

Education Arts Theatre Program - Now offered at YDA

We are excited to announce that YDA has been selected as a host studio for the Education Arts Canada Program. Since 2003, hundreds of talented kids from across Ontario have had the experience of a lifetime, working alongside a professional cast and crew in large productions, touring to some of the most beautiful theatres in Ontario and Quebec, entertaining and delighting thousands of school children with song, dance, humor and wonderful stories. This unique work/study program offers young performers an opportunity to participate in a large-scale professional musical — and to make a difference in the lives of our grateful audience members. Many former Kids Troupe performers have gone on to major roles on stage and screen, but ALL performers make incredible memories that will last forever.

WHO CAN APPLY?

This opportunity is best suited to performers who are:

- ✓ In grade 4-10 (8-15 years of age)
- ✓ Strong dancers who have had previous dance experience
- ✓ Energetic, hardworking kids who love to sing, dance and perform
- ✓ Able to miss up to approximately 7 days of school throughout the year
- ✓ Able to commit 100% to all rehearsals and performances without exceptions other than unanticipated illness
- ✓ Serious performers who want to take their training to the next level!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Interested young performers must audition for this opportunity. Successful candidates must commit to all rehearsals and performance dates. There is a fee for this program, which covers the choreographer fee and studio rental fee.

Once a member of the troupe, the young performer will attend classes with the other local performers in preparation for the tour. Attendance is mandatory. Unlike casual performance groups, every class will be teaching a critical part of what they need to know for the tour and cannot be missed.

YDA AUDITION DATES:

Thursday, September 26th from 7:30-8:30 PM - 30 Innovator Ave., Unit 1, Stouffville, ON.

[Click here for Google directions to the Stouffville Studio](#)

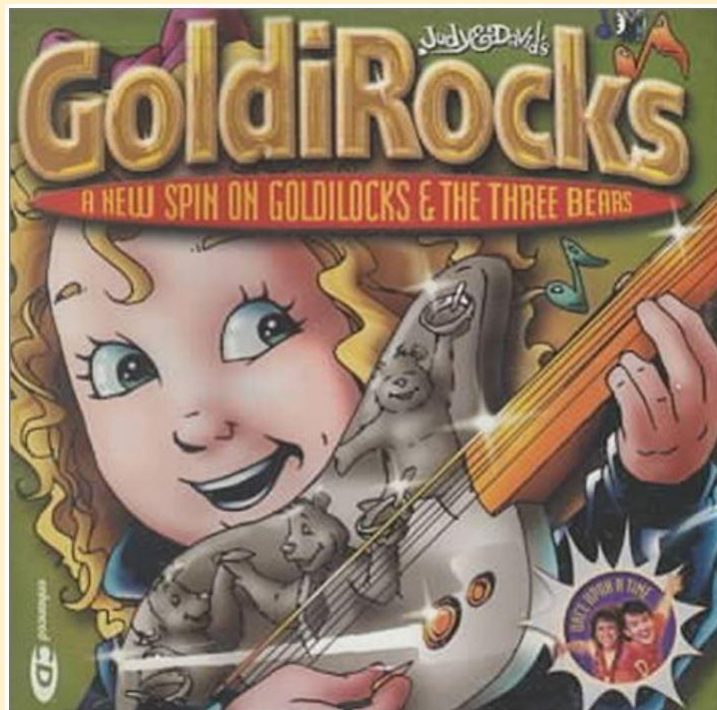
Sunday, September 29th from 11:45-12:45 PM – 17665 Leslie St., Unit 2, Newmarket, ON.

[Click here for Google directions to the Aurora Studio](#)

WHEN ARE THE CLASSES TO HELD?

Classes will be on Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 PM at our Stouffville location on the following dates; Oct 3,10,17,24, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec 5, 12, 19, 2019 and Jan 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, Mar 5, 19, 26, Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 14, 21, 2020

Classes will also run on Sundays, from 11:45 AM-12:45 PM at our Newmarket location on the following dates; Oct 6, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 2019 and Jan 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 1, 8, 22, 29, Apr 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 24, 2020.



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IS THERE A DRESS REHEARSAL?

Just before the tour, there is a dress rehearsal with the main professional cast. Our rehearsal is scheduled for February 19th 2020 at the Fairview Library Theatre commencing at 4:00 pm. After the dress rehearsal, there will be up to seven days of performances (not in a row), typically of 2-3 shows per day. Each show is approximately 55 minutes long.

ARE PERFORMERS COMPENSATED?

As this is a valuable learning experience and will provide youth with a wealth of training in the world of theatre, performers do not receive payment. Parents however, are offered a limited number of "FREE" tickets to performances. The production also provides all costumes (beyond the performer's basic under-costume / dance blacks), a tour t-shirt and healthy snacks. Parents provide transportation to and from performances, but many arrange for car pools. Some local performance groups also help with transportation.

WHERE ARE THE PERFORMANCES BEING HELD?

Our troupe is scheduled to perform at 5 theatres and will do two shows a day. The 2020 tour and dates are listed below. Dancers must commit to all of these performances in their area, however, we will have understudies available should something come up. Dancers must be prepared to miss school in order to participate in these shows.

Feb 24-27	Markham • Markham Theatre	April 14-15	Waterloo • Humanities Theatre
March 2-5	Vaughan • City Playhouse	June 3-11	YDA Dance Revues
March 24-26	Scarborough • P C Ho Theatre		* Newmarket Theatre-details TBA
April 1	Cobourg • Victoria Hall		

WHAT IS THE PRODUCTION FOR 2020?

The production for the 2020 season is called GOLDIROCKS. For further details click on the link to the PDF.
<http://educationarts.ca/eac/wp02/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Goldi-2020-generic-1.pdf>

WHO WILL WE BE PERFORMING FOR?

Students from grades JK-Grade 3 from the local school boards around the theatre you are performing in. This is often their first live theatre performance and is scheduled as a school field trip.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The fee for the whole year is \$550.00 plus HST. This covers 30 hours of in studio instruction time plus the dress rehearsal time with the professional actors.

Dancers are required to arrange their own transportation to and from the theatre.

Parents will receive a limited number of free tickets to the performances.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Click on the link below to sign-up for the audition. There is a \$10.00 audition fee, which is to be paid at the audition. Please direct any questions to info@yorkdance.com

[Goldirocks Audition Sign-up](#)