



## Disney Performing Arts

### OVERVIEW

Disney Performing Arts is a series of workshops, competitions, festivals and events designed to help participants showcase and develop their talent through exclusive opportunities that only Disney can provide. Participating groups can sing, dance and shine in the spotlight on world-famous Disney stages, taking their talents to new heights and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Offered year-round at both the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida and the Disneyland Resort in California, programs are open to middle and high school students and other performance groups from around the world. Disney Performing Arts offers experiences suitable for all proficiency levels in four disciplines including: vocal, theatre, dance and instrumental.

This year, Disney Performing Arts celebrates a new association with the GRAMMY Foundation. The GRAMMY Foundation aims to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the value and impact of music and arts education. Additionally, Disney Performing Arts continues a strong connection with The National Association for Music Education as it stays dedicated to educators advancing and preserving music education as part of the core curriculum of schools. Valuable relationships like these allow instrumental, vocal and dance groups to participate in Disney Performing Arts where they can learn, perform and celebrate at the Disney theme parks.

Since 1955, Over 30,000 groups from every state in America and six different continents have participated in Disney Performing Arts. Among the hundreds of thousands of talented participants, many have gone on to successful performing careers, including television star Jennifer Morrison, *School of Rock*'s Caitlin Hale and renowned musicians such as jazz artist Jessy J, Jerry DePizzo of O.A.R. and Mike Scheuchzer of MercyMe.

### DISNEY PERFORMING ARTS ONSTAGE

Disney Performing Arts OnStage gives students the opportunity to perform in front of international audiences at theme parks and other areas at the Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney World Resort. Instrumental, vocal and dance groups from middle schools and high school are eligible to audition year-round. Chosen groups showcase performance excellence as they dance, sing and march their way through once-in-a-lifetime performances. Groups can enhance their performance experience by participating in exclusive workshops or enjoying Disney's world-class attractions and entertainment options.

### WORKSHOPS

Performers looking to improve their skills or develop new ones can learn from industry professionals in a series of workshops created by entertainment experts. Programs are offered in two- and three-hour formats and are available for instrumental, choral and dance ensembles, marching bands, auxiliary units and theatre groups. Workshops include opportunities to practice on Disney stages and other special venues.

**DISNEY PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS**

<p><b>Acting 101 &amp; 201</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Led by a Show Director or improvisational actor, this program introduces students to the building blocks of basic theatre, performance and storytelling techniques. Intermediate or advanced theatre ensembles learn how to create characters, improvise and project professionalism onstage.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California (Acting 101&amp;201) and Walt Disney World Resort in Florida (Acting 101 only).</i></p>
<p><b>Auditions and Careers: Dance</b> <i>Ages 13 and up</i></p>	<p>Intermediate to advanced dance ensembles follow in the footsteps of <i>Disneyland Resort</i> performers as they participate in a simulated audition process.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Auditions &amp; Careers: Musical Theatre</b> <i>Ages 13 and up</i></p>	<p>Intermediate to advanced musical theatre ensembles participate in an audition in which the Show Director/Choreographer stops to critique the group and give participants tips for landing jobs as musical theatre professionals.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Careers in Costuming</b> <i>Ages 13 and up</i></p>	<p>Students will enter the world of theatre Costumers to participate in an interactive discussion that offers a behind-the-scenes look into theatrical costuming or fashion design, and what it takes to be a professional in the industry.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Dance 101 &amp; 201</b> <i>Ages 6 and up</i></p>	<p>Led by a Show Director/Choreographer, students receive valuable critiques that help them fine-tune their own group's piece. They also learn the importance of their individual contributions to the overall success of the ensemble.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Dance Technique: Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz and Tap</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Choreographers are the best in the business and in these programs students learn from the pros. Master Classes are available in tap, jazz, ballet, and hip-hop.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California and Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Disney Broadway Magic</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Theatre groups, drama groups, dance studios, dance teams and show choirs get an inside look at what goes into a Broadway production, from music and staging to costumes and props. Participants also perform original material from a Broadway musical.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Disney Dancin'</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Dance studio and drill team performers experience the life of a professional Disney dancer and participate in a simulated audition, rehearsal and a performance of Disney show.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Disney Dancin'—Young Performer Edition</b> <i>Ages 6-11</i></p>	<p>Students examine memorable Disney dancing on film before moving into a quick warm-up that lets them practice their own skills. Students then participate in a simulated rehearsal of a Disney show and learn how to create performance magic.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>

<p><b>Disney's Auxillation</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Auxiliary, pom squad and color guard students learn flag and movement basics before they audition, rehearse and perform a simulated Disney special event production that includes tall flag, swing flag and show props.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Disney Sings</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Choral students are immersed in the world of the professional vocalist as they learn audition skills, and warm-up and voiceover techniques. Participants also record an excerpt from the soundtrack of a Disney animated feature film.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Disney Sings: Young Performer Edition</b> <i>Ages 6-11</i></p>	<p>Groups step into the world of the professional vocalist where they learn audition skills, warm-up and voiceover techniques and experience a fast-paced recording environment.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Disney's Show Choir Magic</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Choral students experience what a professional performer undergoes during the final stages of preparing a new show, including a mock performance incorporating all of the elements needed to create a "Disney Magical Moment".</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Improvisational Acting</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Led by an Improv Actor, this workshop challenges students to stretch their creative talents in a non-threatening, supportive environment.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Jazz it Up</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Jazz ensembles are taken through a rehearsal and recording session of several jazz versions of classic Disney selections while examining the skills, attitudes and priorities that are essential for success.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>Music 101 &amp; 201</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Students interact with a Clinician while learning the integral role that music plays at the Disneyland Resort, in Disney films, and in our world.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Musical Theatre</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Led by a professional theatre performer, intermediate to advanced musical theater students practice their dance, vocal and acting skills.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Performance Lab</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Fun is the conduit to great learning in this class, where students will be guided by a Clinician through improvisational exercises that demonstrate key concepts important to any performer.</p> <p><i>This program is only offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Puppetry</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Using puppets and techniques designed for Disney shows, students will learn concepts fundamental to excellent puppet performance.</p> <p><i>This program is only offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>

<p><b>Show Choir</b> <i>Ages 13 and up</i></p>	<p>Intermediate to advanced show choirs and musical theatre ensembles participate in an audition where the Show Director/Choreographer stops to critique the audition and gives participants tips for landing jobs as musical theatre professionals.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Soundtrack Session: Instrumental</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Created especially for concert bands and orchestras, this program focuses on ensemble playing, the importance of sight-reading and the critical role each ensemble member plays in creating great music. Program topics are reinforced with a recording session where students perform a Disney musical score.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Soundtrack Session: Jazz</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Created especially for jazz bands. Topics include improvisation, jazz styles, rhythmic interpretation and the importance of a solid rhythm section. Participating jazz ensembles also record the score to a world-famous Disney film.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Soundtrack Session: Vocal</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Students learn the importance of sight-reading, listening, rehearsing and – of course — watching the director! A Vocal Instructor reinforces important performance and rehearsal concepts. Students have the opportunity to work with a recording technician while using click-track and wireless headsets to produce their very own version of a vocal selection from a beloved Disney film.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>Technical Theatre</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Intermediate to advanced technical theatre students take a behind the scenes tour of the show's special effects, receive instruction from professional technical directors, and even gain familiarity with technical equipment from the show.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Disneyland Resort in California.</i></p>
<p><b>You're Instrumental!</b> <i>Ages 11 and up</i></p>	<p>Band and orchestra students sight read music and prepare a polished recording that is played along with a portion of a Disney Animated Feature Film.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>
<p><b>You're Instrumental — Young Performer Edition</b> <i>Ages 6-11</i></p>	<p>Designed for band and orchestra students with up to two years of playing experience. Clinicians use Disney music to reinforce classroom learning and excite students about the fundamentals of performing.</p> <p><i>This program is offered at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.</i></p>

## Festivals & Competitions

Disney Performing Arts includes exciting festivals and competitions where student performers can compete year round at the Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney World Resort. Each festival and competition is judged or observed by nationally recognized adjudicators or industry professionals who provide valuable feedback to each group. Many festival packages also include theme park admission on the day of the performance.

### FESTIVAL DISNEY

Festival Disney is an annual event held at the Walt Disney Resort in Florida. This year, celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this exhilarating, Disney-produced competitive festival brings together middle school, junior and senior high school performing-arts groups for two days of adjudicated performances. The event is open to choirs, bands, orchestras, and auxiliary ensembles and includes competitions for top-awards.

The festival series takes place on select weekends from March through June and includes two days of adjudicated performances where ensembles receive valuable written and recorded feedback from nationally recognized music educators. To conclude the event, groups are invited to the Festival Disney Awards Ceremony. Competing groups vie for Best-in-class and Festival Disney Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, which are presented during the closing awards gala. All ensembles receive an exclusive Festival Disney award, and every participant receives a Festival Disney medal to commemorate their participation.

### THE DISNEY HONORS

The Disney Honors is a non-competitive bi-annual festival that takes place each spring at the Walt Disney World Resort. The festival challenges students to reach new musical heights and features performances, clinics, guest speakers and feedback from an outstanding panel of evaluators. The Disney Honors culminates with a semi-formal gala that celebrates the accomplishments of festival participants. As part of the gala evening each ensemble is presented with a commemorative award and each performer receives a medal celebrating their participation in the invitational.

For more information about Disney Performing Arts programs and other experiences available to student groups, call toll free 866-304-8956 or visit [www.disneyyouth.com](http://www.disneyyouth.com).