



Neuse Little Theatre's Summer Drama Program

Let's Put On A Play!

Interested? Neuse Little Theatre is looking for students (ages 8-18) to participate in the annual summer drama program.



Camp Cost: \$200-\$225
When: June 16 – June 27, 2025
8 am - 12 noon

(Snack will be provided at ~10:00 am)

Showcase performances will be

June 27 at 7 pm

(campers arrive at 6 pm)

June 28 at 3pm & 7 pm

(campers arrive at 2 pm)

June 29 at 3 pm

(campers arrive at 2 pm)

Tickets \$8.00

Students will learn acting techniques, theatre terminology, and everything it takes to create the theatre experience. Everything learned will be showcased in a production at the end of the session.

The workshop will be conducted by Patsy Castellano, who has worked with NLT for the past 20 years as an actor, choreographer (both for summer camps and main stage productions), assistant director, and is a member of the NLT Board of Directors. Patsy has an Associate of Arts from Sinclair College in Dayton, Ohio, and Bachelor of Fine Arts in Choreography from East Carolina University and is a licensed Dance Educator in the State of NC. Performing since the age of 5, Patsy is versed in most dance genres and has taught classes in Virginia, California as well as North Carolina. Before retirement, Patsy was the Dance Educator at Hunter Elementary in Raleigh (14 years) and prior to Hunter, four years at a Wilson Charter.

Contact Patsy Castellano at (919) 524-4744
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Limited space available and at a first come basis.



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Please carefully read the info letter before enrolling as it will answer many of the frequently asked questions.

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter will answer many questions that you have. I'm excited to meet your children and help them create some stage magic. Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns.

Patsy Castellano, NLT Summer Camp Director
919-524-4744

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- On the first day of camp, it will be nice, if possible, for a parent to stay for the first 20-30 minutes while we call roll and share new information.
- Campers need to arrive 5-10 minutes early so that camp can start on time.
- Campers need to be picked up by an authorized adult on time (noon).
- Parents should wait on the porch so that campers can be dismissed in a safe and timely fashion. Please park and come to the theatre front porch for your camper. Please do not tell your child to find you in the parking lot. If your camper is old enough to drive themselves, just have them let us know when they are leaving.
- We want your campers to dazzle you at the performance, so please understand that our rehearsals are closed to everyone except camp personnel. Let us know if you need to speak to one of us.
- Updated info about purchasing performance tickets will be shared with parents on the first day of camp. Campers will receive two comp tickets and parents need to select the performance date that they will be used. All tickets are \$8.00 each (with the exception of the two comp tickets).
- Performances—Due to last summer's ticket demand, we will be performing four times. The dates are Friday, June 27 at 7:00 pm, Saturday, June 28 at 3:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm and finally Sunday, June 29 at 3:00 pm. Campers need to be in the theatre one hour before the performance. If these performance dates conflict with important family events then it is impossible to cast your child in our show.
- There will be a small and nutritious snack served around 10:00 am or campers may bring a small, non-messy snack. Water and juice boxes are fine but no sodas please. Campers are expected to clean up their eating area, including recycling. Please teach your child that sharing food with others is a health risk and they should keep their food to themselves. Snack time is 15-20 minutes only.
- Campers need to wear comfortable clothes (we may be sitting or crawling on the floor) and it is imperative for safety that campers wear real shoes (sneakers or other closed-in shoes) sandals, flip flops, slippery soles, high heels, and crocs are not secure on the foot and should not be worn to camp.
- On the first day, we will spend about an hour getting to know each other and then the auditioning process begins! Campers do not need to bring a prepared song but can do so if they wish. Campers will be asked to sing a short piece (like Happy Birthday) and may be asked to sing at the piano so that we can hear their vocal range. Most campers will need to sing alone, and we may need to have them sing in groups as well. There will also be a short dance audition.
- It is a big undertaking to put on a play in just two weeks! The success of the play depends on each-and-every camper doing their best and supporting each other. As such, absenteeism is a problem. Illness and family emergencies are the only reasons to miss a day of camp. Due to the quick turnaround time and in fairness to the other campers, family vacations and special outings cannot be worked around.
- Parents will be provided a list of suggestions regarding what their child needs for a "costume". This usually consist of shorts, t-shirt and simple accessories. The camp personnel will help with the costume needs.
- Campers will be given their "role" on day 2. There are no "stars" in our camp. Every camper will be on stage for a large portion of this play. Each camper will be loaned a script with dialogue and lyrics. This script needs to be returned no later than Saturday's performance. A script is the most important item for an actor and needs to be taken care of and brought to camp each day. There is a \$15.00 fee for a lost script..
- BEHAVIOR—campers are expected to be kind, supportive and helpful to themselves, other campers and the staff. No bullying, name calling, making fun of others. No inappropriate language, topics or actions can be tolerated at our camp. We will respect genders, differences, ethnicity and beliefs. Remember there is a huge difference between a teenager and an eight-to-twelve-year-old. If I need to give examples, I can. Do not allow campers to bring anything to camp that could make others uncomfortable. Obviously, there is no smoking at this camp. If a problem should arise you will be contacted to help us resolve the issue.