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2025-2026 Saturday and After-School Sessions



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FOR ADULTS

Private Classes

Specialized classes designed for groups or individuals taught by Artistic Director Emily Mattina. Great for corporate outings, public speaking practice, and team building exercises.

Ages 18 and up

Times Flexible to your needs (For individuals)

Cost 4 one-hour sessions for \$500

Please call for more details!

THE SHAKESPERIENCE APPROACH

Whether teaching, or rehearsing to perform for our diverse audience, the Shakesperience Approach focuses on creating thought provoking, socially aware, and artistically excellent productions celebrating and using language to create action while developing a positive ensemble. Individual performers develop a defined sense of self through the creation of and interaction with a strong ensemble. Both actor and audience utilize their unique relationship to experience a heightened sense of reflection on the performance. Shakesperience Productions' professional artists create programming rooted in classical literature while celebrating, examining, and experiencing humanity and human experience.

OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Emily Mattina:

Ms. Mattina earned a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire with a major in Theater and an M.A. in 17th Century English Literature with an emphasis on Shakespeare from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. A founder of Shakesperience Productions, Inc., she has lead the art and education programs since the company's inception. She developed the Shakesperience Approach through the many workshops and residency programs under her direction.

FALL SESSION

October 4 – December 6

No class on Saturday, November 29

Holidays in Waterbury

Highlighting the history as communities, each student will describe their favorite Holiday experience, which will become a short script.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am

The Gift of the Magi

Students will perform alongside our resident professional actors to bring Emily Mattina's adaptation of the classic holiday tale to life.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL

October 6 – December 3

No class on November 26

A humanities-based initiative exploring the intersection of time, history, personal and community transformation. Students learn about Waterbury history and use that to create a performance including acting, writing, directing, music, and visual art. Guest speakers to be announced soon.

Grades 2– 12

Time 3:30pm—5:30pm (Mon. & Wed.)

WINTER SESSION

January 3 – February 14

Snow date February 21

Exploring El Barrio

Students explore characters and themes through Spanish Folktales. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our El Barrio! Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Students explore territory between dreams and reality as the production proceeds through the Athenian court, the lawlessness of the forest, and the disconcerting randomness of the dream state.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm



**All classes take place at our studio.
Scholarships available!**



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SPRING SESSION

March 7 – April 25

No class April 4

Sword in the Stone

With anti bullying, gender equality, and environmental awareness messages framed in respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, caring, fairness and citizenship, students perform Arthur's journey from obscurity to monarchy. Sorcerer Merlin and brother Kai help and guide him along the way as Arthur meets his destiny.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am

***Additional performance during Give Local**

Hamlet

Hamlet's world is turned upside down by his mother's marriage to his uncle following the murder of his father. He questions the purpose of life and plans his revenge.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm

***Additional performance during Give Local**

AFTER SCHOOL

February 6 – May 14

No class on March 26

Students create new scenes based on folklore that they choose and research.

Grades 2– 12

Time 3:30pm—5:30pm (Mon & Wed)