

# GREAT BIG THEATRE COMPANY / CLASSES: 2023-24



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1 (866) 864-4282 (toll-free)

## Classes:

Let's Act and Sing ! (ages 6–8) / Acting Up ! (ages 9–14)

### WEEKDAY & SATURDAY CLASSES:

Fall-Winter (13 weeks): Oct 10–Jan 27 / Winter-Spring (13 weeks): Feb 12 – Jun 3

Class sizes are limited to 14 per class, so please register early to reserve your place !

Level 1: 6-8 years Weekly / 1 hour weekly

### **LET'S ACT & SING - A fun introduction to the dramatic arts**

Through storytelling, children learn to think creatively, as well as empathize with and gain an understanding of others. An experienced coach will guide them in exploring their imagination and in expressing feelings through drama. The children will use role-playing to act out short stories & plays based on diverse age-appropriate themes. Short movement routines set to music help develop physical coordination and introduce each child to music and listening skills. Through vocal exercises & song the students learn to speak with clarity, and gain in overall personal confidence, contributing to the growth of public speaking and leadership skills. A short presentation for parents & friends will take place at the last class of each session. The final class of each level 1 session consists of 40 minutes dress rehearsal & 20 minutes presentation.

Level 2: 9-14 years Weekly / 1.5 hours weekly

### **ACTING UP ! - Express your creative side, have fun & meet friends**

The students focus on producing and performing a play. Strategy and problem solving skills are gained through active involvement in scripted plays and dramatic scenes, as well as through playwriting. Role play and characterization are developed through forms such as improvisation, reader's theatre and musical theatre. Stage presence is built through the use of such tools as tableaux, positioning, stage blocking, direction and vocalizing. The students learn technical terms to communicate ideas in dramatic context. They are encouraged to use their imaginations to create fun movement routines, free-style improvisations and dance choreographies set to music. Vocal spontaneity and clarity is expressed through songs, choral pieces and vocal exercises. A presentation for parents & friends will take place at the last class of each workshop session. The final class of each level 2 session consists of 60 minutes dress rehearsal & 30 minutes presentation. During the rehearsal sessions, everyone joins in the excitement of getting ready to share their efforts with an audience. All show costumes and props are provided and each student gets a chance to select those that best meet their character's needs.

#### ***Our curriculum goals:***

*Students will work together to participate in a set of enjoyable and challenging drama, movement and music activities. Self-awareness and ease of communication will be enhanced through observation and exploration. Social interaction and participation will be encouraged by the practice of rotating partner groups. The goal is to allow students to acquire and develop performance skills, to form new friendships, and to build a sense of confidence and the capacity for collaboration.*

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### CLASS LOCATIONS (Level 1 & Level 2):

BRAMPTON	Mondays / Saturdays	St. Paul's United Church, 30 Main St S.
BRANTFORD	Tuesdays / Saturdays	Harmony United Church, 268 Marlborough St.
BURLINGTON	Tuesdays	St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 2600 Headon Forest Dr.
BURLINGTON	Saturdays	St. John's Anglican Church, 2464 Dundas St.
CAMBRIDGE	Thursdays / Saturdays	Wesley United Church, 6 Cambridge St. (East Galt)
GEORGETOWN	Wednesdays / Saturdays	Knox Presbyterian Church, 116 Main St S.
GUELPH	Wednesdays / Saturdays	St George's Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St
HAMILTON / Dundas	Mondays / Saturdays	St. Paul's United Church, 29 Park St. W.
HAMILTON / Mountain	Tuesdays / Saturdays	Emmanuel United Church, 871 Upper Ottawa St.
LONDON	Tuesdays / Saturdays	First Baptist Church, 568 Richmond St.
MARKHAM	Thursdays / Saturdays	Unionville Presbyterian Church, 600 Village Pkwy
MISSISSAUGA / Meadowvale	Tuesdays / Saturdays	Streetsville United Church, 274 Queen St. S,
OAKVILLE	Thursdays / Saturdays	St. John's United Church, 262 Randall St.
RICHMOND HILL	Thursdays / Saturdays	Richmond Hill United Church, 10201 Yonge St.
TORONTO / East York	Mondays / Saturdays	Calvary Baptist Church, 72 Main St (near Kingston Rd.)
TORONTO / Etobicoke	Thursdays	Richview United Church, 149 Wellesworth Dr.
TORONTO / Etobicoke	Saturdays	Bloordale United Church, 4258 Bloor St W
TORONTO / North York	Wednesdays / Saturdays	Spring Garden Baptist Church, 112 Spring Garden Ave.
TORONTO / Scarborough	Wednesdays / Saturdays	Westminster Presbyterian Church, 841 Birchmount Rd.
WATERLOO	Mondays / Saturdays	Emmanuel United Church, 22 Bridgeport Rd.
WHITBY	Wednesdays	St John the Evangelist School, 1103 Giffard St.
WHITBY	Saturdays	Westminster United Church, 1850 Rossland Rd E.

### CLASS TIMES:

Let's Act and Sing ! (ages 6 -8): Weekdays: 6:00-7:00 pm  
Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 am  
Acting Up ! (ages 9 -14) Weekdays: 7:00-8:30 pm  
Saturdays: 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

### CLASS / SESSION DATES:

#### Fall-Winter 2023-24 Session (13 weeks):

Monday classes: Oct 16 to Jan 22 (\* no classes Dec 25 & Jan 1 \*)  
Tuesday classes: Oct 10 to Jan 23 (\* no classes Oct 31, Dec 26 & Jan 2 \*)  
Wednesday classes: Oct 18 to Jan 24 (\* no classes Dec 27 & Jan 3 \*)  
Thursday classes: Oct 19 to Jan 25 (\* no classes Dec 28 & Jan 4 \*)  
Saturday classes: Oct 21 to Jan 27 (\* no classes Dec 30 & Jan 6 \*)

#### Winter-Spring 2024 Session: (13 weeks):

Monday classes: Feb 12 to Jun 3 (\* no classes Feb 19, Mar 11, Apr 1 & May 20 \*)  
Tuesday classes: Feb 13 to May 14 (\* no classes Mar 12 \*)  
Wednesday classes: Feb 14 to May 15 (\* no classes Mar 13 \*)  
Thursday classes: Feb 15 to May 16 (\* no classes Mar 14 \*)  
Saturday classes: Feb 17 to May 18 (\* no classes Mar 16 \*)

(\* all dates / locations subject to change)

**NEW !  
ONLINE  
REGISTRATION**



# GREAT BIG THEATRE COMPANY

## 2023-24 THEATRE CLASSES - REGISTRATION

Register online at our Web site at [www.gbtc.com](http://www.gbtc.com). It's fast, easy and secure !

Or: complete the form below and return by mail or fax

*Please complete & return one completed copy of this form for each child registered :*

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_ M/ F \_\_\_\_\_ Ontario Health Card # (OHIP) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s)/ Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone #: eve.: \_\_\_\_\_ day: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency contact (name & tel.no): \_\_\_\_\_  
School attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Theatre experience, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies / Medical conditions, if any (attach a separate sheet if required): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmations, receipts, updates & changes to schedules will be sent by e-mail wherever possible; please print clearly.**

### Class sessions(s) registered for:

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Level 1 (ages 6 - 8) : Let's Act and Sing ! \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Fall-Winter (13 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_ Winter-Spring (13 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_

Level 2 (ages 9 - 14): Acting Up ! \_\_\_\_\_ Day & Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Fall-Winter (13 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_ Winter-Spring (13 weeks) \_\_\_\_\_

*Let's Act and Sing ! classes are 60 mins per week; Acting Up ! classes are 90 mins per week.*

*End-of-session performances will take place at the last class of each session.*

*Class sizes are limited to 14... Register early to reserve your place ! / Times, dates and locations are subject to change.*

#### Registration fees:

Let's Act and Sing ! Fall-Winter Session (13 wks): \$ 225.00 / Early Registration: to Jul 26: \$ 185.00 / to Sep 10: \$ 205.00  
Let's Act and Sing ! Winter-Spring Session (13 wks): \$ 225.00 / Early Registration: to Sep 10: \$ 185.00 / to Nov 20: \$ 205.00  
Acting Up ! Fall-Winter session (13 wks): \$ 340.00 / Early Registration: to Jul 26: \$ 280.00 / to Sep 10: \$ 310.00  
Acting Up ! Winter-Spring session (13 wks): \$ 340.00 / Early Registration: to Sep 10: \$ 280.00 / to Nov 20: \$ 310.00

All applicable taxes are included in the above amounts. Full payment is required at registration for all categories of registrations.

Refund policy: To start of 2nd class of each session: full refund, less \$ 40.00 processing fee. After start of 2nd class of each session: No refunds.

#### Payment Options:

**Classes:** (select one): Cheque/Money Order \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_

For credit card payments only: Card no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV (3 digits on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to: **Great Big Theatre Company**

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# Great Big Theatre Company

*theatre for young people / for the GTA & Southwestern Ontario*



**4 Thistle Lane, Dundas ON L9H 6G1**

## **REGISTRATION: PARTICIPANT RELEASE FORM & INFORMATION:**

Please complete, sign and return this form in advance of the camp start date, either via e-mail to the address shown below, by mail to the address above, or via fax to 905 628 2016. This form must be signed and submitted to Great Big Theatre Company (GBTC) before this registration can be processed and confirmed

I desire that my child participate in the GBTC Theatre Arts program for which I am registering him / her and all associated activities, unless I advise the school director otherwise in writing. I agree that, having taken the precautions that, in your discretion, are deemed advisable, the company and its staff will not be held responsible for any sickness or accident to my child. If for any reason my child requires medical attention beyond that furnished by the company, I agree to be responsible for any expense incurred. I covenant and agree to indemnify Great Big Children's Theatre, its employees, directors and staff and save them harmless from and with respect to all suits, actions and prosecutions by reason of any activity carried out by my child, whether on or off the premises at which the Theatre Arts programs are held. I understand that GBTC is not responsible for loss of personal articles, or damage of or wear to such articles, that may occur while attending the program.

I authorize GBTC to administer first aid to my child and to secure medical care for my child in an emergency as deemed appropriate by the attending physician(s).

Please note: GBTC reserves the right to request withdrawal of a student from the program, at the company's own discretion, where it is judged that the needs of the particular child cannot be accommodated without unacceptable disruption to the class. Refund will be issued in these cases for classes / rehearsals not attended. Please ensure that we are notified well in advance where medical and other related conditions might present an issue with respect to GBTC's ability to accommodate a particular student.

I consent to the use of the likeness (including still photos and videos) of my child in connection with the GBTC Theatre Arts programs and related institutional promotional purposes throughout the world and without any compensation.

I expressly release the Theatre Company, its officers, directors, agents, employees, licensees and assigns from and against any and all claims for invasion of privacy, defamation, infringement of copyright or any other cause of action that may arise out of such use.

I hereby irrevocably release the Theatre Company from any and all claims for libel and invasion of privacy in connection with the foregoing.

I agree that the Theatre Company and its representatives are permitted to send me occasional e-mails with respect to schedule and location changes; class and camp scheduling reminders and notifications; notifications re new programs, discounts and special promotions; audition opportunities; participation in upcoming productions; early registration discounts; and the like.

I certify that the information provided in this registration form is, to my knowledge, true and complete.

I have read and understood the above waiver and consent and confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child mentioned herein who is a minor. I confirm that I have the complete custody, care and control of the minor and have the legal authority to agree to this consent and waiver on behalf of the minor and that the consent of no other person or entity is required.

If you have any questions regarding this disclaimer, please call GBTC at 1-866-864-4282 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm).

Some of our class locations are nut-free; please take this into account if you send snacks along with you child.

About e-mail & SMS: E-mail providers (Hotmail, Gmail, etc.) send a large percentage of all e-mails to Spam and Junk mail folders. We often need to communicate with parents with respect to performance arrangements, open classroom dates, changes to schedule and location, etc. By preference we send these communications via e-mail. Please be aware that these will often go to Spam and Junk mail folders. In order to be sure of receiving communications from us, you will need to check these folders regularly, and also mark received e-mails from us as Non-Spam when you find them there. Alternatively, you can add gbtc.com to your Safe Senders list, if your provider allows for this. Because of the unreliability of e-mail, we will also, at times, use SMS text messaging to communicate information about schedule and location changes, etc.

In compliance with Canadian anti-spam legislation, there is an Unsubscribe option included with every e-mail we send to you. You can Unsubscribe from our e-mails at any time. Please note the following, however: we do not have the ability to unsubscribe you selectively, and only for particular types of e-mails. The Unsubscribe option is global and permanent. Also: we do not have the capacity, in general, to verify whether or not your e-mail address is Unsubscribed or not. Nor do we have the capacity to re-add your address once it has been Unsubscribed. As a consequence of the above, if you unsubscribe from our e-mails before the start of the program for which you are registered, or during it (as you can do by clicking Unsubscribe on any e-mails from us), you will NOT receive important e-mails we may need to send thereafter regarding student attendance or requirements, procedures, final performances, or last-minute changes to schedules, times or locations. We do try insofar as we can to reach everyone by phone where such changes are required, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to reach all participants.

Registration confirmations will be sent by email, using the email address that you provide on the billing page. Please REPLY to the confirmation email when you receive it so that we can be sure we have your correct email address. This email address will be used for any necessary correspondence before or during the program registered for.

Refund policy: Classes: Up to start of 2nd class of each session: full refund, less \$ 40.00 processing fee. After start of 2nd class of each session: No refunds.

It may occasionally happen that an originally scheduled location becomes unavailable to us for unforeseeable reasons; in these cases, we may need to reschedule the program at an alternate location in the vicinity. We make every effort to notify parents as far in advance as possible when a change of this kind occurs; please note, however, that we do not provide refunds based on the occurrence of a location change except in cases where the replacement location is more than fifteen minutes distant (driving time) from the originally scheduled location. Please note also: we send notifications regarding location change by e-mail and follow up where time allows via phone calls. If notification regarding a location change is e-mailed, and no response is received within 30 days, we will assume that the change of location is acceptable to you; no refunds will be issued in this case.

COVID-19: GBTC actively monitors applicable public health advisories and will ensure that adequate measures are in place at our locations to ensure that our programs can operate safely. We reserve the right to exclude participants from any session, on a temporary basis, based on quarantine requirements, symptomatic status and recent contacts with infection. Refunds will be provided for dates not attended due to such exclusions. Parents / guardians may be asked to complete a health and safety questionnaire before participation in each program session.

**Parent / Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please print name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Full name of participant (s) (camper or student)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date (MM/DD/YYYY)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**The above participant's release form must be signed and submitted to Great Big Theatre Company at the address shown below before this registration can be processed and confirmed.**