

Fine Arts Day Camp 2023

Workshop and Class Descriptions

Workshops will be held in the morning and campers are grouped by age/grade for these experiences. Workshops are taught by SVSU faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Our SVSU/ Staff/ Faculty instructors this year:

Mr. Jerry Dennis, SVSU Theatre Technical Director (Black Light Theatre)
Ms. Zoe Gilbert (Musical Theatre)
Prof. Joshua Kirby, MFA (Art Activities)
Prof. Peggy Mead-Finizio, MFA (Black Light Theatre)
Prof. David Rzeszutek, MFA (Improvisation)
Prof. Tommy Wedge, MFA (Stage Combat, certified)

- **Black Light Theatre**

Using black light technology and music, campers will use simple props, objects, and costume pieces to bring stories to life. This is a non-verbal theatre experience that builds teamwork and creates an exciting portion of the showcase on the last day of camp.

- **Improvisation**

This workshop uses age-appropriate theatre games to allow campers to explore characters, emotions, and vocal and physical expression. There is a focus on team, partner, and solo work throughout the workshop.

- **Musical Theatre**

Campers explore the world of musicals through song and dance. This high energy workshop will explore choreography and song from selected, age-appropriate musicals. No previous experience is necessary. The goal is to build to a portion that is shared in the showcase on the last day of camp.

- **Stage Combat**

Taught by a certified instructor, this workshop explores hand to hand combat, various ways of falling down, and some stage weapon combat. Character development and storytelling are incorporated. All supplies are provided, and no previous experience is necessary.

- **Art Experiences**

Various age-appropriate art activities will take place throughout the week. Some will be messy, and campers will be alerted when they may need to bring extra clothing for the messy work. All creations will be displayed on the last day of camp and can be taken home after the showcase. All supplies are provided.

Classes will be held in the afternoon and be focused on Creative Drama and Acting techniques. Campers are grouped by age/grade for these experiences. Classes are taught by SVSU faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

- **Creative Drama for grades 3-6**

Creative Drama is defined as “an improvisational, non-exhibitional, process-centered, form of drama in which participants are guided by a leader to imagine, enact, and reflect on the human experience” (The American Association of Theatre for Youth). Campers will explore many elements of creative drama to build skills for communicating with their voices and bodies, develop a new understanding of themselves, others, and the world around them, and navigate in theatre practice. Time will be spent developing narratives, characters, and locales. The goal is to build to a portion that is shared in the showcase on the last day of camp.

- **Creative Drama for grades 7-9**

Building on the skills that the grade 3-6 classes are built on, campers will explore more complex creative drama elements to support storytelling and communication. Memorization and more small group work will be a focus. Time will be spent script building and developing a portion that is shared in the showcase on the last day of camp.