### **Class Descriptions (Based off Schedule)**

#### **Monday**

**HH CPT Small Group:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**Intro to Hip Hop (K-2nd):** In our kids' Introduction to Hip Hop dance class, children will learn fun and energetic dance moves to lively music. They'll explore cool steps like popping, locking, and breakdancing, all while expressing themselves and staying active. This class is all about having fun, building confidence, and making new friends through the joy of dance!

**Hip Hop 1(3rd-5<sup>th</sup>):** If you have some Hip Hop experience or have been in our Intro class already, our Hip Hop 1 class is the class for you. You'll master fun and dynamic dance moves to the latest beats. Continue to develop cool techniques like popping, locking, and breakdancing while expressing yourself and staying active. This class is designed to build confidence, encourage creativity, and help you connect with friends through the vibrant world of Hip Hop dance!

**Hip Hop 2 (6th & up):** In our advanced Hip Hop dance class, you'll refine and perfect your skills with complex and dynamic choreography set to the latest beats. Dive deep into advanced techniques like intricate popping, locking, and breakdancing combos while pushing your creative boundaries. This class is designed to enhance your performance, build confidence, and connect with fellow dancers who share your passion for Hip Hop. Students need to have previous hip hop experience to attend this class.

**CPT Hip Hop Combined:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**CPT Hip Hop Advanced:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**CPT Mini's (K/1<sup>st</sup>):** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**Intro to Musical Theater: Encanto! (K-2<sup>nd</sup>):** In our Intro to Musical Theater class, you'll explore the magical world of "Encanto" through singing, acting, and dancing. Learn to perform songs, bring characters to life with acting, and master choreography inspired by the movie. This class is perfect for discovering your talents, building confidence, and having fun with friends!

**Musical Theater 1: Wizard of Oz (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>):** In our musical theater class centered around "The Wizard of Oz," you'll dive into the enchanting world of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion. You'll learn to sing iconic songs, act out memorable scenes, and perform lively dance routines from the classic tale. This class is perfect for discovering your talents, building confidence, and making new friends while following the Yellow Brick Road!

**Musical Theater 2: Newsies! (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** In our Musical Theater 2 class focused on "Newsies," you'll tackle challenging choreography, powerful songs, and intense acting scenes from the hit musical. Hone your skills with complex dance routines, vocal techniques, and character development, all inspired by the high-energy world of the newsboys' strike. This class is designed to push your limits, enhance your performance abilities, and connect you with fellow performers passionate about musical theater.

Adult Acting (18+): Join our adult acting class designed to elevate your performance skills through focused scene work, script analysis, and dynamic dialogue practice. In this course, you'll work with a variety of scripts to develop authentic character portrayals and improve your ability to convey emotions and intentions. Whether you're a seasoned actor looking to brush up your skills, or brand new and looking to explore this craft, this class provides a supportive environment to refine your technique and connect with fellow actors.

**Extra Work:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

Advanced Tap: Step into the rhythm of our advanced tap class, where seasoned tappers refine their skills and explore intricate rhythms and choreography. Through challenging combinations and precision footwork, you'll master advanced techniques like syncopation, improvisation, and intricate rhythms. This class is designed for passionate tappers seeking to push their boundaries, perfect their craft, and immerse themselves in the artistry of tap dance at its highest level. This class is CPT or by permission only.

# <u>Tuesday</u>

**Fall/Winter Musical Tu/Th (1st & up):** A production class for a full-scale musical is an immersive, hands-on educational experience where students engage in the comprehensive process of staging a musical from start to finish. The class typically covers various facets of production, including casting, set design, costume creation, lighting, sound, and stage management. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, students take on specific roles such as actors, directors, choreographers, and technical crew members, collaborating to bring the musical to life. The course

emphasizes the integration of artistic and technical skills, fostering teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving. Throughout the class, students participate in rehearsals, workshops, and behind-the-scenes work, culminating in a series of live performances that showcase their collective efforts and talents.

**Junior Vocal Class (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>):** Our Junior Vocal class introduces young students to the basics of singing and vocal performance. Students learn techniques like breath control, pitch accuracy, and tone production through fun exercises and songs. The class includes vocal warm-ups, ear training, and simple sight-singing, focusing on building confidence and expressiveness. It aims to foster a love for music while nurturing each student's unique voice.

**CPT PreTeen Group (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**PreTeen Jazz (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** Our Pre-teen musical theater jazz class teaches foundational jazz dance techniques through energetic and fun routines inspired by musical theater. The class covers key elements like isolations, syncopation, and basic turns and leaps, with an emphasis on rhythm, coordination, expressive movement, and storytelling. Students learn choreographed dances to popular musical theater songs, helping to build confidence, flexibility, and stage presence while fostering a love for dance and performance.

**PreTeen Vocal Class (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** Our PreTeen Vocal class introduces young students to the basics of singing and vocal performance. Students learn techniques like breath control, pitch accuracy, and tone production through fun exercises and songs. The class includes vocal warm-ups, ear training, and simple sight-singing, focusing on building confidence and expressiveness. It aims to foster a love for music while nurturing each student's unique voice.

**CPT Junior Group (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>):** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**Intro to Musical Theater: The Little Mermaid (K-2<sup>nd</sup>):** An Introduction to Musical Theater class focused on "The Little Mermaid" immerses students in acting, singing, and dancing using scenes and songs from the show. Students learn character development, vocal techniques, and choreography, exploring Ariel's story through creative play and rehearsals. The class builds confidence, teamwork, and a love for musical theater within the magical context of this beloved tale.

**Vocal Performance: Taylor Swift! (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>):** Our Taylor Swift vocal performance class allows students to explore and perform Taylor Swift's iconic music. Participants learn vocal techniques, stage presence, and emotional expression by singing Swift's songs. The class includes vocal warm-ups, breath control exercises, and performance coaching. Students also engage in lyric interpretation and storytelling, enhancing their connection to the music. The class aims to build confidence, refine vocal skills, and inspire a love for performance, all while celebrating the artistry of Taylor Swift.

**Musical Theater 1: Wonka! (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** Our Musical Theater 1 class centered around "Wonka: The Musical" introduces students to the magical world of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. Through interactive activities and scene work, participants learn the basics of acting, singing, and dancing while exploring key elements of the show. From character development to vocal techniques and choreography, students dive into the whimsical story of Charlie Bucket's adventure. The class fosters creativity, teamwork, and stage presence as students prepare to bring the enchanting world of Wonka to life on stage.

**Group Guitar with Mr. Will (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** In our group guitar class for beginners, students learn fundamental techniques like holding the guitar, tuning, basic chords, and strumming patterns. Led by Mr. Will, an experienced instructor, the class emphasizes hands-on learning and group exercises to foster camaraderie and motivation. It also covers basic music theory concepts relevant to guitar playing, providing a solid foundation for students to continue their musical journey with confidence.

### **Wednesday**

**CPT Select Purple:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**CPT Teen Group:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**CPT Senior Group:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**CPT Senior Small Group:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**CPT Teen Small Group:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**Intro to Movement: Jazz, Tap, Ballet (K-2<sup>nd</sup>):** An Introduction to Movement class for younger students offers an engaging exploration of jazz, tap, ballet, and musical theater dance styles. Led by experienced instructors, the class introduces basic techniques, terminology, and rhythms of each genre in a fun and supportive environment. Through creative movement exercises, playful activities, and age-appropriate choreography, students develop coordination, rhythm, flexibility, and expression. Emphasis is placed on building confidence, musicality, and a love for dance while

fostering teamwork and social skills.

**Senior Jazz (9-12<sup>th</sup>):** Our senior jazz class with a focus on musical theater combines the energy and style of jazz dance with the storytelling and expression of musical theater. Led by experienced instructors, the class introduces advanced jazz techniques such as leaps, turns, and intricate footwork while integrating elements of acting and stage presence. Through dynamic warm-ups, across-the-floor exercises, and challenging combinations, students develop strength, flexibility, and musicality. This class cultivates a vibrant and collaborative atmosphere, empowering students to express themselves creatively while honing their skills in both jazz dance and musical theater performance.

**Teen Jazz (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>):** Our teen jazz class with a focus on musical theater combines the energy and style of jazz dance with the storytelling and expression of musical theater. Led by experienced instructors, the class introduces advanced jazz techniques such as leaps, turns, and intricate footwork while integrating elements of acting and stage presence. Through dynamic warm-ups, across-the-floor exercises, and challenging combinations, students develop strength, flexibility, and musicality. This class cultivates a vibrant and collaborative atmosphere, empowering students to express themselves creatively while honing their skills in both jazz dance and musical theater performance.

Adult Heels Class (18+): An adult heels class is a dynamic and empowering dance experience where participants learn choreography while wearing high-heeled shoes. Led by experienced instructors, the class focuses on developing confidence, sass, and style through movement. Students explore various dance styles such as jazz, hip-hop, and contemporary, incorporating elements of movement with feminine flair. The class typically begins with a warm-up to improve balance and stability in heels, followed by learning choreography that emphasizes body isolations, intricate footwork, and expressive gestures. With a supportive and inclusive atmosphere, the class encourages self-expression and celebrates individuality while embracing the power and glamour of dancing in heels.

SwiftLyrics: Taylor Swift Singing and Songwriting with Mr. Eric(5th & up): Musical Theater 2:

**Wicked!** (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>): Our Musical Theater 2 class centered around "Wicked: The Musical" offers students an immersive exploration into the enchanting world of Oz. Building upon foundational skills, participants delve deeper into acting, singing, and dancing techniques while focusing on the characters and music of "Wicked." Through scene work, vocal coaching, and choreography rehearsals, students hone their performance abilities and deepen their understanding of character development and storytelling. The class fosters creativity, teamwork, and stage presence as students prepare to bring the captivating story of Elphaba and Glinda to life on stage.

**Teen Vocal Class (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>):** Our Teen Vocal class provides a supportive and engaging environment for singers to develop their voice and musical skills. Led by experienced instructors, students explore vocal techniques such as breath control, pitch accuracy, and tone production. Through a variety of exercises and repertoire tailored to their interests and abilities, participants build confidence, range, and expression in their singing. The class also emphasizes musical interpretation and performance skills, preparing students for solo and group performances. Whether aspiring to pursue music professionally or simply seeking to enhance their singing abilities, teens in this class are encouraged to explore their voice and develop their unique musical style in a fun and collaborative setting.

**Senior Vocal Class (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):** Our Senior Vocal class provides a supportive and engaging environment for singers to develop their voice and musical skills. Led by experienced instructors, students explore vocal techniques such as breath control, pitch accuracy, and tone production. Through a variety of exercises and repertoire tailored to their interests and abilities, participants build confidence, range, and expression in their singing. The class also emphasizes musical interpretation and performance skills, preparing students for solo and group performances. Whether aspiring to pursue music professionally or simply seeking to enhance their singing abilities, teens in this class are encouraged to explore their voice and develop their unique musical style in a fun and collaborative setting.

### <u>Thursday</u>

**Fall/Winter Musical Tu/Th (1<sup>st</sup> & up):** A production class for a full-scale musical is an immersive, hands-on educational experience where students engage in the comprehensive process of staging a musical from start to finish. The class typically covers various facets of production, including casting, set design, costume creation, lighting, sound, and stage management. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, students take on specific roles such as actors, directors, choreographers, and technical crew members, collaborating to bring the musical to life. The course emphasizes the integration of artistic and technical skills, fostering teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving. Throughout the class, students participate in rehearsals, workshops, and behind-the-scenes work, culminating in a series of live performances that showcase their collective efforts and talents.

Advanced Acting & Audition Prep (6<sup>th</sup> & up): An advanced acting and audition preparation class is tailored for students planning to audition for local theater productions or pursue theater studies at the collegiate level. Led by Mr. Eric, the class hones advanced acting techniques, scene work, and monologue performance skills, preparing students for the demands of auditions. Through intensive coaching, mock auditions, and feedback sessions, participants refine their audition repertoire, polish their presentation, and develop confidence in showcasing their talents. The class also offers guidance on selecting appropriate audition material and navigating the audition process effectively. With a focus on professionalism, authenticity, and individual growth, students are equipped with the tools and confidence to

excel in auditions. There is a materials fee associated with this class as all students will leave with a binder ready to walk into an audition.

**CPT Production:** Students must be on our Competition Performance Team to attend this class. For more information click here: <u>https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</u>

**Junior Theatre Festival JTF/CPT:** Our JTF class at Big Star Performing Arts studio offers students an unparalleled opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of musical theater while preparing for this prestigious event in February of 2025. Led by experienced instructors, the class focuses on honing performance skills, refining vocal technique, and mastering choreography to prepare students for their showcase at the festival. Through intensive rehearsals, students learn to embody their characters, perfect ensemble work, and deliver captivating performances. Additionally, the class provides valuable insights into the festival process, including audition techniques, stage etiquette, and the importance of teamwork. With guidance and support from Mr. Eric & Miss Jessica, students gain confidence, camaraderie, and a deep appreciation for the transformative power of musical theater as they embark on this exciting journey to the Junior Theatre Festival in Sacramento. For more information click here: <a href="https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/">https://bigstarstudios.com/performance-team/</a>

**Junior Jazz (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>):** Our junior jazz class with a focus on musical theater combines the energy and style of jazz dance with the storytelling and expression of musical theater. Led by experienced instructors, the class introduces advanced jazz techniques such as leaps, turns, and intricate footwork while integrating elements of acting and stage presence. Through dynamic warm-ups, across-the-floor exercises, and challenging combinations, students develop strength, flexibility, and musicality. This class cultivates a vibrant and collaborative atmosphere, empowering students to express themselves creatively while honing their skills in both jazz dance and musical theater performance.

Intro to Voice: Disney Sing a Long! (K-2<sup>nd</sup>): A Disney Sing-Along class for young elementary students offers a magical musical experience filled with beloved Disney songs. Led by enthusiastic instructors, the class invites children to sing along to their favorite tunes from classic Disney movies. Through interactive activities, vocal warm-ups, and fun games, students learn to express themselves through music while building confidence and musical skills. From timeless classics to modern favorites, the class celebrates the joy and wonder of Disney music, fostering a love for singing and storytelling in young hearts.

**Vocal Performance: Taylor Swift (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>):** Our Taylor Swift vocal performance class allows students to explore and perform Taylor Swift's iconic music. Participants learn vocal techniques, stage presence, and emotional expression by singing Swift's songs. The class includes vocal warm-ups, breath control exercises, and performance coaching. Students also engage in lyric interpretation and storytelling, enhancing their connection to the music. The class aims to build confidence, refine vocal skills, and inspire a love for performance, all while celebrating the artistry of Taylor Swift.

Acting 101: Play Works (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>): Our Acting 101 class focused on plays with no vocals for younger students offers an exciting journey into the world of storytelling through movement and expression. Led by experienced instructors, the class explores the art of non-verbal communication, emphasizing physicality, facial expressions, and gesture to convey emotions and narrative. Through fun improvisation games, scene work, and character exploration, students learn to bring characters and stories to life on stage without relying on words. The class encourages creativity, imagination, and teamwork, providing a dynamic and engaging environment where young actors can develop their performance skills and confidence while discovering the power of silent storytelling.

Acting 102: Scene Work (5<sup>th</sup> & up): Our Acting 102 class focused on scene work delves into the intricacies of character development, relationships, and storytelling through engaging scenes. Led by experienced instructors, students deepen their understanding of acting techniques as they explore a variety of scenes from plays and scripts. Through intensive scene analysis, character exploration, and rehearsal, participants refine their ability to inhabit complex characters, convey authentic emotions, and effectively communicate with scene partners. The class provides a supportive and collaborative environment where students receive personalized feedback and guidance to enhance their performance skills and confidence. With a focus on creativity, authenticity, and ensemble work, this class prepares actors to bring depth and nuance to their scene work on stage and screen.

Adult Vocal Class (18+): Our Adult Vocal class open to all levels offers a welcoming and supportive environment for participants to explore and develop their singing abilities. Led by experienced instructors, the class covers a range of vocal techniques, including breath control, pitch accuracy, tone production, and vocal resonance. Through a variety of exercises and repertoire tailored to individual interests and skill levels, participants can strengthen their vocal skills and expand their musical repertoire. Whether beginners looking to build a solid foundation or experienced singers seeking to refine their technique, students receive personalized attention and guidance to help them reach their vocal goals. The class fosters a sense of community, creativity, and joy in music-making, providing a space for adults of all levels to grow and express themselves through singing.

## <u>Saturday</u>

**Intro to Musical Theater: Magic of Disney (K-2<sup>nd</sup>):** Our Introduction to Musical Theater class with a focus on Disney shows offers young students an enchanting journey into the magical world of musical storytelling. This class introduces very basic acting, singing, and dancing techniques through beloved Disney productions. From timeless classics like "The Lion King" to modern favorites like "Frozen," students explore iconic characters, memorable songs, and enchanting choreography inspired by Disney magic. Through playful activities, creative exercises, and group performances, young performers develop confidence, teamwork, and stage presence while discovering the joy of bringing their favorite Disney stories to life on stage.

**Musical Theater 1: Annie Jr (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>):** In our Musical Theater 1 class with a focus on "Annie," students embark on a delightful journey into the heartwarming story of the optimistic orphan and her adventures. Led by experienced instructors, the class introduces foundational skills in acting, singing, and dancing through the beloved songs and scenes of "Annie." From learning iconic songs like "Tomorrow" to exploring character development and storytelling, students immerse themselves in the world of 1930s New York City. Through fun exercises, rehearsal techniques, and ensemble work, participants develop confidence, stage presence, and teamwork skills. Whether aspiring to play Annie herself or simply eager to explore the magic of musical theater, students in this class embrace the spirit of optimism, resilience, and joy that defines this timeless classic.

**Junior Vocal Class (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>):** Our Junior Vocal class introduces young students to the basics of singing and vocal performance. Students learn techniques like breath control, pitch accuracy, and tone production through fun exercises and songs. The class includes vocal warm-ups, ear training, and simple sight-singing, focusing on building confidence and expressiveness. It aims to foster a love for music while nurturing each student's unique voice.

**Tap for Beginners (1st-5<sup>th</sup>):** In our beginning tap class tailored for young tappers, students embark on an exciting journey blending the art of tap with the magic of Broadway. The class introduces basic tap techniques, rhythms, and terminology in a fun and engaging way. Through playful exercises and upbeat musical theater songs, students learn fundamental tap steps while also exploring how to interpret and dance to the music. From learning to shuffle to mastering time steps, participants develop coordination, rhythm, and musicality while immersing themselves in the joy of musical theater dance. The class encourages creativity, expression, and a love for tap and Broadway, setting the stage for young performers to shine on the dance floor.