

PICAYUNE THEATRE COMPANY'S ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS



Rising Stars is a year-long theatre education program designed to challenge youth performers in the world of musical theatre. Throughout the year, students build confidence while learning the fundamentals of acting, singing, movement, and stage performance in a fun, encouraging, and creative environment.

As their skills grow, students will apply everything they've learned by rehearsing and performing in a fully staged musical production, giving them the unforgettable experience of bringing a story to life on stage while developing teamwork, discipline, and a lifelong love for the performing arts.



PTC'S - ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome to the Picayune Theatre Company *Academy of Performing Arts!*

We are so excited that you're considering joining our Academy family. Whether your child has been on stage for years or is stepping into a theatre for the very first time, our goal is simple, to help every student discover confidence, creativity, friendships, and a love for the performing arts.

Our Academy is much more than preparing for a show. It is a year-long educational program where students receive weekly training in acting, movement, music, performance, teamwork, and stagecraft before showcasing everything they've learned in a fully staged musical production.

We believe every child deserves a place to belong, to grow, and to shine.
Welcome to the family!

NATHAN & AMBER SANDERCOCK
FOUNDERS
PICAYUNE THEATRE COMPANY



ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Our Mission

To inspire, educate, and empower performers of all ages by providing exceptional theatrical training in a safe, encouraging, and creative environment while producing performances that enrich our community.

Our Performance Academy

The Performance Academy is a year-long theatre education program running from September through April.

Students attend weekly classes where they learn theatre skills while preparing for an exciting end-of-year production.

The program is divided into two age groups to provide age-appropriate training and performance opportunities.

Rising Stars

Grade 7- Grade 12

2026–2027 Production - TO BE ANNOUNCED

Rising Stars is the perfect introduction to theatre.

Students will learn and be challenged:

- Acting fundamentals
- Theatre terminology
 - Confidence
- Creative storytelling
 - Singing
 - Basic dance
 - Teamwork
- Stage etiquette
- Character development





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HOW THE YEAR WORKS:

August 2026

Registration Opens

Parent Information

Class Placement

Enrollment

September–December

Learn

Students attend weekly classes focusing on theatre education.

Topics include:

- Stage terminology
- Acting
- Voice
- Movement
- Dance
- Improvisation
- Character work
- Confidence
- Audition preparation

December

Auditions

Students audition for the Academy production.

Every student who is enrolled will be cast in the production.

January–April

Rehearse

The weekly class times join together and it becomes a 2 hour rehearsal time slot.

Students continue learning while preparing for performances.

April

Performance

Students perform in a fully staged musical production for family, friends, and our community. Showcasing the talent and everything they have learned in the past 9 months.



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CLASSES

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Registration Fee

\$25 - Due at registration.

Monthly Tuition

\$80 per month, per student

Sibling Discount

Second & Third Child

\$70a month, per student

Production Fee

\$100 Costume Fee per student

Due in January following casting so we can secure your costume for the show.

Comp tickets for performance.

Each student will receive 2 tickets to the performance of their choice.

Parent Expectations

We ask every family to partner with us by:

- Bringing students on time.
- Practicing material at home.
- Communicating absences early.
- Encouraging positive attitudes.

Our Academy is built on respect, encouragement, and teamwork.

Registration

Enrollment opens in August.

A student's place is secured once the registration fee has been paid.

Class sizes are limited to ensure every student receives quality instruction.

We can't wait to welcome your family to the Picayune Theatre Company Performance Academy!

Discover. Develop. Perform.

MONDAY

GRADE 7-9

4:30PM - 5:30PM

GRADE 10-12

5:30PM - 6:30PM

When we begin in Januaray 2027 the above classes will be joined so we can be rehearsing for our production.

Lessons will run from 4:30-6:30pm



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MEET YOUR TEACHERS



Director/Acting
Bethany Carlan

Bethany has been teaching music and acting for many years now. She may look familiar to you as she has been seen on PTC Mainstage productions over the last 2 years. She has a great LOVE for teaching and inspiring the next generation of performers, she is so excited to be at Rising Stars PTC



Musical Director
Colleen Stracener

Colleen is a lifelong musician and piano teacher at Picayune Music, she also teaches for LAAPA and serves as choir director and pianist at two Henleyfield churches. Wife to Roger for 36+ years, mom, Yaya to 3 granddaughters, and keeper of many chickens, she is grateful for this opportunity to invest and teach the students with Rising Stars PTC



Choreographer
Victoria Zemke

Since 2011, Victoria has been teaching and choreographing students from preschool through high school. Trained in jazz, tap, lyrical, ballet, and musical theatre, she is passionate about using dance to build confidence, creativity, and strong storytelling on stage.

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POLICY

Parent & Student Agreement

By enrolling in the Picayune Theatre Company Performance Academy, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the following policies and expectations.

Enrollment & Registration

- A \$25 non-refundable registration fee is required at the time of enrollment to reserve a student's place in the Academy.
- Registration is not complete until all required forms have been submitted and payment has been received.
- Enrollment is subject to class availability.

Tuition & Payments

- Tuition is \$80 per month and is charged on the 1st of each month.
- A valid payment method must be kept on file.
- Tuition is paid through automatic online payments.
- Tuition reserves a student's place in the Academy and is not based on attendance.
- Tuition is non-refundable once charged.

Sibling Discount

- Families enrolling more than one student are eligible for the Academy's sibling discount.
- Discounted tuition applies only while siblings are actively enrolled.

Attendance

- Regular attendance is expected, as each week's lessons build upon previous instruction.
- Students should arrive on time, prepared, and ready to participate.
- If a student is unable to attend, parents should notify the Academy as soon as possible.
- Missed classes are not eligible for refunds, credits, or make-up lessons.



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Performance Commitment

The Performance Academy is designed as a year-long training program that culminates in a fully staged Junior Musical production.

Students enrolling in the Academy understand that:

- Participation in rehearsals is expected.
- Additional rehearsal dates may be scheduled as the production approaches.
- Consistent attendance is essential to the success of the production.
- Excessive absences may result in reassignment or removal from performance opportunities at the discretion of the Production Team.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to:

- Treat instructors, volunteers, and fellow students with kindness and respect.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude and willingness to learn.
- Care for Academy property, costumes, scripts, and equipment.
- Follow all safety instructions and classroom expectations.

Picayune Theatre Company reserves the right to remove any student whose behavior is disruptive, unsafe, or repeatedly violates Academy expectations.

Parent Expectations

Parents agree to:

- Support a positive and respectful learning environment.
- Ensure students arrive on time and are picked up promptly.
- Communicate absences and important information to Academy staff.
- Respect instructors, volunteers, and other Academy families.
- Allow instructors to focus on teaching by avoiding classroom interruptions unless requested

Media Release

- I grant permission for Picayune Theatre Company to photograph and record my child during classes, rehearsals, performances, and Academy events.
- These images and recordings may be used for promotional purposes including social media, websites, advertising, printed materials, and future marketing.



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Medical Authorization

I certify that the medical information provided is accurate.

In the event of an emergency, I authorize Picayune Theatre Company to obtain appropriate medical treatment for my child if I cannot be reached immediately. I understand that all medical expenses remain my responsibility.

Cancellation & Withdrawal

- Parents may withdraw from the Academy by providing 30 days' written notice.
- Tuition already charged is non-refundable.
- Registration fees are non-refundable.
- Picayune Theatre Company reserves the right to cancel classes due to unforeseen circumstances. If this occurs, families will be notified promptly and appropriate arrangements will be made.

Liability

I understand that participation in theatre classes, rehearsals, dance instruction, and performances involves physical activity.

I voluntarily assume these risks and release Picayune Theatre Company, its directors, instructors, volunteers, and venue partners from liability for injuries, accidents, or loss of personal property except where caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Parent/Guardian Agreement

By checking the box below and submitting this registration, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the policies and expectations of the Picayune Theatre Company Performance Academy.





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MONDAY

4:30PM - 5:30PM

7-9TH GRADE

MONDAY

5:30PM - 6:30PM

10TH - 12TH GRADE