

Stage Right Summer Camp Updates

The Summer of 2022 brought an unprecedented demand for our summer camp programs. Due to this demand, last summer was the first time we were unable to open spots for new students, and had some returning students waitlisted even after our camps filled to capacity with other returning students. In response, we introduced what we then called our Mini-Camps, which were a huge hit with our youngest campers. As a result, we are proud to announce that what we are now calling our **Opening Act Camps** for campers in grades K-2 will continue this coming summer, even bigger and better than before. Stay tuned for details on these two-week camps!

Because of the demand last summer and the expansion of our Opening Act Camps, we are making some changes to the age eligibility for our elementary camps for new campers, as well as Early Access qualifications. We hope these changes will ease pressure on enrollment and help us welcome even more students into our incredible summer programs.

What is Early Access? This is a specific group of Stage Right families that are able to enroll students in summer camps prior to open, public registration. This group has access to 80% of the available spots in our camps, leaving at least 20% of available spots open to the public each year. Any returning students who are unable to secure a spot during Early Access are also able to join the waitlist early, putting them at the top of the list in the event that a camp fills before they can secure a spot during open, public registration.

<u>NEW EARLY ACCESS and AGE/GRADE RANGE QUALIFICATIONS</u> Effective as of January 1, 2023

2023 Early Access Qualifications

In order to be part of the Early Access group, a student must have participated in at least one of the following programs:

- Show Choir Student (student must participate in a full academic year of show choir)
- 2022 Summer Camper (student who participated in any of our 2022 summer camps)
- Academy Young Professionals Program Students (student must participate in a full academic year of YPP)
- Cast Members of 13 (2022) or Chicago (2023)

2023 Summer Camp Age/Grade Range & Exceptions:

- Opening Act Camps grades K-2 who are new to Stage Right
- Elementary School Camp grades 3-6 (boys 3-8)
 - **Exception:** Any 1st or 2nd grader during the 2022-23 school year who was in the elementary school camp the previous year will be allowed to register.
 - \circ Starting Summer 2023:
 - **Kindergartners** all students in this grade during the 2022-23 school year will enroll in Opening Act Camps
 - 1st graders ONLY students who participated in Beauty & The Beast (2022) as Kindergartners will be allowed to enroll
 - **2nd graders** ONLY students who participated in Beauty & The Beast (2022) as 1st graders will be allowed to enroll
- Middle School Camp grades 6-9
- High School Camp grades 9-12