FAQs for Youth Education

What are the benefits of taking youth classes and workshops at the Guthrie?
We strive to create exceptional educational experiences for all students. Whether you are hoping to pursue a career in theater, looking to explore your creativity or just trying something new and fun, we welcome rookies, professionals and everyone in between! The teaching artists and guest artists who work with us are all industry professionals who are passionate about sharing their craft and fostering the artistic growth in others. All classes and workshops allow students to engage with the Guthrie and be part of an ever-expanding community of students, artists and collaborators.

Will you be adding more youth classes and workshops?
Yes, so check back often. If you are looking for specific classes, let us know at classes@guthrietheater.org.

Is prior theater experience required to take youth classes and workshops at the Guthrie?
It varies depending on the class or workshop, so check the description for details and let us know if you have any questions. We are committed to offering programming for students of all experience levels and abilities.

Does previous experience at other theaters count?
It sure does! If you have further questions, just give us a call or send us an email.

What if a student needs specific accommodations, such as an advocate, assisted listening device or materials in Braille?
At the Guthrie, we make it a priority to offer an experience that can be fully enjoyed by all, whether attending a performance, taking a tour or participating in a class. We offer a variety of accessibility services to help ensure that every student has a great experience. If you have a specific request, please share it at least two weeks before the start of the class or workshop. Requests are subject to availability and provided at the discretion of the Guthrie.

Are scholarships available?
The Guthrie is committed to offering classes and workshops to all students regardless of financial ability. We have a limited number of scholarships available for each class and workshop that range in amount depending on the student’s ability to pay. 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. To apply for a scholarship, please complete our online application. Your information will be kept confidential and not shared.

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.
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 students, and refunds will be arranged accordingly. No refunds will be provided for teaching artist changes.

Questions?
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