

## THE THEATRE NETWORK SUMMER ACADEMY

*Spend four weeks creating and rehearsing a new play  
and then perform it as part of the Edmonton Fringe Festival!*



### WHAT IS THE THEATRE NETWORK SUMMER ACADEMY?

*"Participating in the Academy was a one of the best experiences of my life! It was truly a dream come true... In the duration of the Academy, I felt like I became a better writer and performer.... I cannot wait to do this Academy again!" - 2022 Student Participant*

*"I loved getting to spend so much time with such a wonderful group of people. Everyone in the TNSA is so kind and dedicated. It was such a nurturing, fun environment." - 2023 Student Participant*

*"This theatre allows you to have a bigger part in front of real audiences, which is fantastic for anybody's development as a performer. Also, the beginning stages of planning and developing the story were great." - 2024 Student Participant*

*"Being able to be involved in the writing process is what really separates it from other teen programs for me. I love to write, and having the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of theatre production is really special to me. Being able to really craft a show from scratch is such a gift to me and I love being able to do this program." - 2025 Student Participant*

Created by Theatre Network and hosted at the newly built Roxy Theatre on 124<sup>th</sup> Street, the TN Summer Academy provides the unique opportunity for young theatre artists to gather, create and perform a new play at the Edmonton International Fringe Festival in August.

During four weeks of rehearsal, students aged 14-17 will develop and rehearse a play, work on developing performance skills, learn about theatre creation, experiment with style, connect with mentors through workshops and meet like-minded peers. All students take part in the creation of the play and then students can choose to be a part of the theatre design/technical theatre side of the production or on stage as an actor.

After the four weeks of rehearsal, the ensemble will present a show run of public performances on the Nancy Power stage in the newly built Roxy Theatre on 124<sup>th</sup> Street during the Edmonton International Fringe Festival.

*"Two things stood out to me the most while participating in the Theatre Network Summer Academy. The first being the detailed step by step process of creating our play. It gave me an opportunity to really experience and participate in what it's like to create a show. Secondly I loved working with everyone, meaning: the cast, Ellen, all our other instructors and all the people who came in to teach us something..." - 2022 Student Participant*

*"We are so grateful to everyone involved for making it such an incredible experience. She came home every day excited to tell us about what was worked on and or learned that day." -2022 Parent*

*"The structure of the program and working toward a goal gave my child a sense of purpose and a drive to succeed and be excellent. It was wonderful to see her rise to the challenge of performance with only 4 weeks to prepare!" -2024 Parent*

*"[My child] loved every minute of it." - 2024 Parent*

*"[My child] was so excited from the moment he was invited to the program, to small jitters the days prior, to absolute happiness after the first day that never died down the duration of the program. He made instant friends, felt comfortable right away, bonded with likeminded peers, and absolutely loved this version of putting on a professional play.' - 2025 Parent*

## **DATES**

Four Week Rehearsal Process July 20- August 14, 2026 (Monday through Friday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm)

Fringe Performance Run 7 performances over the Festival (August 14-23, 2026)

## **LOCATION**

Rehearsal and performance- Roxy Theatre on 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
10708 124 St, Edmonton, AB T5M 0H1



## **HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?**

The TN Summer Academy is a theatre program for young artists who are serious about theatre. Artists can become involved in the program by application and audition/ interview.

Application takes place starting in October 2025 and the student's application should include:

- Filled out Application Form (Application Form will be available on the Theatre Network website)
- A short letter from the applicant that explains their history in the arts and why they would like to be a part of the TN Summer Academy 2026
- (only if necessary) A filled out Scholarship Application Form

After the application has been received, the applicant will be contacted to perform an audition or interview which can take many formats.

## **ACADEMY FEE**

Four Week Academy Classes and Performance Run - \$1,250.00

***All participating students are eligible for partial and full scholarships.***

For more information on the TN Summer Academy  
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