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## **San Francisco Shakespeare Festival announces revised formats for in-person Shakespeare Camps this summer!**

~ New middle-school camps with dedicated curriculum for ages 11-13, plus updated curriculum and activities for all age groups ~

After two seasons of virtual Shakespeare Camps, San Francisco Shakespeare Festival is celebrating the return of in-person sessions with a newly developed curriculum that features a schedule of activities and exercises specific to three distinct age groups. Campers aged 7-10 (grades 2-5), 11-13 (grades 6-8), and 14-18 (grades 9-12) will meet and engage with their own peers while learning about the world of performance and Shakespeare.

The Festival's [Education Workgroup](#) has been revamping favorite camp activities as well as adding new ones that reaffirm the Festival's mission of sharing Shakespeare's work in a collaborative and reflective manner and filtered through an anti-racist and community-centric lens.

Debuting this summer are camps specifically tailored for middle-schoolers, rising 6th-8th graders, ages 11-13. Previously, 12 and 13 year old campers had to choose between a Players camp for ages 7-13 or an Upstart Crows camp for ages 12-18. Now they'll learn, rehearse, and perform with their own peers while working with a curriculum created for this unique period of adolescence.

Additionally, camps for Shakespeare Players (ages 11-13) and Upstart Crows (ages 14-18) will meet for three weeks this summer instead of two. During virtual camps (held last summer), we found that the 3-week format enables campers to more fully engage with the material as well as each other, resulting in a stronger ensemble and greater mastery of the content. 7-10 year-olds, formerly the younger Players, will now be known as Groundlings. These campers will still have 2-week camps tailored to their interests and stage of development, with a focus on active play and exploration of language.

Camp sessions will be held in a variety of convenient Bay Area locations, A list of sessions that are currently enrolling follows. For updates as additional sessions are added visit [sfshakes.org](http://sfshakes.org) or call 415-558-0888.

- **CUPERTINO/SAN JOSE:**

**Chinese Performing Arts of America, 6148 Bollinger Road, 95129**

Groundlings Camp (ages 7-10)

July 11-22 (10 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Players Camp (ages 11-13)

July 11-29 (15 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Upstart Crows Camp (ages 14-18)

July 11-29 (15 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

- **LOS ALTOS HILLS:**

**Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, 94022**

Groundlings Camp (ages 7-10)

June 13-July 1 (14 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Players Camp (ages 11-13)

June 13-July 1 (14 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Upstart Crows Camp (ages 14-18)

June 13-July 1 (14 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

- **SAN FRANCISCO:**

**Congregation Emanu-El, 2 Lake St, 94118**

Groundlings Camp (ages 7-10)

June 6-17 (10 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Players Camp (ages 11-13)

June 6-24 (14 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Upstart Crows Camp (ages 14-18)

June 6-24 (14 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

- **SAN FRANCISCO:**

**McLaren Park, Jerry Garcia Amphitheater, John F. Shelley Dr, 94134**

Groundlings Camp (ages 7-10)

July 11-22 (10 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30pm

Players Camp (ages 11-13) July 11-22 (10 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30pm

- **SAN FRANCISCO:**

**St. Anne of the Sunset, 850 Judah St, 94122**

Groundlings Camp (ages 7-10)

July 18-29 (10 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Players Camp (ages 11-13)

July 18-Aug 5 (15 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Upstart Crows Camp (ages 14-18)

July 18-Aug 5 (15 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Precare 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

- **SAN FRANCISCO:**

**St. John's United Church of Christ, 501 Laguna Honda Blvd, 94127**

Advanced Shakespeare Workshop (ages 14-18)

July 11-August 5 (20 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / No Precare or aftercare  
Acting experience and audition required to enroll

- **FREMONT:**

**Temple Beth Torah, 42000 PASEO PADRE PKWY, 94539**

Groundlings Camp (ages 7-10)

July 18-29 (10 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Pre-care 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

Players Camp (ages 11-13)

July 18-Aug 5 (15 days) / Weekdays 9am-3pm / Pre-care 8:30-9am, Aftercare 3-5:30 pm

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