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## **Asolo Repertory Theatre Introduces** **Young Artists: Online Classes**

**(SARASOTA, FL)** – Asolo Repertory Theatre is pleased to announce the launch of Young Artists: Online Classes, a new educational program designed for students ages 8-18. Organized into three sessions, beginning June 1, June 16, and July 6, the classes explore performance, theatre making and storytelling and utilize digital platforms such as Zoom, Google Classroom, Flipgrid. The classes are offered through Asolo Rep's Education & Engagement Department, inviting participants to connect and create virtually and then to take the artistic adventures offstage and offline. Registration is open now; class sizes are limited.

Learn more about the offerings and register [here](#).

Session 1 includes two classes exploring the possibilities of performance, taught by Tina Stafford and Helen Joo Lee from Asolo Rep's 2019-20 company.

***Create with Courage: Acting Meets Improv***  
**Ages 11-13**  
**June 1-5 at 10:00am**  
**\$50/student**

***Create with Courage: Awakening Shakespeare***  
**Ages 13-18**  
**June 8-12 at 4:00pm**  
**\$65/student**

Session 2 includes two classes exploring different ways of creating theatre, taught by professional teaching artists and members of the Asolo Rep Education & Engagement Team, Tiana Turner (Education & Engagement Specialist) and Sara Brunow (Muriel O'Neil Education & Engagement Director):

***Create with Courage: Design Learning Lab***  
**Ages 13-18**  
**Thursdays, June 18-July 23 at 12:00pm**  
**\$75/student**

**Create with Courage: Digital Devising**  
**Ages 11-13**  
**Tuesdays, June 16-July 21 at 1:00pm**  
**\$75/student**

Session 3 runs July 6-24, and will include classes that dive into storytelling as well as technique-based training. Details to be announced May 29 on Asolo Rep's website: [asolorep.org](http://asolorep.org).

"Our goal is to invite young people and families to use theatre as a tool to connect and create," said Sara Brunow, Asolo Rep's Muriel O'Neil Education & Engagement Director. "All of our classes have a touch of something exciting, whether it's collaborating with incredible professional theatre artists or creating theatre-based adventures that can be taken offline and outside. Theatre is for everyone and can be explored anywhere - we can't wait to share it with you!"

## **ABOUT ASOLO REP**

Now looking forward to its 62nd season, Asolo Repertory Theatre is recognized as one of the premier professional theatres in America and one of the largest in the Southeastern United States. One of the few select theatres in the nation that performs in true rotating repertory, Asolo Rep's highly skilled acting company and extensive craftsmanship bring to life this unique performance method that gives audiences the opportunity to see multiple productions in the span of a few days. Asolo Rep presents up to 10 productions each season including contemporary and classic works and provocative musical theatre experiences. A theatre district in and of itself, Asolo Rep is committed to expanding its reach into the community, furthering its collaboration with the best theatre artists working in the industry today and cultivating new artists through its affiliation with the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training. Under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Michael Donald Edwards and Managing Director Linda DiGabriele, Asolo Rep's ambitious theatrical offerings and groundbreaking education and community programming engage audiences and ensure its lasting legacy for future generations.

[asolorep.org](http://asolorep.org)

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