance Class (i.e. "Showstoppers") offers younger kids (grades 2-3) the opportunity to perform a dedicated ensemble role in a Spotlight Production! They learn their roles in a class format (once per week) rather than during cast rehearsals, but they do participate in

tech/show week as their hard work is incorporated into the show. This is a great “preparatory” step for kids (and parents!) who are looking forward to being in the cast of a Spotlight Production as it eases them into the commitment of rehearsals 2-3x/week, rehearsing at home, parent volunteer hours, etc.

- Preschool Classes - Our Preschool or “Mini’s” classes are designed for our youngest budding performers (minimum age 4). They are introduced to musical theater through song and movement using fun theater games that inspire confidence, creativity, and joy. The class session concludes with a short showcase where your little one’s pride and talent get to truly sparkle!

SHOWS: Stage performances provide kids with the opportunity to apply what they learn in Stage Kids classes. These experiences are only possible with the help of parent volunteers and the whole Stage Kids community coming together to make it happen! Coming up in 2026, we are planning on these show offerings:

- Winter Spotlight Show for kids in 4th-8th grade (January - February)
- Spring Spotlight Show for kids in 4th-8th grade (March - May)
- Summer Teen Show for teens 13-19 years old (July)
- Fall Spotlight Show for kids in 4th-8th grade (September - November)

SUMMER CAMPS: Our summer camps are another great way to get an introduction to Stage Kids!

- Our 5- or 6-day Showcase Camps for preK-8th graders are packed full of arts activities, games, and crafts while learning the fundamentals of theater, vocal projection/singing, and choreographed movement. Camp culminates with a “showcase” performance for family and friends!
- Our 10-day Production Camps for 3rd-8th graders give kids a condensed opportunity to learn to perform a dedicated role in a full stage musical theater production put up in just a week-and-a-half! Kids not only learn their assigned parts, but also work together to create props, costumes and set pieces. Ticketed performances take place on the final Friday of the camp.