



Big Star Studios 2023 Class Descriptions

Intro to Hip Hop

- This class is for our younger age set ages 2.5-5 years old. These classes focus on the movement, choreography and music of the Pop scene while keeping in the Broadway style our studio revolves around. Shining a spotlight on key personalities of this genre, this class is sure to be exhilarating and fun, giving your child experience not only with hip hop but with using dance to invigorate the song.

Hip Hop 1

- This Hip Hop class is for 2nd grade and up. These classes focus on the movement, choreography and music of the Pop scene while keeping in the Broadway style our studio revolves around. Shining a spotlight on key personalities of this genre, this class is sure to be exhilarating and fun, giving your child experience not only with hip hop but with using dance to invigorate the song.

Hip Hop 2

- This class is for kids that have taken Hip Hop 1 or have Hip Hop experience. These classes focus on the movement, choreography and music of the Pop scene while keeping in the Broadway style our studio revolves around. Shining a spotlight on key personalities of this genre, this class is sure to be exhilarating and fun, giving your child experience not only with hip hop but with using dance to invigorate the song.

Competition Performance Team Hip Hop Group 1

- This class is for our Competition Performance Team and is by audition only. These classes focus on the movement, choreography and music of the Pop scene while keeping in the Broadway style our studio revolves around. Shining a spotlight on key personalities of this genre, this class is sure to be exhilarating and fun, giving your child experience not only with hip hop but with using dance to invigorate the song.

Competition Performance Team Hip Hop Group 2

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Encanto! Intro to Musical Theater

- In this brand-new class, we will dive back into the lives of everyone's favorite gifted family, the family Madrigal! Students will get a chance to perform instant classics like "We Don't Talk About Bruno", "Surface Pressure", "What Can I Do?", and more... all while using this film as a study in what makes a compelling story and what makes a great modern musical! Not only will students gain thrilling performance experience, but they will gain structured insight as future storytellers as well! Turn passion into potential with this sure-to-be-a-hit group class!
- Designed specifically for our youngest stars-to-be, this class allows students the chance to explore music, movement, and creativity through a variety of "triple-threat" activities just for them! They will jump into a story, observe all that surrounds them, embrace the characters, and sing and dance them through adventures.

Content Creation: Tik Tok & More!

- Not all stories are told on stage. YouTube, Instagram, Tik Tok, and on and on. We live in a digital age, and content creators are more in-demand than ever before. Some content comes in 15 second chunks, and some comes in 15-minute vlogs. But it all initially comes from inside the brain of a storyteller. This class will give students access to the digital production process, as well as guide them and push them to specify and clarify the content and the stories that they want to produce. Students will learn about production, editing, distribution, and more, while being mentored regarding their own personal content, and the story they want to tell. Providing a safe place for your storyteller to tell their story in their way can unlock an entirely new level of creative passion. Allow us to nurture your storyteller's passion using the media of today and tomorrow.

Pop Music Performance

- Pop music from the radio has always made its way to the Broadway stage, and in this class, students will get to jump into today's hottest music (think Imagine Dragons, Olivia Rodrigo, BTS, Lady Gaga, or whichever artist is their favorite!) to create performances that could belong on the stages of tomorrow! Students will dive into their favorite pop songs, turning today's hits into fully realized theatrical

performances. Pop vocal technique, text analysis, and contemporary dance will be used to transform each performance into a live theatrical experience!

Songwriting

- Does your young storyteller ever make up their own song, on the spot? We've all seen this amazing creative impulse, but it can be hard to figure out the next step. Well, THIS class is here to solve that problem! Storytellers of all ages will learn about verses, the pre-chorus, the chorus/hook, the bridge, and every element of the songwriting process. Guided by their teacher, students will create songs of their own, engage in lyric writing, and experience the immense joy that comes from making a song that has NEVER existed before! Registration for this class comes with a free digital demo of the student's final presentation song, for friends and family to listen to for years to come!

Stage Presence: Owning the Stage!

- What IS stage presence? Relaxed, but powerful. Centered, but vibrant. Specific and clear. All our favorite actors on stage and screen can command a room all while barely moving a muscle. In this powerful class, students will work to center their bodies and minds through yoga and mindfulness exercises, then dive into material that demands simplicity and fine detail. This is a modern-day class for the modern-day performer. Perfect for any storyteller wanting to become more specific and grounded in their performance and looking to develop a clearer mind and more confident stage presence!

Big Star Presents our Fall 2022 Full Scale Musical Production!

- Students will have a chance to learn a musical from beginning to end and perform the full production in January of 2023. Parts will be assigned and there will be singing, acting and dancing. All students will be assigned a script where you will learn lines and music to bring the musical to life! This class is taught by two of our most talented teachers with an amazing amount of vocal, choreography and acting experience to pass on to these lucky students!

Competition Performance Team: JUNIORS 2022-2023

- Competition Performance Team for Juniors. This is an audition only class. Please reach out to Big Star staff for more information!

Competition Performance Team: TEENS 2022-2023

- Competition Performance Team for Teens. This is an audition only class. Please reach out to Big Star staff for more information!

Junior Tap with Miss Jessica Low

- This tap class is for students that are just beginning tap and looking to further their tap skills. A great class for late elementary and middle school kiddos! Since the earliest days on Broadway tap has been an integral part of being a well-rounded performer on the stage. This class will focus on basic technical skills, development of the ear and the ability to understand music. Skills will include flaps, shuffles, pickups, cramp-rolls and more! Miss Jessica will practice a variety of choreography using many different rhythms and a wide range of music. The class will focus on proper tap technique and sounds and most importantly kids will have a fantastic time!

Musical Theater: Intro to Storytelling

- Designed specifically for our stars-to-be, this class allows students the chance to explore music, movement, and creativity through a variety of "triple-threat" activities just for them! They will jump into a story, observe all that surrounds them, embrace the characters, and sing and dance them through adventures. Perfect for the student who is interested in a taste of Broadway, this class will take a musical theater piece from beginning to end for performance. Students will learn about characters, blocking, choreography and singing to create a musical masterpiece.

Musical Theater: The Greatest Showman!

- In this thrilling class, students learn and perform songs from The Greatest Showman, a show centered on the theme of self-acceptance, and pride in being different and unique. With songs like "The Greatest Show", "A Million Dreams", "This is Me", "From Now On", and more... students let their voices soar to these uplifting songs centered on identity and acceptance of self and others. These energetic songs inspire young performers to sing loudly and bravely, and dance with passion and confidence in group settings with featured solos. This class will be filled with spirit and movement and should be an uplifting highlight of the week and year for all its students!

Musical Theater: Hamilton and More!

- From stage musicals like In The Heights and Hamilton, to musical films like Moana and Encanto!, Lin Manuel Miranda is arguably the most prolific and popular composer/lyricist on the planet right now. In this class, we will explore the incredible words that Lin has brought to life in his recent works of art. Students will sing and rap at the speed of Miranda, and even try their hand at writing lyrics in his style as well! Every story begins with its words, and this class will immerse its students in some of the catchiest lyrics ever written! Come flow and grow!

Competition Performance Team: Kathy's Select Group

- This group is by invitation only for our CPT select team.

Intermediate/Advanced Jazz & Musical Theater Dance

- Dance is an integral part of the musical theater world, with most theatrical productions requiring performers to be “triple threats” (actors, singers, and dancers). As such, Big Star Studios is pleased to announce a new choreography spotlight series! This class focuses, at a deeper level, on the movement, choreography, and music of musical theater. Focusing on jazz and musical theater dance technique this class is designed to take our already talented students to another level. Shining a spotlight on key Broadway dance personalities of our theme, this class is sure to be exhilarating and fun, giving your child experience not only with singing, but with using dance to move a story forward. Sure to be fun and a crowd pleaser!

Competition Performance Team: SENIORS 2022-2023

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Tap with Miss Jessica Low

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Musical Theater 2 Performance

- This class will inspire the older student to focus on characterization, dialogue, vocals, choreography, and on-stage skills. This class is for the student who wants to take the skills previously learned that much closer to becoming a “triple threat”. Depending on the skill level, students will have the opportunity for solo as well as ensemble work. Each student will experiment with costumes, props, blocking, and choreography culminating in their final performance.

Musical Theater 2: From Screen to Stage- Songs from Movies

- This popular class brings our favorite songs from our favorite movies right to our Big Star classroom. Student passion gets to drive our selection process as we choose songs from our favorite movies to learn, choreograph, and eventually

fully perform. Whether it's Encanto!, The Greatest Showman, Moana, or even a classic film musical like Beauty and the Beast, this class will show our students that any song or story from a movie can be brought to life in a classroom, or even their living rooms at home! This class will be inventive, wide-ranging, and great for all skill levels!

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Competition Performance Team: Production Number 2022-2023

- Competition Performance Team Production Number for the 2022-2023 competition season. This class will meet every week. There will be call times for students and groups throughout the season making sure that all students time is being used wisely.

Competition Performance Team: Eric's Select Group

- This select group for CPT is by invite only. Please reach out to Big Star Studios with questions.

Acting 101

- This is a beginning level introductory to acting class. Students will learn the six elements of acting (Thought/Theme/Ideas, Action/Plot, Characters, Language, Music and Spectacle). This class will also introduce kids to creating characters, memorizing dialogue, using their voice and body to show emotions. Students will

have the opportunity to perform short scenes after learning the keys to acting. Whether students are looking to get comfortable speaking in front of people, gain confidence and get over stage fright or aspire to make it onto the big screen this class has something for everyone interested in acting!

Acting for the Camera

- In today's digital world, the "self-tape" audition is becoming more and more commonplace, especially as a first impression/submission. But there is a world of difference between acting for the stage and acting for the camera. In this class, students will work on their on-camera acting and singing, bringing clarity and specificity to their face and body, while remaining detailed, relaxed, and controlled. The techniques of the self-tape audition will be taught to our students (lighting, backdrop, how to slate, eye line, sides prep, etc...), culminating in the creation of their own self-tape auditions, which will be yours to keep and look back on for years to come! This class is for ANYONE who wants to be on the big screen, or any screen for that matter!

Advanced Musical Theater; Into the Woods and Steven Sondheim

- Steven Sondheim is widely regarded as the greatest American musical theatre composer of the past 50 years. Sondheim's songs are the ultimate actor's challenge, and the ultimate actor's dream: melodies rooted in conversational, character driven language. In this class, students will tackle songs from classic musicals like Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd, Sunday in the Park with George, and more! Learning to act and sing at the same time is possibly the biggest obstacle to great musical theater performances, and nothing will help a student learn this skill better than songs by this master composer. Come conquer Sondheim and watch your ability explode!

Young Professionals Audition Prep

- No matter what age you are, it's never too early to prepare for ANY audition that may come your way! In this class, students of all ages will put together everything needed to be a professional auditioning actor! From organizing your materials (headshot/resume, audition book) to the techniques and strategies used in professional audition rooms, your young storyteller will learn everything it takes to enter the audition room prepared and confident. The class will culminate with real simulated auditions that will provide our students with the confidence they need to crush any general audition or callback. A must for any aspiring young professional!
- Class registration includes a discounted headshot session!

Music Video Production

- The music video is an iconic form of storytelling, and in this groundbreaking contemporary class, your storyteller will get to learn filming technique, on-camera performance, and even get trained in the editing process! We will make a world premiere music video from scratch! No experience necessary, and after this class, your storyteller will be fully trained with the valuable skills to make original content of their own!

World Premiere Musical

- In this groundbreaking class, students will work with their teacher to not only put on a show, but to create it from the ground up! Students will engage in every part of the musical making process, including generating the idea, writing the story, writing the scenes, composing the score, and eventually directing, choreographing, and performing in it. As a team, students will gain access to every step of the creative process. The students will be forced to answer the question: What does our world need to hear from us? And they will answer that question through an epic journey from blank page to filled stage! Be a part of a world premiere musical and join this class!