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## **Emerald City Theatre School Summer Camp: Where Your Child's Imagination is the Key to Fantastical Journeys, Inspired Characters, and a Creative New World**

**CHICAGO, DECEMBER 28, 2011**—Emerald City Theatre School is proud to offer critically acclaimed summer camps for 3.5 to 13 year olds for summer 2012. Campers step into a world of creative play and imaginative story where they use their imaginations to discover new characters, locations, and write their own dialogue. Emerald City Theatre Summer Camp focuses on ensemble in addition to acting, singing, and dancing—so each camper will become a part of a team to put on a final show on the last day of camp.

Emerald City Theatre School Summer Camps are divided up into three age groups: 3.5 to 5 year olds, 5 to 6 year olds, and 7-13 year olds. 3.5 to 5 year old camps are half day camps that run for one week sessions, while the camps for older ages are full day camps that run for two week sessions. Emerald City Theatre School Summer Camp will be in session from June 4 to August 24, 2012. Each camp is tailored to the age group and to the camp's title theme. For 3.5 to 5 year olds, titles range from **Under the Sea** to **Superheroes** to **Fairy Tale Magic**. For 5 to 6 year olds, Emerald City is offering camps such as **The Little Mermaid**, **The Lion King**, and **The Adventures of Junie B. Jones**. For the kids aged 7-13, there's **Glee**, **James and the Giant Peach**, and **The Muppets**, among others. All camps include a final presentation on the last day for family and friends.

All camps will be held at the Emerald City Playhouse Theatre, 2933 N Southport Ave, and the Athenaeum Theatre Building, 2936 N Southport Ave. For more information and to register, visit [EmeraldCityTheatre.com](http://EmeraldCityTheatre.com) or call 773.529.2690.

### **Camps for 3.5 to 5 Year Olds**

Duration: 1 week; Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm  
Cost: \$225/session  
Location: Emerald City's Playhouse Theatre

2933 N. Southport Ave., unless noted otherwise

<b>DATES</b>	<b>CAMP</b>	<b>For Who?</b>
June 4-8	Princess and Knight Boot Camp	The Adventurer
June 11-15	Fairy Tale Magic	The Fantasy Dreamer
June 18-22	Seussville	The Rhyme Maker
June 25-29	Superheroes	The Hero
July 2-6 (no class July 4)	Pinkalicious	The Independent
July 9-13	Pirates & Mermaids	The Swashbuckler
July 16-20	Superheroes	The Hero
July 23-27	Under the Sea	The Explorer
July 30 – Aug 3	Fancy Nancy	The Fashionista
Aug 6-10	Wizard of Oz	The Team Player
Aug 13-17*	Superheroes	The Hero
Aug 20-24	Princess and Knight Boot Camp	The Adventurer
August 20-24*	Fairy Tale Magic	The Fantasy Dreamer

\*Location: Athenaeum Theatre Building

### Camps for 5 to 6 Year Olds

Duration: 2 weeks; Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

Cost: \$750/session

Location: Athenaeum Theatre Building

2936 N. Southport Ave.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
June 18-29	The Little Mermaid
July 2-13 (no class July 4)	The Lion King
July 16-27	Wizard of Oz
July 30-Aug 10	Mary Poppins
Aug 13-24	Adventures of Junie B. Jones

### Camps for 7 to 13 Year Olds

Duration: 2 Weeks, Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm

Cost: \$750/Session

Location: Athenaeum Theatre Building

2936 N. Southport Ave.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>CAMP</b>
June 18-29	Annie
July 2-13 (no class July 4)	Glee
July 16-27	James & The Giant Peach
July 30-Aug 10	Mary Poppins
Aug 13-24	The Muppets

### Enrollment and Payment Policies:

- To register for camp visit [EmeraldCityTheatre.com](http://EmeraldCityTheatre.com) or call 773-529-2690

- Enrollment for all camps starts Tuesday, January 3, 2011 at 10:00am.
- Full payment is due at time of enrollment.
- No refunds available unless your spot can be filled from the waiting list. All refunds will be in full less a \$50 administrative fee.
- For full policy procedures go to [www.emeraldcitytheatre.com](http://www.emeraldcitytheatre.com)

### **About Emerald City Theatre School**

At the Emerald City Theatre School we love to have fun! And we know that children who participate in theater have greater self-confidence, improved literacy and math skills and greater problem solving skills. Under the direction of Jacqueline Stone, Education Director, the Emerald City Theatre School is your partner in raising an imaginative, loving and confident child.

Emerald City Theatre School offers year-round programming including Summer Camps, classes, After School Programs and Residencies, professional development for educators, and special needs programs. In the 10-11 year, the Theatre School served over 1,000 students. The classes focus on ensemble building, confidence and communication through theme-based classes, musical theater and improvisation. The School employs a staff of experienced teaching artists who have worked with acclaimed companies, community organizations, and Chicago area schools including Steppenwolf, The Second City, iO, Chicago Dramatists, Menominee Club, Park School Special Education, and Ronald Knox Montessori School.

### **About Emerald City Theatre**

Named the 2009 and 2010 Nickelodeon Parents' Pick Award for Best Theater Group for Kids, Emerald City serves as a Child's Gateway to the Arts, inspiring early learners through play. Emerald City Theatre is one of Chicago's most attended non-profit theaters with an annual attendance of nearly 70,000 between its performance home at Apollo Theater and regional tours. Emerald City is proud to be the home of 28 world premiere productions. Emerald City employs nearly 100 of Chicago's top artistic and teaching talent to bring magical, interactive productions, and programs that entertain children and their grown-ups in all parts of Chicagoland. The company's year-round programming includes live productions at the Apollo Theater and other venues, theatre class offerings, summer theatre camps, an extensive touring program, and literacy initiatives.

Emerald City continues to expand its artistic and institutional boundaries under the guidance of Executive Director Karen Cardarelli, Producing Artistic Director Ernie Nolan, Managing Director Gillian Gorra, and a twenty-member Board of Directors. Emerald City is a non-profit company, supported by Beermann Swerdlove, Chicago Community Trust, City Arts, Deloitte, Illinois Arts Council, Katten, KPMG, BeechTree Partners, La Rabida Children's Hospital, The MacArthur Fund for the Arts and Culture, National Endowment for the Arts, Winston & Strawn, and the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.

Emerald City's performance home is the Apollo Theater, located at 2540 N. Lincoln Ave in Lincoln Park. Single tickets begin at \$16 for adults and \$13 for children. A limited number of \$10 tickets are available for each performance. Single tickets can be purchased online or by calling the Apollo Theater Box Office at 773-935-6100 or at [www.EmeraldCityTheatre.com](http://www.EmeraldCityTheatre.com).

The 2011-2012 Mainstage Season includes *If You Give a Cat a Cupcake*; *Junie B. Jones* in *Jingle Bells*, *Batman Smells*; *Snow White*; and *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. Don't miss the opening of the Emerald City Playhouse, a performance space for the very young, with the world premiere of *Goodnight Gorilla* in May 2012.

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