

**What are the benefits of taking classes at the Guthrie?**

Whether you are an educator looking for fresh ideas, an artist who wants to hone your skills or a theater novice eager to try something new, we have a variety of classes and workshops designed just for you. Our teaching artists are industry professionals who are passionate about sharing their craft and fostering artistic growth in others.

Do I need prior experience?

Introductory classes do not require prior experience. These entry-level classes allow you to explore multiple tracks and discover areas of interest before pushing your craft further through multiple levels. More advanced classes may require a previous class or experience. The class descriptions contain everything you need to know, including any prerequisites.

If I have prior experience from high school or college, where should I begin?

If you have foundational theater skills, you may be ready to start at the intermediate or advanced levels within our Performance Pathway. Want a recommendation? Just send us an email at classes@guthrietheater.org.

What goals do most participants have in mind when they register?

It depends on the person! Some are pursuing a career in theater, some are trying to improve their presentation skills and some just want to try something new. Our teaching artists are prepared to create an outstanding experience that will help you meet your goals — whatever they may be.

What if I need particular accommodations, such as an advocate or Braille materials?

At the Guthrie, we make it a priority to offer education that can be fully enjoyed by all. We offer a variety of accessibility services to help ensure that every participant has a great experience. If you have a specific request, please share it at least two weeks before the start of the class. Requests are subject to availability and provided at the discretion of the Guthrie.

Are there scholarships available?

Yes! To apply for a scholarship, please complete our [online application](#). Your information will be kept confidential. All scholarships are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and we will try our best to honor your request. Please note that scholarships may not be used in combination with other discount offers.

What is your cancellation policy?

Class dates, times and teaching artists are subject to change, and classes may be canceled if the minimum number of students is not reached. In the event that a class is canceled, notification will be given to all participants, and refunds will be arranged accordingly. No refunds will be provided for teaching artist changes.

What online platform is used for virtual classes and what equipment is needed?

We use Zoom as the online platform for all our virtual classes. Zoom is ideally run on a computer that has video and audio capability, but there are workarounds for phones, tablets or a combination of devices. Before attending class, you will need to register for a free Zoom account, and we will send you the link to join in advance. To become more familiar with Zoom, check out their helpful [tutorial videos](#).

When will in-person classes return?

Currently all our classes have transitioned to a virtual format for the safety of our students, teachers and staff. We hope to return to in-person classes in the future, but we will continue to monitor the situation and make those decisions based on the recommendations of public health experts and government officials. We'll share updates as we have them.

Questions?

Contact our Education Team at classes@guthrietheater.org.