



AMERICAN  
STAGE

# EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS





# OUR MISSION

Experiencing theatre—both as an audience member and as a creator—inspires us to become bolder, wiser, and more compassionate, on stage and in life. Committed to making high-quality arts education accessible to all, regardless of cultural or socioeconomic background, American Stage nurtures intellectual, creative, and emotional growth through drama school classes, camps, theatre for young audiences, and adult programs, all centered on the transformative craft of storytelling.



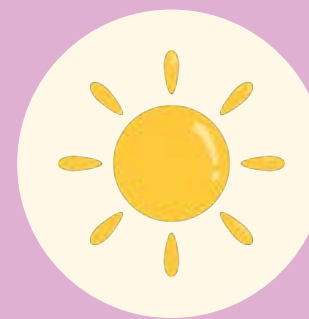


# OUR PROGRAMS

American Stage Education promotes intellectual, social, and emotional growth through inclusive and accessible programs, including productions for young audiences and enriching collaborations with schools and community groups.



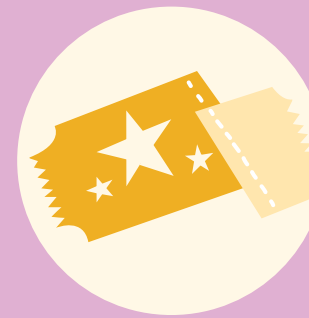
**Drama School**



**Summer Camp**



**Write On**



**Student Matinees**



**School Tour**



# Drama School

American Stage offers unique classes where kids, teens, and adults can explore the joy of performing arts. Our year-round programs help students grow confidence as performers while encouraging creativity, curiosity, and emotional growth, all within a supportive, community-centered space.



Dynamic classes for Youth ages 5-17  
and Adults of all experience levels

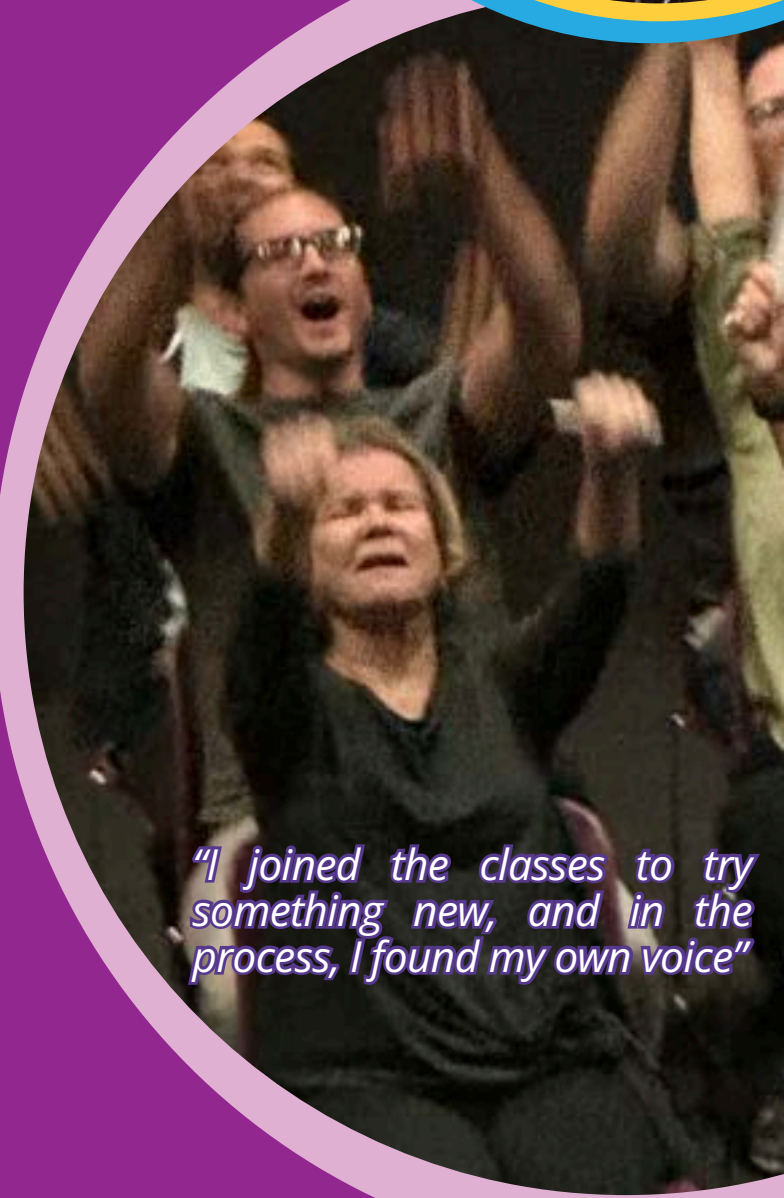


Fall & Spring semester sessions



Engages about 170 youth and  
adults annually

*"I can see the progress of  
my children not just  
artistically, but personally  
and emotionally"*



*"I joined the classes to try  
something new, and in the  
process, I found my own voice"*



# Summer Camp

With approximately 20 sessions for ages 5–17, American Stage's annual Summer Camp is designed to ignite students' creative voices through theatre education ranging from musical theatre intensives to puppetry to playwriting.



*"We found a safe environment for our kids and a meaningful summer experience"*

*"My kids came home with nothing but positive things to say about their day at camp"*



**8-week program for  
ages 5-17**

**Around 20 different  
camps offered**

**Welcomes around 400  
children each summer**

**Camp themes and titles  
change each year**

**Camps led by professional  
teaching artists**




# School Tour

For over a generation, many children from the Tampa Bay area have experienced theatre for the first time through the American Stage School Tour. Each year, professional theatre artists visit elementary schools to perform culturally relevant stories and provide teachers with a study guide aligned with Florida State Standards. For Pinellas County schools, the program is fully funded by the district and free to participate.

Longest running program in  
AS history

Offered to children  
grades K-5

Reaches about 10000 K-5  
students annually



*"Some children don't get the chance to experience performing arts and American Stage gave them that very meaningful opportunity!"*



*"The performances served as a source of inspiration for our students"*



# Write On!

## Pinellas Playwriting Residencies

Write On! Pinellas Playwriting Residencies offer educational modules in collaborative storytelling at no cost to Pinellas County secondary schools. Over the course of an academic semester, students develop their own plays, gaining confidence as they explore their creative voices, collaborate with peers, and cultivate empathy and self-awareness.

Offered for Youth grades 6-12

Serves 300 youth annually

*"Write On! has helped my students find their voice. It is a transformative experience"*

*"My students not only enhance their writing skills but also develop confidence and a sense of belonging"*






# Write On!

## Si Se Puede


Write On! *Si Se Puede* provides no-cost educational modules in collaborative storytelling for Pinellas County ESOL classrooms. Over the course of a semester, students create their own plays through kinesthetic learning and engagement with our culturally responsive school tour. This process helps them adapt and interpret stories while activating their creative voices, strengthening collaboration skills, and fostering self-awareness and empathy.



*"I have seen shy students blossom into confident writers, and friendships forged through shared creative exploration"*

**Offered for Elementary Students**

**100 youth served annually**



*"American Stage's commitment to nurturing young talent is vital for our community"*



# Student Matinees

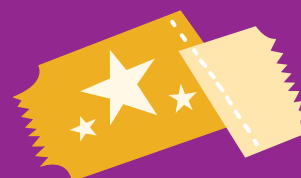
American Stage partners with local educators and the Pinellas County School District to provide students with access to high-quality, professional live theatre. Each year, at least two Mainstage productions are selected to align with educators' curricula, offering a performance, a post-show talkback, and an in-class workshop led by an American Stage teaching artist.



Offered for Middle and High-School audiences



Serves around 750 students annually



Includes a Florida Standards-aligned study guide and a post-show talkback



*"Most of my students had never seen professional theatre before and had no idea of what to expect. They loved it!"*

*"This is an incredible cultural and educational experience for students"*



# OUR SPONSOR A STUDENT PROGRAM

Our Sponsor-A-Student program provides scholarships for children and teens to attend drama school classes, Summer Camp, or outreach programs at little or no cost. Many of the students we support come from families with limited financial means, live in foster care, or have special needs. Through collaborative theatre-making, students have fun while building confidence, enhancing communication skills, developing leadership abilities, and discovering more about themselves and others.

**Around 60 scholarships are  
awarded each year!**

**In-kind and financial  
contributions received**





# OUR TEACHING ARTISTS

Around 30 professional teaching artists are employed annually to facilitate our educational programs, receiving year-round professional development to enhance their artistry and classroom skills. From 2014 to 2019, American Stage was recognized three times by the WEDU Be More Awards—once for outreach programs like Write On! and School Tour, and twice for our teaching artists, whose contributions are essential to their success.



*“Teaching artists are true inspirations and the perfect example of the quality of American Stage programs”*



# OUR PROFESSIONAL APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Each year, American Stage employs about 3 apprentices who support our educational programs and gain knowledge in nonprofit regional theatre, focusing on arts education and teaching artistry. Apprentices also assist in operations such as front of house, box office, marketing, development, events, artistic, company management, finance, and community engagement.







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