

Performing Arts



Theater Programs

Advanced Theatre Placement

Directed by Jessi Hersman

This high level group for grades 6 - 12 will cover a wide range of challenging and fun theatre topics. This group is for the experienced performer who is dedicated and ready to learn unique and challenging techniques. Class will help build a strong performer but also help create a confident person as well. Auditions for this group will be September 14 at the Community Arts Center. If accepted into the group, the registration fee is \$200. The group meets on Thursdays from 6 - 8 pm. For more information, please contact Jessi Hersman at jessi@bgparks.org or 847.850.2152.

Actor's Summer Adventure

Join instructor Elise Hackl and staff from NWSRA as we put together a summer musical review for performers of all abilities and ages. This new program, offered for Special Recreation participants, will be an adventure every week. Class meets on Mondays from 5:15 to 6:30 pm. If you are interested in being a participant or buddy for this program, please contact Jessi Hersman at 847.850.2152 or jessi@bgparks.org.

Upcoming Performances

All Shook Up

2017 Summer Musical

Directed and Choreography by Karen Shuman
Music Direction by Aaron Kaplan

Big Deal Productions is delighted to present All Shook Up as our 2017 Summer Musical production. Loosely based on Shakespeare's Twelfth night, All Shook Up tells the story of a small town girl from somewhere in the middle of a square state...in the middle of a square decade...and the motorcycle-riding roustabout she falls for. Inspired by and featuring the music of Elvis Presley, this hip-swiveling, musical comedy will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes, with such classics as Heartbreak Hotel, Jailhouse Rock, and Don't Be Cruel.

Performances will be held on July 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 7:30 pm, and July 23 and 30 at 2 pm at the Community Arts Center. Tickets for adults and children ages 12 and up are \$18 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Tickets for children ages 11 and under are \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the door. Tickets will be available for purchase at bigdealproductions.org starting on June 16. For more information, please contact Lindsay at lindsay@bgparks.org or 847.850.2132.

BG Singers

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 25th Anniversary BG Singers celebration concert, entitled, "Wish." The popular BG Singers will present an exciting and moving choral show featuring a fresh, fun variety of classic and contemporary pop hits. Specific information on the production will be available in our fall 2017 program guide. Please contact Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 or lindsay@bgparks.org for more information.

Friday, September 15 at 7:30 pm
Saturday, September 16 at 7:30 pm
Sunday, September 17 at 3 pm

Private Instruction

Voice Lessons

Your voice is your instrument. Discover the tools you need to develop it to its maximum potential under the expert guidance of Beryl Bellows. Voice lessons are not just for future Broadway stars and opera singers. Strengthen your vocal mechanism, breathing and confidence in your own voice. Skills learned in voice lessons can be used to offer a song as an original gift, impress your friends on Karaoke night or even improve your diction and projection for public speaking and presentations.

Voice lessons are offered at a variety of days and times. Lessons are available for adults and children ages 10 and up. No previous music experience is required. For information on availability and pricing, please call Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132.

Piano Lessons

The Buffalo Grove Park District offers piano lessons at a variety of days and times. Children 5 years and older (or confident readers) and adults with all levels of experience are welcome; and, no prior instruction in piano or music is required. Students may need to purchase their own instruction books and music, typically less than \$25. Please call Lindsay Grandt at 847.850.2132 for pricing information or to reserve the next available session.

Private Acting Instruction

Big Deal Productions is excited to offer private acting instruction for actors on a weekly basis, or in preparation for an upcoming audition. Children and adults with all levels of experience are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more acting techniques in a one on one setting. Private Acting Instruction is offered on a variety of different days and times. Lessons are \$30 for a half-hour session and \$50 for a full hour session. Please call Jessi Hersman at 847.850.2152 for more information or to reserve a time for your individualized acting session.



Giving is one of the most significant demonstrations of commitment to the community that an individual can make. If you would like to have direct involvement in the cultural enrichment of our community theatre for generations to come, please consider supporting I Heart the Arts. Donations are tax deductible.

Projects

VESTIBULE

One of the projects that will be sponsored by the donations we receive is reconstruction of the building's main entrance. By reconfiguring the location of the entrance, as well as building a vestibule, we will be able to provide everyone who visits the Community Arts Center with a more enjoyable experience.

In addition to providing more curb appeal, the new entranceway will increase safety by creating an improved waiting area for pickup and drop-off, as well as better egress to the parking lot. Other benefits of the redesigned entrance with a vestibule are that it will be accessible according to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and it will make the building significantly more energy efficient.

This revised floorplan was developed through the collaboration of Buffalo Grove Park District staff and the Board of Commissioners. The plan is based on current uses, while taking future needs into consideration.

THEATER SEATING

A portion of the donations we receive will go toward redesigned audience seating in our theater. Currently, the seating is on a level floor, making it more difficult to see the further back one is in the theater. This project will implement raised seating that will pitch down as the rows get closer to the front of the theater, resulting in improved sight lines and a better overall audio and visual experience for audience members.