

2011 Winter Youth Theater Classes and Workshops at Helen Hocker Theater

VACATION CREATION! (ages 5-6)

5-1 hr classes Instructor: Doel

It's almost summer! Where are you going on vacation? To the beach? To the mountains? To Europe? Children, ages 5 and 6, are invited to take an early vacation at Helen Hocker Theater. Using art and creative drama, we will travel around the world. As we travel, we will create postcards, souvenirs, and a photo album of our adventures. Come and join the fun!

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Apr 23	Sat	11:30am	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$18.75

\$15 Topeka resident

MORNING AT THE MUSEUM (ages 7-9)

5-1 hour classes Instructor: Doel

In this series of classes, kids are invited to take part in a living museum. They will learn the basics of character creation: motivation, movement and voice. Participants will select a historical figure of their choice and work with the instructor to script a fun and informative monologue. On the final Saturday, participants will host a "Morning at the Museum" event for family and friends.

Children will dress as their character and present their monologue!

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Jan 15	Sat	10:30am	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$18.75

\$15 Topeka resident

GOTTA DANCE! (ages 7-9)

5-1 hour classes Instructor: Doel

You can sing. You can act. What's left? If you want to obtain that triple threat, then it's time to hone in on your dancing abilities! This class will provide children with the basics of show dance. In five weeks, they will learn two routines, both of which they will perform on the final class period.

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Feb 5	Sat	1:00pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$18.75

\$15 Topeka resident

READY? SET. SHOW! (ages 7-9)

6-1 hour classes Instructor: Doel

This class is designed for kids who are ready to dive into the rehearsal process. In only 6 hours, children will experience the entire production process from auditions to "opening night". While the class will provide children with instruction on theater vocabulary and acting technique, its primary focus will be on putting together a show. Come, be a part of the fun. Ready? Set. Show!

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Apr 16	Sat	10am	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$22.50

\$18 Topeka resident

MUSICAL THEATER REVIEW (ages 9-11)

4-1 hour classes Instructor: Doel

Can't get enough of musical theater? In each of these one hour sessions, students will be introduced to a popular Broadway musical. They will become acquainted with the story line and have a chance to interact with the show through song, dance, set and costume design.

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Apr 3	Sat	1pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$20

\$16 Topeka resident

SO YOU WANT TO BE A COMEDIAN? (ages 10-12)

6-1 hour classes Instructor: Reed

Does your kid crack you up? Well, we want in on the joke! Come to our class this spring and learn how to have a strong and memorable presence on stage, what makes great comedians really funny and all the techniques your little comedian needs to be the next great comic! It's a great class for kids who need a chance to come out of their shell and gain confidence!

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Jan 10	Mon	5:30pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$37.50

\$30 Topeka resident

TECHNICAL THEATER BOOTCAMP (ages 12-18)

6-2 hour classes Instructor: Reed/Bivens

We are offering a fantastic chance for your kids to get their artsy side in shape! This intensive series of classes will focus on the various aspects of technical theater, including scenic, lighting & costume design, in a fun and inspiring atmosphere. Week one will include a tour of the facility and equipment. Weeks 2-4 will focus on scenic design, making models of the theater and set and making magic with lights. Week 5 will focus on costume design and basic sewing skills. The last week we will finish with special effects and sound design, including fog, flashpots & disco balls! Wear old clothes and get ready to have some fun! Fee includes cost of supplies.

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Jan 11	Tue	5:30pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$50

\$40 Topeka resident

TOTALLY BROADWAY (ages 13-17)

17-1 ½ hour classes Instructor: McComas

This course is designed to enable youth to understand the basic principles of voice production, how to act a song, and beginning movement in choreography, accomplished through observation, performing and written comprehension. Attendance at every class is vital and journals will be kept while observing classmates.

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Jan 27	Sat	1:30pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$75

\$60 Topeka resident

2011 Youth Dance Classes at Helen Hocker Theater

Creative Movement (ages 2-3)

6-1/2 hour classes Instructor: Hensley

Want to expose your child to the world of dance and movement while working on coordination and rhythm? This is the perfect class for boys and girls to do just that! This class will help your child gain confidence while having fun moving to music. No dance shoes or attire required; just come and have fun! This is a non-performance class.

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Feb 12	Sat	9am	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Mar 26	Sat	9am		
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Price: \$37.50

\$30 Topeka resident

BALLET AND TAP (ages 3-4)

6-1/2 hour classes Instructor: Hensley

Students will learn basic ballet positions and tap steps while working on coordination and rhythm. Boys and girls will learn a ballet and tap dance and will perform for friends and family at the last class. Ballet and tap shoes are required. Black leotard and pink tights are required for girls, and black shorts or pants and a white t-shirt are required for boys.

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Price: \$37.50

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BALLET AND TAP (ages 5-6)

6-50 min classes Instructor: Hensley

Students will learn basic ballet positions and tap steps while working on coordination and rhythm. Boys and girls will learn a ballet and tap dance and will perform for friends and family at the last class. Ballet and tap shoes are required. Black leotard and pink tights are required for girls, and black shorts or pants and a white t-shirt are required for boys.

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JAZZ (ages 7-9)

6-50 min classes Instructor: Hensley

Students will work on basic coordination and rhythm through jazz combinations. Each week, we will focus on a new jazz concept. Boys and girls will gain strength and flexibility while working on turns, leaps and stretches. All ability levels are welcome. Jazz or ballet shoes are required. Boys and girls are required to wear black jazz pants and a solid-colored tank top or t-shirt.

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Price: \$37.50

\$30 Topeka resident

HIP-HOP (age 10-13)

6-50 min classes Instructor: Hensley

Students will learn a new hip-hop combo weekly. This is a fun way to get out that extra energy while focusing on coordination and rhythm. Boys and girls at all ability levels welcome. All students are required to wear loose clothing and sneakers, and there will be a performance at the last class for family and friends.

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Feb 8	Tue	6pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Mar 22	Tue	6pm		
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Price: \$37.50

\$30 Topeka resident

BROADWAY DANCE (ages 10-13)

6-1/2 hour classes Instructor: Hensley

Want to nail your next audition? Or just learn some of the moves you've seen in musicals? This is the class for you! Come learn different combinations from various Broadway musicals each week. This 6-week class for boys and girls will be sure to get you ready to become a "triple threat!" All students are required to wear loose clothing and sneakers. This is a non-performance class

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JAZZ (ages 14-18)

6-50 min classes Instructor: Hensley

Want to make your high school dance team? Or just simply improve your technique for your next audition? This is the class for you! We will focus on turns, leaps, flexibility, toning and much more. Jazz or ballet shoes are required, as well as black jazz pants and a solid-colored tank top or t-shirt. This is a non-performance class.

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Feb 9	Wed	6pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Mar 23	Wed	6pm		
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Price: \$37.50

\$30 Topeka resident

TAP (age 14-18)

6-50 min classes Instructor: Hensley

Come learn the basic tap steps or pick up where you left off! All ability levels are welcome! Each week we will learn different tap combinations and work towards putting together a short routine for friends and family at the last class. Tap shoes are required, as well as loose clothing.

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Feb 10	Thu	5pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Mar 24	Thu	5pm		
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2011 Adult and Youth Theater Classes and Workshops at Helen Hocker Theater

SHAKESPEARE DEMYSTIFIED! (ages 18 & up)

6-1 hour workshops Instructor: Reed

Shakespeare isn't scary! Come learn what makes the Bard's works universal and enduring. We will be exploring Shakespeare's texts by taking them off the page and putting them on the stage, and this class will offer you a chance to understand these important and fascinating plays for years to come. We will also watch and discuss various famous Shakespeare performances.

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Mar 14	Mon	7pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Price: \$50

\$40 Topeka resident

MASTER PUBLIC SPEAKING ONCE AND FOR ALL! (ages 18 & up)

1-3 hour workshop Instructor: Reed

This is a fantastic chance to get over the fear of speaking to a group of people. Designed specifically for business and organizational groups, we will give your employees the confidence and skills needed to address any group. Scheduling for this class will be from January to May and at your convenience (we can do mornings, lunchtime, afternoons, evenings...even weekend!) Each workshop will have between 6-12 people and the fee will be based on enrollment. Call the theater office at 368-0191 to schedule your workshop.

Group discount rates available

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Price: \$31.25

\$25 Topeka resident

THE OLD SCHOOL PLAYERS (ages 55 & up)

Instructor: Reed

This is a new group that Helen Hocker Theater is founding that will give senior citizens a chance to perform short plays for Topeka kids! Plays will focus on differences and similarities between the two generations, what kids have to look forward to in life and important life lessons that the troupe wants to share. These skits will be written by theater staff and members of the group collectively. Performances will be in various venues throughout Topeka. We will need at least six people, so grab your friends and come be a part of something new at Helen Hocker...the Old School Players! We will meet every Wednesday, beginning February 2, from 1-3pm.

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Feb 2	Wed	1pm	Helen Hocker Theater	
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Fee: No Fee

Adult and Youth Theater Volunteer Opportunities

PRODUCTION CREW NEEDED (all ages)

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a production but didn't think you had the talent to pull it off? Put the song and dance aside and join our backstage crew. We are always in need of spotlight, light board and sound operators. In addition, we might need a couple of bodies backstage for costume and set changes. Sound intimidating? We'll walk you through the process step by step and you'll be a pro in no time. Just contact Chris Reed or Jason Bivens at Helen Hocker Theater, 368-0191, and we'll net you know what show we're doing and what specific backstage needs we have. (Time commitment is typically three weeks, depending on the production.) No fee.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS (all ages)

Tired of the same old routine everyday? Well, join us as we embark on the creative journey towards building a theatrical set for one of our productions. We'll put your carpentry, painting, sewing and various other skills to work as we create a fictional reality to help the audience on the way to enjoying another production at Helen Hocker Theater. We don't want to hear that you're too "Old" or not creative enough. All you need is the time and the desire. When we're through, we'll all enjoy our accomplishment by sitting back and watching the production with a free ticket to see the show! Contact Chris Reed or Jason Bivens at Helen Hocker Theater, 368-0191. We are always willing to work around your schedule!