



Emerald City Theatre School

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EMERALD CITY THEATRE SCHOOL EXPANDS SUMMER CAMP DUE TO HIGH ENROLLMENT DEMAND

CHICAGO, April 27 – Despite the current economic crisis and its effects on the Chicago arts community, the **Emerald City Theatre School** announces its **largest Summer Camp to date**, totaling **16 different camps sessions** from **June 8 - August 28**. Due to high enrollment demand (enrollment has already surpassed last summer), 6 camp sessions have been added.

Named “**Best Theatre Camp for Kids**” by Chicago Magazine, the Emerald City Theater Summer Camp is **projected to have over 350 campers this year**, which is **165 more campers than last summer**. **Already 7 of the 16 camp sessions are sold out.**

The Emerald City Theatre School Summer Camp offers camps for two age groups. **3.5-5 yr old camps are 1 week long theme-based camps** with a different theme each week. **6-10 yr old camps are 3 weeks long** that explore skills such as acting, singing, dancing and writing. **All camps focus on skills that enhance team-work, leadership, communication, problem-solving and self-confidence and include a final performance for family and friends.**

Camps are being held in two locations, the Apollo Theater Main Stage, 2540 N. Lincoln Avenue, and the Emerald City Theatre School, 2933 N. Southport Avenue.

Camps for 3.5- 5 yr olds

Duration: 1 week, Mon-Fri, 9-12pm (some camps offered from 1-4pm)

Cost: \$225/session

Location: The Theatre School, 2933 N. Southport Ave. (unless otherwise noted)

Dates

June 8-12

June 15-19

June 22-26

June 29 –July 3

July 6-10

July 13-17

July 20-24

July 27-31

Camp Name

If You Take a Mouse to Summer Camp...

Fairy Tale Magic 9am-12pm SOLD OUT and 1-4pm Session Added!

Journey to Neverland 9am-12pm SOLD OUT and 1-4pm Session Added!

Where the Wild Things Are

Pirates and Mermaids 9am-12pm SOLD OUT and 1-4pm Session Added!

Under the Sea 9am-12pm SOLD OUT

Wizard of Oz 9am-12pm SOLD OUT and 1-4pm Session Added!

Seussville 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm Available.

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August 3–7 **Superheroes** 9am-12pm SOLD OUT and 1pm-4pm Session Added!
August 10–14 **Dr. Dolittle's Safari Adventure**
August 17–21* **Princess Boot Camp** 9am-12pm SOLD OUT
August 17–21 **Ice Age Dinosaurs!**
August 24-28* **Enchanted Musical Forest**

** Located at Apollo Theater and Emerald City Theatre School*

Camps for 6-10 yr olds

Duration: 3 weeks, Mon-Fri, 9-3pm

Cost: \$1,110/session

Location: The Apollo Theater, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Camp Name</u>
June 15-July 2	Classical Musical Theatre
July 6-24	Triple Threat
July 27-August 14	Jukebox Musical Theatre

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 wants to be your partner in raising an **imaginative, loving and confident child.**

Emerald City Theatre School offers **year-round programming** including Summer Camps, Classes, and After School Programs and Residencies, serving over **700 students** throughout the Chicagoland area in 2008-09. 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 Company

Emerald City Theatre is one **Chicago's most attended non-profit theaters** with an annual attendance of nearly 100,000. **Its mission is to produce family theater experiences that serve as a Child's Gateway to the Arts inspiring early learning through play.**

Emerald City is proud to be the home of **twenty-three world premiere productions** as well as **four Chicago premieres.** Emerald City employs some of Chicago's top artistic and teaching talent to bring magical, interactive productions and programs that entertain as well as celebrate literacy. The company's year-round programming includes live productions at the Apollo Theater and other venues, theater class offerings, summer theater camps, an extensive touring program, and an annual Celebrate Reading literacy initiative.

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Emerald City continues to expand its artistic and institutional boundaries under the guidance of Executive Director Karen Cardarelli, Associate Artistic Director Ernie Nolan, a 22-member Board of Directors, a 12-person Administrative staff, and an Advisory Council of nearly 40 civic and business leaders, media personalities and theater professionals. Emerald City is a non-profit company, supported by KPMG, Katten, Deloitte, Coleman Cable, Wildman Harrold, Chicago Community Trust and Illinois Arts Council.

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