

## **CFTA Teen Company**

The Center Stage Academy is thrilled to announce that starting in the 2025-2026 school year we will hold auditions for an elite group of young actors to be a part of our Center Stage Academy Company. This group of A-List performers will be featured in two mainstage productions throughout the school year. Our Center Stage Academy Company is an experience that will prepare our young performers for their collegiate and professional careers. Students will work alongside seasoned veterans from our CFTA adult performers to create outstanding performances. If you are looking for the next step in your students' onstage journey, this is for you.

### **Who is this program for?**

- This is a pre-professional track for experienced student performers seeking to hone their craft at a more advanced level and who are interested in the pursuit of the performing arts at the university level or in their career.

### **What age groups are included?**

- Students who will be in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> for the 2025/2026 school year.

### **What are the pre-requisites to audition?**

- Students must have been a part of at least three CSA or CFTA Mainstage productions.
  - Equal experience also taken into consideration.
- Next year's pre-requisite (2026/2027 school year) will require students to have been in at least three CSA or CFTA Mainstage productions **and** at least three Level Up Classes.
  - Level Up is new this spring. We plan to offer at least two Level Up Classes each semester and each summer.

### **Can I be in the CSA Company more than one year?**

- Yes, however students will be required to re-audition each year.
- Pre-requisites for the 2026/2027 school year are above and students auditioning for a repeat year must complete those pre-requisites to audition again.

### **What are the Mainstage shows for the year?**

- *James and the Giant Peach*, directed by Tara Winton
  - Performance dates are September 5<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- The second show will be in February 2026 and is yet to be determined.
  - This show will be announced in August 2025.
  - This will be a straight play (not a musical).

**Will there only be students in the productions?**

- No, students will perform alongside a select few of our seasoned veteran CFTA adult performers.
- All adults who work with CSA go through a background check and fingerprinting process before being allowed to work with students.

**Is there a fee?**

- Yes. There is a fee of \$200 for the school year. Scholarships are available.

**How many students will be a part of the CSA Company each year?**

- Approximately 8-15 students total

**Can I participate in a CSA show if I am a part of the company?**

- Yes!

**What is the time commitment?**

- Rehearsals will reflect a typical Mainstage schedule with multiple rehearsals each week for approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the performance.
  - Rehearsal length will be approximately 3 hours.
  - Times of rehearsals will be dependent on the availability of space. Typically, somewhere between the hours of 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- We will also plan to rehearse during the day the week of July 23-27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Are students who are a part of the CFTA teen company required to perform in both Mainstage shows?**

- Yes. Our goal is for students to be a part of both Mainstage shows.

**When are auditions?**

- May 21 & 22, 2025 from 4:30-6:30pm

**What do I need to prepare for auditions?**

- Students will need a resume, headshot, and a letter of recommendation from a previous director. This could be a director from a community theatre or school.
- Further information regarding audition material and audition dates will be provided soon.

**What will my student gain from this opportunity?**

- It is our goal that students will:
  - Gain experience in a production process that mimics professional theatrical environments.
  - Build a repertoire of audition pieces and skills.
  - Participate in workshops with theatre professionals from across the country.