



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.

Can you explain the different class levels?

Our Exploratory classes are designed for all experience levels. The Performance Pathway offers multiple levels of education for individuals looking for actor training opportunities. The pathway begins with introductory classes that focus on voice, physical approaches, theater basics and musical theater. From there, participants can continue building their skills in the intermediate and advanced level classes.

Do I need prior experience?

Most Exploratory and introductory Performance Pathway 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 work closely with our award-winning access manager 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.

How does the payment plan work?

Each payment plan is personalized to the individual needs of the participant. We'll work with you to determine the number of payments, due dates and all other details. To participate in a payment plan, you must pay \$50 at registration and complete all payments by the final day of the class.

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 fall, 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.

What other education programming does the Guthrie offer?

From programs at partner schools to onsite camps and classes, our education offerings seek to connect communities and individuals of all ages with the artistry and creative process of the Guthrie.

FOR ADULTS

- Multi-week classes for theater novices, artists and business professionals
- Master classes for professional artists
- One-day classes offered through a partnership with Hennepin County Library

FOR YOUTH

- Every summer, the Guthrie offers weeklong camps and two-week intensives for youth in grades 3-12.
- Student matinees connect youth and schools to the creative process of the Guthrie through in-depth study, interactive pre-play presentations, world-class performances and post-play discussions.
- The Guthrie Education Network serves a network of schools that are deeply connected to the Guthrie through a cohort of arts educators who help transform students into creative problem-solvers and schools into arts learning centers.

FOR GROUPS

- We offer trainings for business professionals and teams rooted in theater-based skills that inspire participants to tackle modern challenges with creativity.
- Our Continuing Legal Education programming combines live performance with masterful facilitation of real-life scenarios for a fresh take on CLE classes for lawyers.