



OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEATRE - 2022-2023

Class Descriptions and Important Information

Message from the Artistic Director:

Welcome to another great year at the Ottawa School of Theatre! I am so excited to be your new Artistic Director. If you see me in the office or around Shenkman, please say hi! I would love to meet you.

This year our theme is ***Roots and Wings***. Sound familiar? It was also Kathi's chosen theme for 2019, but we all know what happened in 2020. We've decided to give this theme another try, especially considering the big changes at OST. As you work creatively this year, consider: what are the experiences of the past that have shaped who we are? What are the inspirations that are calling us to grow and take flight?

This year OST is 33 years old, going on 34 – the longest running theatre school in Ottawa. For 20 of those years, Kathi nurtured this school, helping it grow in size and artistry. She inspired hundreds of students, teachers, staff, and volunteers. The theme *Roots and Wings* will shape my work this year, as I and our staff team consider OST's healthy roots in the community, and what inspires us to move into the future with new ideas and projects.

I'm looking forward to a fun ride this year, and I hope you are too. Read on to learn about the many great classes that start this fall.

Megan Piercey Monafu
Artistic Director
Ottawa School of Theatre



SAVE THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 18th, 12pm - 3pm

Join us for workshops, auditions, information on our classes, and your chance to register in person. Come meet our team and check out our studios! Coffee, juice, and snacks provided.

Important Dates:

Classes in our Full Year Program run from September/October to early June. These classes will work towards a **performance on stage in the Richcraft Theatre in May** during our Student Showcase. We also offer shorter workshop intensives which vary in length from one day to 12 weeks. These intensives may result in a presentation in one of our black box studios at the end of the workshop.

Our Class Terms are as follows:

September 16 - December 12, 2022

January 9 - March 10, 2023

March 20 - June 5, 2023

March Break Camp: March 13-17, 2023

There will be no classes on the following dates:

Sept 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Oct 8 - 10 - Thanksgiving Weekend

Oct 31 - Halloween

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day

Dec 13 - Jan 8 - Holiday Term Break

Feb 20 - Family Day

Apr 7-10 - Easter Weekend

May 22 - Victoria Day

All classes are held in the Ottawa School of Theatre studios in The Shenkman Arts Centre:

245 Centrum Boulevard, Orleans, ON K1E 0A1

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Important Enrollment Information:

Student Age:

Our age reference date for classes is December 31st. For example, a child turning 9 years old by December 31st is eligible for the 9-12 age group classes beginning in September.

Some students may be best served in a class level either above or below their age. Please call Megan Piercey Monafu, OST's Artistic Director, at 613-712-0053 if you want advice on what class would best suit you or your child.

The Royal Conservatory Speech Arts and Drama Exam:

Consider taking a Speech Arts and Drama Exam with The Royal Conservatory. This enhances theatre study and looks great on a resume. For more information please contact Megan Piercey Monafu, OST's Artistic Director at megan@ost-eto.ca.

Schedule and Class Changes:

OST reserves the right to make changes to the class schedule following registration. Insufficient registration in any class or workshop may result in its postponement or cancellation. In the case of cancellation, we will do our best to find a suitable alternative. While we will do our utmost to avoid changes, OST does not guarantee the teacher for any particular class. We encourage OST teachers to team teach so that the students experience different teaching styles and theatre techniques.

Our deadline for registrations is 1 week prior to the start of classes. Requests to join a class after the deadline will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A transfer between classes will be considered, subject to availability.

Class size is limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our Learning Environment:

OST is committed to providing the best possible learning environment for all its students. The success of the program lies in the enthusiasm and co-operation of each student. **Theatre is a TEAM sport.** We expect students and parents to understand this and make every effort to attend all classes and rehearsals in the creation and development of their plays and performance pieces.

We will do our best to resolve any behavioral difficulties that may arise through empathetic communication with the student, adaptation of class activities if appropriate, and healthy boundary-setting. We want to see every student succeed, and we count on the support of parents as we work through any difficult situations that arise from student behaviour. However, if we are unable to resolve a disruptive situation, we will require that the disruptive student be withdrawn from the course without refund.



Performance Dates:

Students in **Teen or Specialized Classes** may be required to **miss one to two days of school** during the production/performance period, depending on the nature of the production. These special days provide great professional experience, and we believe in providing these experiences for the betterment of our students. We also understand that student schedules can be limited. We aim to provide dates well in advance, and appreciate your collaboration in creating time for these special days.

Student Showcase performance dates in May will be confirmed as soon as possible in order to minimize conflicts with other activities and ensure availability of all participants. Theatre time is limited and there is very little flexibility to change the theatre schedule. Any potential conflicts must be reported to the teacher and/or Artistic Director as soon as possible. Although we try, OST cannot always change performance dates to accommodate conflicts.

Cancelled Classes

Any classes cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances will be made up at a later date, either in extra showcase rehearsals or extra classes. Please note these may need to be held virtually, using the Zoom platform. You will be notified in advance when this is the case. Thank you for your understanding.

In the event of extreme weather or direction from Ottawa Public Health, classes will be held virtually, using the Zoom platform. You will be notified in advance when this is the case. Thank you for your understanding.

Additional Covid Lockdown Policy - In the event of a lockdown, all in-person classes will continue online with the same instructor at the same time. There will be no refunds issued due to any Covid-related issues.

Photos and Videos

Ottawa School of Theatre may occasionally videotape or photograph students during performances or classes. These images may be used by OST for promotional purposes without prior notice, including on our website, social media channels, and for media distribution. Names will only be used internally, and on our Front of House displays during showcases.

Face Masks

At this time, Ottawa School of Theatre requires that all employees, contractors, participants, volunteers, and visitors over the age of two wear a mask at all times while in our suite. We anticipate relaxing our mask policy throughout the year dependent on public health recommendations. We reserve the right to change our mask policy as the pandemic landscape changes, and ask for your cooperation. Exceptions may be made for anyone who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons on a case by case basis.



Payment Policy

Purpose

OST is a not-for-profit, registered charity with a goal to operate efficiently within a balanced budget with class tuitions as our main source of income. This policy outlines payment requirements and refund circumstances.

Tuition Fees

1. Payment of tuition for all programs is due in accordance with the fee schedule set out below.
2. Other fee structures may be provided at the discretion of the Management - please contact the school to discuss.
3. Placement in program/workshop is not confirmed until first payment is received.
4. We encourage contactless payment wherever possible, preferably online, by either credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or e-transfer. E-transfers should be sent to office@ost-eto.ca, entering the student's initials and the class number in the message field.

Refunds

1. No refunds will be issued after the second class in any program or workshop except for medical reasons.
2. All refunds will be subject to a \$25 administrative fee.
3. No refunds will be made if a participant fails to attend a program, class or workshop.
4. Full refunds will be given in the case of program or workshop cancellation by OST-ETO.

Family discounts

We will offer 10% discount on tuition for registration in 3 or more programs or workshops (excluding All Ages Play).

Subsidies

Subsidies may be issued on an individual basis where space permits. Please contact the office for details.

Fee Payment Schedule

	Payment 1	Payment 2
TYPE OF CLASS	At time of registration	November 15th
Workshops, 1 term classes, All Ages, and Camps	In full	n/a
Full Year Program	Full payment <i>or</i> 50% + \$10 admin	50% + \$10 admin <i>(if not already paid in full)</i>
	At time of registration	February 15th
Part Year Program (starting in January)	Full payment <i>or</i> 50% + \$10 admin	50% + \$10 admin <i>(if not already paid in full)</i>



ENGLISH CLASSES

Workshops

YOUR YARD THEATRE: Summer acting fun!

PLAY Dates with OST-ETO in your own yard! Have an OST-ETO teacher travel to you and lead 4 to 12 students in a 2-hour workshop. Students will create a performance to share with their adoring home audience.

Book now as availability is limited. Please email office@ost-eto.ca for more information.

Fee: \$200

Class # YY

In-a-Park PLAY Date: Summer acting fun!

PLAY Dates with OST-ETO in the park! Have an OST-ETO teacher travel to your neighbourhood and lead 4 to 12 students in a 2-hour workshop. Students will create a performance to share with their adoring home audience.

Book now as availability is limited. Please email office@ost-eto.ca for more information.

Fee: \$200

Class # IP

All Ages Plays

Child/Youth/Adult: A great class for families and anyone looking for the full stage experience!

A close-to-professional experience culminating in a full stage production. Learn about theatre – character development, stage business, voice, and movement – with a focus on FUN! Great experience for the whole family! Theatre is a Team Sport!

Winter Play: The True Story of The Girl Who Saved Christmas, and Maybe Even The World

Cindy Lou saved the day once before, but this time it's different — the Grinch has enlisted an army of evil characters to help him to keep Christmas from coming. And it's not just Christmas that's at risk of disappearing, but all of mankind and the world as we know it. Can Cindy Lou and her friends save the season? More importantly, can they save the planet? Join them on their trek to the North Pole and find out.

AUDITIONS: Individual by appointment: from September 5-9, 2022

Contact Office: office@ost-eto.ca

GROUP AUDITION: 1pm September 11, 2022.

Rehearsals: Thursday evenings and Sunday daytimes from Sept. - Nov. 24, 2022; some Saturdays; amount of rehearsal time depends on role.

Show dates: November 25-27, 2022



Fee: \$55 for current OST students & families (*Class # 15WO*)
\$210 for non-OST students/family (*Class # 15WN*)

DEADLINE for registration: Friday September 23, 2022 at 6pm
Registrations received after this date will not be guaranteed a role.

Spring Play: Winnie the Pooh

An OST adaptation of the A. A. Milne literary classic *Winnie-the-Pooh*. Join Christopher Robin and his fuzzy friends in the Hundred Acre Woods as they hunt for honey, get into some sticky situations, and find some heffalumps and woozles!

AUDITIONS: Individual by appointment: from January 16-22, 2023
Contact Office: office@ost-eto.ca or teacher Megan Piercey Monafu: megan@ost-eto.ca

GROUP AUDITION: TBD

Rehearsals: Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons from January - April, 2023; some Saturdays; amount of rehearsal time depends on role.

Show dates: April 14-16, 2023

Fee: \$55 for current OST students & families (*Class # 15SO*)
\$210 for non-OST students/family (*Class # 15SN*)

DEADLINE for registration: Friday January 20, 2023, 6pm
Registrations received after this date will not be guaranteed a role.



Classes for Children

Ages 2-4: NURSERY PLAY

Rhythm, movement, and simple rhymes with the very youngest. Parent-accompanied.

3 courses offered – 8 weeks each

Tuesday	9:00 to 9:45 am	Oct. 18 to Dec 6, 2022	Fee: \$80 <i>Class # 511a</i>
		Jan. 17 to Mar 7, 2023	Fee: \$80 <i>Class # 511b</i>
		Mar. 28 to May 16, 2023	Fee: \$80 <i>Class # 511c</i>

Ages 4-5: PRESCHOOL DRAMA

Come play with us! Our littlest students will have fun being creative, playing games, taking turns, and sharing ideas in this class that introduces them to acting. This class ends with a chance to shine in a studio presentation for family and friends.

3 courses offered – 8 weeks each

Saturday	9:00 to 9:45 am	Oct. 22 to Dec 10, 2022	Fee: \$100 <i>Class # 551a</i>
		Jan. 14 to Mar 4, 2023	Fee: \$100 <i>Class # 551b</i>
		Mar. 25 to May 20, 2023	Fee: \$100 <i>Class # 551c</i>
		<i>No class Apr 8</i>	

Ages 6+: HOMESCHOOL

Students will study theatre through imaginative play, simple characterization, mime and storytelling. Learning self-expression and group collaboration, students will create their own story for presentation.

Monday and Thursday	1:30 to 3:00 pm	Oct. 17 to Dec. 8, 2022	<i>Class # 501</i>
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8 weeks

French class run concurrently, or potential for a bilingual class

Fee: \$360

Ages 6-8: YOUNG MUSICAL

Designed for children, this class combines singing, dancing, and acting! Enthusiasm, commitment, and team spirit are necessary to participate in this class. Students will work together from September to June, leading to a musical presentation in the OST Student Showcase in May.

Saturday	10:00 to 11:00 am	Sept. 17, 2022 to Jun. 3, 2023	<i>Class # 552</i>
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No class Oct 8, Apr 8

Fee: \$520 OR 2 instalments - \$270 due on registration and \$270 on Nov. 15

Ages 6-8: CREATIVE DRAMA

In this fun introductory course, students will learn the basics of creating a character and telling a story. Through games, improvisation, and visual arts, students are encouraged to express their creativity and build confidence sharing their ideas. There will be an Open House in December and March and a stage play in the Student Showcase in May.



Ages 12-17: TEEN BEHIND THE SCENES

Students explore the world of theatre design - sets, costumes, props, lights, and sound. Check out the Booth and Backstage - see how the Stage Manager pulls it all together. Students will show off their designs in the OST Student Showcase in May.

Thursday **7:45 to 9:00 pm** **Jan. 12 to Jun. 1, 2023**

Class # 538

Fee: \$420 **OR** 2 instalments - \$220 due on registration and \$220 on Feb. 15

Ages 13-17: TEEN MUSICAL

From October to June, Triple Threat students will work together for three semesters studying the world of acting, singing, and dancing. Students will work on voice and movement with expert instruction. Previous musical experience is an asset but enthusiasm, commitment and team spirit are the only prerequisites for this 90 minute class. The ability to play an instrument is an EXTRA bonus! This course will culminate in a staged musical in the OST Student Showcase in May.

Friday **7:45 to 9:15 pm** **Oct. 7, 2022 to Jun. 2, 2023**

Class # 545

No class Nov 11, Apr 7

Fee: \$690 **OR** 2 instalments - \$355 due on registration and \$355 on Nov. 15



Classes for Adults

Ages 18+: ADULT CLASSICS

The classics make for exciting and dynamic theatre. Explore theatre origins with segments of Commedia dell'arte, Shakespeare, Greek Tragedy, Chekhov and more. Be ready for love, death, battles, comedy, costumes, and masks! Students will learn about the historical settings, explore character voices and physicality, and together with their teacher they will create an exciting performance piece to be presented at the OST Student Showcase in May.

Tuesday

7:30 to 9 pm

Oct. 4, 2022 to May 30, 2023

Class # 515

Fee: \$670 OR 2 instalments - \$345 due on registration and \$345 on Nov. 15

Ages 18+: THEATRE APPRECIATION & PERFORMANCE FOR ADULTS

Together, students will explore the National Arts Centre Theatre Season and use it as a jumping off point for their own performance skills. Students will read the plays, work the scenes, find the characters, visit a rehearsal and see and evaluate the plays of the NAC's 2022-2023 season. Students will receive tickets to see each play, and a guest from the NAC will meet with the class to discuss aspects of the productions. The class will culminate in a presentation in the May OST Student showcase inspired by the NAC season.

Wednesday

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Oct. 5, 2022 to May 31, 2023

Class # 521

Fee: \$770 OR 2 instalments - \$395 due on registration and \$395 on Nov. 15

Ages 18+: ADULT THEATRE MIX-UP

With an emphasis on PLAY, physicality, character and emotion, be prepared to learn as you have fun! Dip your toes into some Classic theatre, Commedia dell'arte, Mask work, Musicals – you and your teacher get to decide! We welcome any skills that you bring to the table: if you play an instrument, sing, write, sew, or have another talent to offer, let your teacher know. Enthusiasm and a willingness to learn are needed for this class. This class ends with a staged production in the May OST Student Showcase.

Thursday

7:30 to 9:00 pm

Jan. 11, 2022 to Jun. 1, 2023

Class # 535

Fee: \$690 OR 2 instalments - \$355 due on registration and \$355 on Nov. 15



Cours offerts en français

6-8 ans: THÉÂTRE POUR PETITS ENFANTS

Créons ensemble un spectacle fantastique qui englobera nos connaissances acquises en théâtre tout au long du cours – élaboration de personnages, de la voix et du mouvement et de l'improvisation. Inscrivez-vous pour une aventure de jeux, de bricolages et surtout, de découvertes inattendues! Cette classe se termine avec une présentation sur scène présenté à la famille et aux amis lors de la présentation des élèves de l'ÉTO en mai!

Lundi **18h à 19h** **19 sept. 2022 au 5 juin, 2023** *Class # 507*

Aucune classe le 10 octobre, 31 octobre, 20 février, 10 avril et 22 mai

Frais: 440\$ **OU** 2 versements: 230\$ lors de l'inscription, et 230\$ dû le 15 nov.

6+ ans: THÉÂTRE ÉCOLE MAISON

Les élèves étudieront le théâtre à travers le jeu imaginaire, la caractérisation simple, le mime et la narration. En apprenant l'expression personnelle et la collaboration de groupe, les élèves créeront leur propre histoire à présenter.

Lundi et Jeudi **13h30 à 15h** **17 oct. au 8 dec. 2022** *Class # 502*

8 semaines

Cours en anglais donné en même temps, ou possibilité de créer une classe bilingue.

Frais: 360\$

9-12 ans: THÉÂTRE POUR ENFANTS

Dans ce cours, les élèves prendront leurs premiers pas dans l'univers du théâtre à l'aide de jeux et d'exercices. Nous allons créer des personnages, plonger dans des mondes imaginaires et surtout nous amuser. C'est l'occasion parfaite pour développer de l'entraide ainsi que son côté créatif. Nous allons également travailler fort pour produire un spectacle original. Cette classe se termine avec une présentation sur scène présenté à la famille et aux amis lors de la présentation des élèves de l'ÉTO en mai!

Mardi **18h15 à 19h30** **20 sept. 2022 au 30 mai, 2023** *Class # 517*

Frais: 580\$ **OU** 2 versements: 300\$ lors de l'inscription, et 300\$ dû le 15 nov.

8-12 ans: THÉÂTRE MUSICAL

Explore le monde de la comédie musicale dans ce programme de création collective où chorégraphie, chant et JEU sont de l'avant! Élabore une comédie musicale inspirée par la musique qui fait parler ton cœur, qui te touche et qui stimule ton imagination à exprimer celle-ci par l'entremise d'une histoire. Les élèves présenteront un spectacle portes ouvertes en décembre et en mars, ainsi qu'une pièce de théâtre au printemps.

Samedi **11h45 à 13h15** **17 sept. 2022 au 3 juin, 2023** *Class # 558*

Aucune classe le 8 octobre, 11 mars, 18 mars et 8 avril

Frais: 690\$ **OU** 2 versements: 355\$ lors de l'inscription, et 355\$ dû le 15 nov.



11-14 ans: OST-ETO SÉRIE TÉLÉ

VOUS êtes la vedette! Cours de création d'une série télé. Les élèves créeront des personnages et une série d'épisodes présentés aux deux semaines sur la chaîne YouTube de l'ÉTO.

Samedi 15h15 à 16h45 17 sept. 2022 au 3 juin, 2023 *Class # 560*

Aucune classe le 8 octobre, 11 mars, 18 mars et 8 avril

Frais: 690\$ **OU** 2 versements: 355\$ lors de l'inscription, et 355\$ dû le 15 nov.

12-17 ans: COURS DE LA SAISON THÉÂTRALE DU THÉÂTRE PROFESSIONNEL POUR LES ADOS

Les élèves auront la chance de lire les pièces, travailler les scènes, trouver les personnages, assister à une répétition et écouter et évaluer les pièces de compagnies théâtrales professionnelles. Les élèves recevront deux billets pour voir chaque pièce de la saison 2021-2022 du THÉÂTRE PROFESSIONNEL. La classe pourra choisir les scènes à jouer pour le spectacle final de la classe lors de la présentation des élèves de l'ÉTO en mai.

Lundi 19h15 à 21h15 3 oct. 2022 au 5 juin, 2023 *Class # 508*

Aucune classe le 10 octobre, 31 octobre, 20 février, 10 avril et 22 mai

Frais: 770\$ **OU** 2 versements: 395\$ lors de l'inscription, et 395\$ dû le 15 nov.

18+ ans: THÉÂTRE POUR ADULTES

Dans ce cours, nous allons explorer différentes facettes du théâtre. De l'écriture dramatique au jeu scénique, passant par l'improvisation et l'analyse de pièces. Un cours d'introduction qui vous donnera la piqûre pour le théâtre. Aucune expérience requise, seulement une ouverture et une volonté d'apprendre sont demandées. Le cours se terminera avec une production sur scène.

Mardi 19h45 à 21h15 4 oct. 2022 au 30 mai, 2023 *Class # 518*

Frais: 650\$ **OU** 2 versements: 335\$ lors de l'inscription, et 335\$ dû le 15 nov.