



TCT Summer Camp Info

Welcome to Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre Summer Camp 2021!

We are so excited for our return to camp and to see all the children back for an amazing two weeks of acting, singing, dancing and improv lessons! This packet contains important info about camp so please review it with your camper.

Unlike previous years we will not be having a first-day parent meeting. All information you will need is in this document. If you have further questions you are welcome to contact TCT Executive Director Stacey Messina at 205-598-2500 or TCT Artistic Director Drew Baker at 205-310-8010.

For questions during camp hours, please call or text 205-598-2500 or email tct.execdir@gmail.com.

Camp dates: July 12-23, 2021 (M-F only, no weekend camp)

Time: 8 am - Noon (drop-off no earlier than 7:30 am & pick-up no later than 12:30 pm)

Location: St. Francis of Assisi University Parish, 811 5th Ave (campus of the University of Alabama)

Drop-off procedures: Camp staff will meet campers on the sidewalk in front of the church student center on 5th Avenue. Parents may either park and walk their child to the sidewalk or can pull up to the curb along 5th Avenue and we will help your child out to the sidewalk. *If you choose this option, please be sure to approach the church from the south side.*

Pick-up procedures: Campers will be brought out of the building to the 5th Avenue sidewalk for pick-up at noon. Again, parents may either park and walk to the sidewalk to retrieve their child or can pull up to the curb along 5th Avenue and we will help your child to the car. *If you choose this option, please be sure to approach the church from the south side as we will not walk children across the road to cars.*

***Parents – please place a paper on your dashboard with your child's name and class (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, HS). Make sure the print is large enough to read from the sidewalk for pickup.**

We ask parents not to enter the church buildings until the Friday showcase, unless they are dropping off late or picking up early. To do so, please enter the main doors to the parish hall off 5th Avenue.

What to bring: Campers need to bring a water bottle and snack to camp each day. We have some campers with nut allergies, so we kindly ask that you refrain from sending in nut products for snack.

What to wear: Campers need to wear clothes appropriate for movement and closed-toed shoes. No fancy clothes please.

Camp Showcase: Friday July 23 8 am-1 pm

We hope families will join us in the parish hall for campers to show off all they learned and for families to see their talented kids shine! Our showcase will start with our youngest campers and proceed to the one-act performance from our high school campers.

Campers should wear their 2021 camp t-shirt on this day! T-shirts are included in the price of tuition and will be handed out at camp prior to the final day. We also may have some leftover T-shirts from camp and previous shows for purchase at the showcase.

To maintain social distancing in our limited space we are asking families to attend the showcase only during the hour of their child's/children's performance. Campers may leave with their parent after performing but are welcome to stay for the duration of the day. All campers must be picked up by 130 pm Friday.

Showcase Schedule:

8-9 am Grades 1 & 2

9-10 am Grades 3 & 4

10-11 am Grades 5 & 6

11-12 am Grades 7 & 8

12-1 pm Grades 9-12

COVID safeguards: TCT will continue to follow CDC guidelines for camps.

- Anyone fully vaccinated aged 12 and up is not required to wear a mask.
- **Anyone not fully vaccinated or under age 12 must wear a mask while indoors.** Please provide your own mask. If a child arrives without a mask parents can purchase a TCT mask for \$5.
- Masks will not be required during singing lessons, but campers will be spaced out in the very large parish hall. Anyone wishing to remain masked may do so.
- Classes will remain in cohorts with no mingling between classes.
- Weather permitting, snack time will be outside and in class cohorts. There are lots of nice shady and covered areas. If raining, we will space out indoors.

These rules apply to anyone attending the Camp Showcase as well as all campers, instructors, and volunteers. We ask everyone to responsibly and respectfully cooperate with our safety protocols so we can ensure a full two-week camp experience for your child.

In the event of an illness: If your child has any symptoms of any illness we ask that they not attend camp until symptoms subside and 24 hours has passed. If your child displays symptoms of COVID we ask

that you have them tested and produce a negative test prior to returning to camp. In either event, please contact us as soon as possible.

All campers must agree to follow the rules and procedures and will need to sign an acknowledgment and liability waiver. Campers who fail to follow the rules may be sent home early and may not be allowed to return to camp. No refunds will be provided.

Parents also must sign and submit a Media Release Form allowing TCT to take and use videos and photos on our website, social media, printed materials and more.

Waivers must be signed and submitted electronically prior to July 12.

COVID waiver - <https://form.jotform.com/211796181772867>

Media Release waiver - <https://forms.gle/3Jb4RLKMUF8vxDKC7>

Theatre Camp 2021 Class Schedule

	Classes for Grades 1-2	Classes for Grades 3-4	Classes for Grades 5-6	Classes for Grades 7-8	Classes for Grades 9-11
8:15-9:05am	Act Your Age Drew Baker	Let's Dance Cole Cabiness	Improv Margaret Carr	Music of the Theatre Merry Livingston & Bobby Imbody	Let's Put On A Show! Sara Margaret Cates
9:10-10am	Music of the Theatre Merry Livingston & Bobby Imbody	Acting Up! Drew Baker	I've Got Rhythm! Cole Cabiness	Act! Margaret Carr	
10:15-11:05am	Dance Cole Cabiness	Music of the Theatre Merry Livingston & Bobby Imbody	Act! Drew Baker	Improv Margaret Carr	
11:10-12 pm	Imagination Express Drew Baker	Improv Margaret Carr	I've Got Music! Merry Livingston & Bobby Imbody	Dance! Cole Cabiness	

Summer Camp staff:



Drew Baker has served as TCT's Artistic Coordinator since 2009 & is a lifelong resident of Tuscaloosa. She received an MFA in theatre from The University of Alabama and a JD from The University of Alabama School of Law. A member of the T. Earle Johnson All Star Cast, she has appeared in more than 30 plays and musicals with Theatre Tuscaloosa and with the UA Theatre Program. She was recognized with the Best Actress Award at the 2018 Southeastern Theatre Conference Community Theatre Festival. She is the proud mother of Clifton, Amanda, and Will Baker, whom she loves almost as much as her many, MANY cats.



Cole Cabiness is a dancer, actor, and filmmaker from Tuscaloosa who found his love for the arts when he was cast in his first musical production with TCT at the age of seven. Cole has worked under professional performers in the industry including Megan Hilty (*Wicked, Smash*), Stephanie J. Block (*9 to 5, Wicked, The Cher Show*), and Billy Porter (*Kinky Boots, Grease*). Cole's choreography has been featured around the state including the Tuscaloosa County High School Show Choir, Brookwood High School Theatre Department, and the Tuscaloosa Christian School Fine Arts Department. His recent directorial debut in film with his self-written screenplay entitled "Opening Number", a coming-of-age story about a little boy who finds confidence in performing on stage, earned UA's 2021 Achievement in

Pandemic Filmmaking Award. Cole holds an undergraduate degree in film and is pursuing his MBA from the University of Alabama.



Margaret Carr is a recent and proud TCT alumna. Her last show being the 2019 production of *Annie Jr.* where she played Miss Hannigan. She has attended acting/dance workshops in New York and Florida and has been a judge for State Trumbauer. She is currently studying Cultural Anthropology as well as Theatre at The University of Alabama and plans to bring awareness to different forms of Performing Arts in the future.



Sara-Margaret Cates is proud to have worked with TCT for more than 25 years since her first stage role in *Heidi!* She holds degrees from the University of Montevallo and The University of Alabama and toured professionally with the Missoula Children's Theatre. Recently, she directed for the SENSE Theatre Program with UA and was named a Druid Arts Award Theatre Educator. Sara-Margaret has over 10 years of experience in arts education and is the Director of Performing Arts at Tuscaloosa Academy where she teaches music and theatre to students in pre-K through 12th grade. She is also an award-winning director and was recently chosen as the District 2 Chair for the Alabama Conference of Theatre's Secondary Division.



Bobby Imbody is an expert on public speaking and a gifted forensics coach! He's also a performer who grew up performing in anything he could all the way into college and then made teaching performance and speech his career as a speech coach. He has taught at Kansas State University, UA, and George Mason University. He's also a familiar face backstage as a parent volunteer with two girls active in TCT.



Merry Livingston studied music at the University of Alabama and has been working with children as an educator for thirty years. Today, she serves as a frequent pianist and musical director for Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre, directs children's choir at both school and church, and is a librarian at Westwood Elementary.