



The Theatre Project, Grand Junction's non-profit community theatre, is expanding our youth theatre program this fall to include more training and performance opportunities for students ages 5 – 18 years. Our brand new "Stages" program will include two separate levels for students to choose from. All rehearsals and productions will be lead by a team of degreed, experienced professionals in their field.

Stages Level 1

This level is for any student that wants to be part of a theatre or musical theatre production. Any student ages 5 – 18 years that auditions or registers for this program will be cast in the production and have an opportunity to perform. Level 1 will present 3-4 productions each year with a schedule that coincides with the School District 51 Calendar (August – May). Students will rehearse for the current production and present it to the public at the conclusion of the rehearsal period (usually 6-8 weeks). Rehearsals will also focus on basic stage direction, learning to project, and simply enjoying the experience and excitement of "putting on a show." Level 1 production rehearsals will be scheduled on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and the cost to participate will be \$50 per production.

Stages Level 2

This level is for theatre students that are seeking a more intense training in all areas of Theatre and Musical Theatre. Students must audition and be accepted to participate in a Level 2 production and students who audition may not be cast. These productions will have a higher level of difficulty with longer scripts and dialogue, additional choreographic elements, and challenging subject matter. Training will focus on exploring characters, motivation, advanced stage direction, dance and movement to further the plot line, broadening vocal understanding and range, and improving projection and articulation. Level 2 participants will be required to also be part of our Level 1 production along with taking workshop classes (in dance, acting, and singing) when offered in alignment with a particular production. Student should anticipate being in training and rehearsals Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. during the productions rehearsal period (usually 6-8 weeks). The cost to participate in Level 2 is \$150 per production plus additional cost for the required training workshops and Level 1 production (training workshops and Level 1 production will be offered at a discounted rate of \$25 each for Level 2 participants).

Stages Faculty

Danalyn Schmidt-Clingman, Director

Dana has a Bachelor of Arts in Musical Theatre from Mesa State College (Colorado Mesa University) and is currently the Artistic Director of The Theatre Project of Grand Junction. She has over 25 years experience in directing, choreographing, costuming, set design, and teaching dance for all ages as well as performing at several local theatres and dance studios.

Nicholas Brenholtz, Music Director

Nic has a BA in Music performance and a BA in Music Education and is currently the music/voice teacher at Broadway Elementary and Scenic Elementary. He has also performed in the Grand Valley for several years.

Shawn W. Clingman, Acting Coach

Shawn graduated from Mesa State College (Colorado Mesa University) with a Bachelor's Degree in Acting/Directing as well as a Bachelor's Degree in English with an emphasis in Teacher Education. He has 17 years experience in directing and teaching acting for all ages as well as over 25 years experience as an actor.

Josh James, Assistant Director

Josh holds a Bachelor's Degree in History with an emphasis in Secondary Education along with a Master of Arts in Education. His specialty is writing and directing original scripts and musicals for school-aged students but has also spent years on the stage as a performer.