

Happy New Year!

What? You don't consider August the start of the new year? Look at the stores, the commercials, the newspaper inserts, there can be no doubt about it — the start of a new school year is right around the corner. And with the new school year comes a very exciting time for students at The Rose Theater: the beginning of a new year of classes! This year, The Rose is looking forward to exciting changes coming in 2020 with the addition of a new, larger education facility, and with this expansion, the theater encourages their students to grow their talent, skills and performance technique this year as well.

The Rose's new slate of classes is now open for registration, so now is the PERFECT time to start making plans for the new year. Classes are available for students as young as age 2 ranging to 18 years old, for beginners just starting out to seasoned pros looking to make theater their career.

So, while it might not be January 1, this is the perfect time to encourage everyone to make a few resolutions. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Give it a try!** Are you brand new to the idea of being on stage? Young students ages 2 and up can get an introduction to dance and movement in classes designed just for our youngest artists. For older students, Triple Threat classes in ballet, tap, jazz and more allow teens to learn the basics of dance, even if they have never had a dance class before. Saturday morning creative drama classes themed around popular movies and books give students the perfect entrance to acting with short, eight-week-long classes that will inspire their imagination and love for theater.
- **Try something new!** It might be a new dance class in a genre you haven't explored before or experimenting in one of the many DRAMA at The Rose acting class options, but it is always exciting to stretch your imagination and your skills with something completely new. Classes are offered after school and on Saturdays, and several locations throughout Omaha. The Rose's drama and dance programs feature a progression of classes that allow students a solid introduction to the arts along with a pathway to improve their skills and techniques while working with professional teaching artists actively working in theater as actors, choreographers, directors, playwrights and more.
- **Audition!** Whether you want to try out for our The Dance Lab at The Rose competition team, show off your triple threat skills in Rose Brigade, participate in a work devised completely by you and your friends in a Teens 'N' Theater production or step into the spotlight in a mainstage production, we encourage you to just GO FOR IT! You never know just what might happen when you put yourself out there and TRY! Classes at The Rose will help you prepare for auditions at school, in the community, for college – and maybe even Broadway itself!

- **Go one step beyond!** Have you always taken The Rose's after school drama classes, but have stopped short of doing a production class the culminates in a full performance on stage? Have you participated in a group voice class, but haven't dared to venture into a private lesson? Have you ever wondered what more an intensive acting technique class might offer beyond the classes you have already taken? Take the plunge! The Rose offers a wide variety of classes that introduce students in a safe, friendly environment, led by working professionals who can share the ins and outs of performing in the "real world." We know you'll have a great time (and probably learn a few things at the same time.)
- **Be in a show!** Many of our classes culminate in a production. Taking your first few steps on the stage? Try the *Sherlock Holmes & the First Baker Street Irregular* (written by The Rose's playwright-in-residence Brian Guehring) or *Shrek the Musical Jr.* Production Classes, which will put a full-fledged student show on our smaller Hitchcock Stage, or any of our DRAMA at The Rose production classes, the highlight of which is a spring production with costumes, props and lights, performed alongside your fellow students on The Rose mainstage and Hitchcock stage. Have you always dreamed of performing on The Rose's mainstage? Check out any of our dance classes or musical theater classes, all of which end the year with a full performance on stage, complete with lights, costumes and more. Want to strut your stuff in front of industry professionals? Then you should absolutely audition for The Rose Brigade!

The opportunities at The Rose are limited only by your own imagination. You can discover all the things The Rose has to offer students this fall by visiting <https://www.rosetheater.org/education/classes-and-camps/> and use the Class Filter Tool to help you find the perfect class, based on your age and interests. We can't wait to see where this year will take you! Get ready, get set – GROW!