

# WELCOME TO VINE THEATER 20024-2025

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## WELCOME

I am so excited to work with you in the 2024-2025 school year. My name is Sarah Shipp and I will be your director and teacher. This is a little page to share what to expect and ways we can stay connected this year.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THEATER CLASS

- **THEATER GAMES:** Playing theater games develops a variety of skills.
  - Building Trust
  - Focus
  - Concentration
  - Teamwork
  - Creatively Overcoming Obstacles
  - Listening
  - Sharing
  - “yes, and” collaboration
  - Confidence
  - Communication
  - Body Language
  - Awareness of Self
  - Awareness of Space
  - Spontaneity
  - Commitment
  - Attempting New Challenges
  - Creative Problem Solving
  - Understanding Conflict
  - Understanding Dramatic Arc
  - Character Development
  - Stage Presence
  - Appreciation of other people and their ideas
  
- **WARM UPS:** how to warm up the voice, the body, the soul, and the mind.
- **DANCE/ MOVEMENT:** develop skills in a variety of styles and build physical strength to perform the moves.
- **ACTING:** Playing in scenes and developing characters.
- **SINGING/ VOICE WORK:** Learning skills and warm ups in acting, movement, dance, vocal to create a solid foundation for future performance and speaking opportunities.
- **PERFORMING:** creating characters in two 60 minute musical productions. (one each semester).
- **DESIGN:** Costumes, Sets, Lights, Sound, Music, Posters, Programs, Marketing, Producing, Choreography, Business Plans, Schedules. Students can be a part of many different aspects of putting on a show.
- **SERVING:** Learning to serve and help backstage or front of house to make the production come together for opening night.

- **AUDITIONS:** Students are strongly encouraged to audition (they need to audition for larger parts).
- **PERFORMING:** Students are strongly encouraged to perform in the play.
- **BACKSTAGE:** there are lots of opportunities for students to learn about the theater and be part of the team even if they don't want to be on stage.
- **SCRIPTS:** We get the scripts from licensing and will let you know when they arrive.
- **POSITIVE DISCIPLINE:** I have been trained as a Positive Discipline Coach and like to use the tools to teach students about:
  - Empathy
  - Being Kind/Firm
  - Communication: Connect before you correct
  - Boundaries
  - Respect: of themselves and the team around them
  - **Mistaken Goals Chart:**
    - We will review the mistaken goals chart.
    - They will use it to discover how characters and real people use these mistaken goals.
    - FOUR MISTAKEN GOALS ARE:
      - Assumed Inadequacy
      - Undue Attention
      - Misguided Power
      - Revenge
  - **Identify feelings:**
    - for their characters they are playing
    - For real people in their lives
    - For themselves
- **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** We cannot do this without you parents. We have lots of jobs you can do to get involved.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **BACK TO VINE NIGHT** 8/22/24
- **CLASS:** is 12:15-2:15 PM every Thursday that Vine is open.
- If you have any dates you are going to be absent for trips or family events please email them to me ASAP to better plan what scenes we go over when.

## FALL SHOW: PETER PAN JR.

- **FALL AUDITIONS:**
- THURSDAY: 9/5/24 In Class
  - Vocal Auditions: In Class/ Scheduled/ On Video
  - Movement/ Dance Auditions: In Class
  - Acting/ Scene Auditions: In Class
- **FALL CALL BACK AUDITIONS:**
  - THURSDAY: 9/12/24 In class
- **FALL CASTING:**
  - FRIDAY 9/13/24 Roles Posted on Google Classroom
- **FALL SHOW REHEARSALS:**
  - THURSDAYS 12:15-2:15 PM
  - EXTRA TIME/HELP:
    - during school lunch breaks/study halls.

- **FALL DRESS REHEARSAL:**
  - THURSDAY: 12/5/24 12:15-4:15 PM
  - FRIDAY: 12/6/24 12:15-4:15 PM (before the show)
- **FALL SHOW:** Peter Pan Jr. (Broadway version)
  - FRIDAY: 12/6/24 5:30 PM and 7:15 PM (two shows)

## SPRING SHOW: ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR.

- **SPRING AUDITIONS:**
  - THURSDAY: 1/16/25 In Class
  - Vocal Auditions: In Class/ Scheduled/ On Video
  - Movement/ Dance Auditions: In Class
  - Acting/ Scene Auditions: In Class
- **SPRING CALL BACK AUDITIONS:**
  - THURSDAY: 1/23/25 In class
- **SPRING CASTING:**
  - FRIDAY: 1/25/23 Roles Posted on Google Classroom
- **SPRING DRESS REHEARSAL:**
  - THURSDAY: 5/15/25 12:15-4:15 PM
  - FRIDAY: 5/16/25 12:15-4:15 PM (before the show)
- **SPRING SHOW:** Alice In Wonderland Jr.
  - FRIDAY: 5/16/25 5:30 PM and 7:15 PM (two shows)

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

- BRING TO CLASS:
  - Script/ with your name on it (we will provide)
  - Pencil
  - Highlighter
  - Journal/ Notebook
  - Comfortable clothes you can move in
  - Yoga mat or Towel to lay on (for certain stretches or warm ups)
  - Great attitude

## EXPECTATIONS

- RESPECT
- KINDNESS
- PATIENCE
- NO CELL PHONES/ DEVICES
- NO HEADPHONES

## ABOUT MY TEACHER SARAH SHIPP

### BACHELOR of ARTS, UCLA SCHOOL of THEATER, FILM and TELEVISION

- **ACTING TRAINING:**
  - UCLA
  - OAK GROVE THEATER
  - CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE
- **DANCE:**
  - Started dance at two and haven't stopped moving since.
  - Taught/ Teach: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop,

- **CALIFORNIA DANCE INTERNATIONAL** 2017- Present
  - Teacher/ Student
- **AMERICAN BALLET THEATER'S NATIONAL TRAINING CURRICULUM:**
  - CERTIFIED to teach levels pre-primary to level three
  - Trained in Level 4 and 5
- **THEATER:**
  - Began at six and have continued performing in some capacity ever since.
- **DIRECTING:**
  - At fourteen began teaching Children's theater in a variety of settings and capacities
  - First got a chance to direct in second grade and my friends and I continually put on plays at school.
  - Children's Playhouse
  - Villa Montalvo Summer Camps.
  - Artsbridge with UCLA in LA Schools
  - UCLA
  - Vine Academy
- **PILATES:**
  - Trained and Certified in Pilates in London.
  - Have taught Pilates for over 24 years.
  - Owned a Pilates studio.
- **VOICE:**
  - Trained with a variety of vocal coaches over the years in lots of styles and methods.
  - Trained with Lorna Emata Goodwin since 2006.
  - Seth Riggs Method of Speech Level Singing is my preferred way of teaching students.
  - Work regularly with a voice teacher group to improve our skills and knowledge.
- **FAMILY:**
  - Have been married to Josh for twenty-one years.
  - Have two kids at Vine:
    - London (10th grade)
    - Katie (8th grade)
    - We have a labradoodle named Teddy.

## COMMUNICATION

- Please reach out, introduce yourself, let me know what skills you have and how you are able to help.
- Texting gets the fastest response.
- Face to face and phones next best.
- Email and Google Classroom are how I will communicate most group information.

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