



Wild Swan Theater's Camp DoYaWanna 2011 Summer Camps

Wild Swan Theater drama camps are fun experiences where kids can feel safe and comfortable exploring the imaginative world of theater. Our main goal is that every camper has a great time cultivating their creativity and leaves camp feeling successful. With a new theme every week, activities will include warm-ups, theater games, and improvisations that bring people together in a nurturing, memorable way. Some weeks will also include craft activities such as making props and costume pieces.

Under the Sea Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24 Sessions 1 & 2

Teachers: Emily Patton Levickas & Kristala Pouncy

AM Session: 9am – 12pm (for students who have completed grades K-2)

PM Session: 1pm – 4pm (for students who have completed grades 2-5)

Explore the world of what lives under the sea in this exciting camp where whales, sharks, eels, and mermaids come to life. Perhaps a sunken ship will be found with mysterious treasure or never-seen-before creatures will take us on a journey under the sea. Such amazing adventures await us!

Peter Pan Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1 Session 3 **FULL**

Teachers: Emily Patton Levickas & Amanda Grabowski

10am – 1pm (for students who have completed grades K-3)

This week we'll escape into the world of Neverland where we will climb trees with the lost boys, sword fight with Captain Hook and the other pirates, fly with Tinkerbell and her band of fairies, and swim with crocodiles! What could be better than exploring the story of **Peter Pan**? Let's crawl inside the book together and see what happens!

Let's Pretend **Tuesday**, July 5 – Friday, July 8 (4 Day Camp) Session 4 **FULL**

10am – 12pm (for children ages 4-6) - Teachers: Sandy Ryder & Emily Patton Levickas

We'll put on our "pretending caps" this week and see where our imaginations take us! Using some of our favorite stories and nursery rhymes as a starting point, we will go to a world where anything is possible! Storytelling, creative movement and just plain silliness are sure to make this camp a perfect experience for your young actor.

Mixed Up Fairy Tales Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 15 Sessions 5 & 6

Teachers: Sandy Ryder & Gulshirin Dubash

AM Session: 9am – 12pm (for students who have completed grades K-2)

PM Session: 1pm – 4pm (for students who have completed grades 2-5)

Camper's this week will explore and recreate well-known fairy tales, but with a twist! The fairy tales may be told from the perspective of a different character in the story, or as sequels, or as a mash-up, or imagining what would happen if certain characters were added or removed, or if the setting were changed, or if... the possibilities are endless!

Ferdinand the Bull Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22 Session 7

Teachers: Sandy Ryder & Gulshirin Dubash

10am – 2pm (for students who have completed grades 1 - 4)

Ferdinand is the classic story, written by Munro Leaf, of a bull who would rather smell flowers than fight in bullfights. We thought it would be fun to spend the week bringing this story to life. We'll create our own script, sets and costumes and have the best time working together. Ole!

Commedia dell'arte Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29 Session 8

Teacher: Gulshirin Dubash

10am – 2pm (for students who have completed grades 5 - 8)

Come explore the world of the highly physical comic masked form of theatre from Italy. Share the stage with such characters as Pantalone (the old miser), Dottore (the intellectual who knows nothing), Columbina (the sly maid) and most importantly the beloved comic and charming trickster Arlecchino. This camp will let students create memorable characters through the tools of commedia dell'arte and play out wonderful tales of trickery between master, servant, men and women!

African Arts Monday, August 1 – Friday, August 5 Sessions 9 & 10

Teacher: Jaclyn Morrow

AM Session: 9am – 12pm (for students who have completed grades K-2)

PM Session: 1pm – 4pm (for students who have completed grades 2-5)

Explore the many forms of art from Africa! We'll get creative with visual art projects inspired by different African countries. But that's not all!! We'll learn traditional drumming and songs from West Africa. Then, we'll let the beat spread from our hands into our bodies and have fun learning traditional West African dance!

**All camps take place in Wild Swan's Studio:
410 S. Maple Rd. – Ann Arbor
Campers are responsible for their own snack.**

Introducing our Camp DoYaWanna Teachers:



Sandy Ryder, the Co-Artistic Director of Wild Swan Theater received her BA in Theater from the University of Michigan in 1975. She is well known throughout Michigan for her acting, storytelling, and teaching skills. Sandy has created dozens of roles for Wild Swan productions as well as for other theater companies including The Purple Rose, Ann Arbor Civic Theater, and Redbud Productions. She is a master teacher of acting and improvisation. She has led hundreds of drama workshops making theater accessible to deaf, blind, mobility impaired, and developmentally impaired young people. Sandy has also customized theater classes for students ranging from preschoolers to senior citizens.



Emily Patton Levickas is receiving her MFA student in Drama and Theatre for the Young at EMU. She grew up in a theatrical family and especially loves encouraging young people to play and perform. She taught at Wild Swan last summer and is excited to be back for another Camp DoYaWanna! She has also taught at Willow Run High School through Cross Town Theatre and had the opportunity to direct **The Diviners** at Spring Arbor University last year. Before coming to Michigan, she worked for Saltworks Theatre in Pittsburgh as a tour actor and director. Emily has assistant directed several summer camps for GEMS girls club, including one in Zambia, Africa. She recently wrote and performed a one-woman show, **Homestays**, where she tells the stories of seven widows she met during a theater tour from 2003-2004.



Kristala Pouncy is originally from Flint, Michigan. She is a second year MFA candidate at Eastern Michigan University in the Drama and Theatre for the Young program. She holds an MFA in Theatre from Northwestern University and a BA in Theatre from Kalamazoo College. Kristala recently returned to Michigan after living, performing, and teaching in Chicago, Los Angeles, Alabama, and Maine. While at Eastern, she has performed in **A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum**, **The Prince, the Wolf and the Firebird** and **Bud, Not Buddy** and **Hamlet**. Last summer, she appeared as Tally in **Tally's Tales** at Greenfield Village and performed in **Home Again** at Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. She appeared in Wild Swan's production of **Under the African Sky** this winter and is very excited to work with Wild Swan again.



Gulshirin Dubash is originally from Bombay, India. Having gotten her MFA in Ensemble based Physical Theatre from the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre she works doing physical theatre, commedia dell'Arte, melodrama, clown and street theatre. She has worked with children both in the United States and India, doing workshops in educational theatre, commedia dell'arte and clown. Working for the international not-for-profit, Clowns without Borders, she also heads their project to India every year, clowning for refugees and impoverished children.



Jaclyn Morrow has worked with ArtSmart Nashville as a theater, dance, and visual teaching artist. She's also worked with Voices, out of Nashville, a program that teaches cultures through their arts. In Michigan, Jaclyn has taught with the YMCA, Ann Arbor Art Center, Chelsea Youth Theatre, and the Plymouth Community Arts Council. She has also appeared in Wild Swan Theater's productions of **Drum Me a Story** and **Under the African Sky**. Jaclyn has performed and studied West African drumming and dance with Like Water Drum and Dance and is currently with the Tree of Life Drum and Dance Society.



Wild Swan Theater's Camp DoYaWanna Registration Form

Camp Sessions:

Session 1: Under the Sea – AM
Session 3: Peter Pan
Session 5: Mixed Up Fairy Tales - AM
Session 7: Ferdinand the Bull
Session 9: African Arts – AM

Session 2: Under the Sea – PM
Session 4: Let's Pretend
Session 6: Mixed Up Fairy Tales - PM
Session 8: Commedia dell'arte
Session 10: African Arts - PM

Fees:

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, & 10 \$150
Session 4 \$ 80
Sessions 7 & 8 \$200

Registration:

Camper 1: _____ Grade Completed 10/11: _____

Camp Sessions: _____

Camper 2: _____ Grade Completed 10/11: _____

Camp Sessions: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Camp Fees:

Sessions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, & 10 Number of Campers _____ x \$150 = _____
Session 4 Number of Campers _____ x \$ 80 = _____
Sessions 7 & 8 Number of Campers _____ x \$200 = _____

Payment Options:

Send a **check** made out to "Wild Swan Theater" to:
Wild Swan Theater; 410 S. Maple Rd.; Ann Arbor, MI 48103

OR

Credit Card: Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Verification Code*: _____

*(this is the 3 digit number found on the card signature panel on the back of the card)

Name on Card: _____

****Please Note: All camps are subject to change based on enrollment.****

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