



# The Backyard Theatre Company

The Steinbach Arts Council would like to welcome you to another exciting year with the Backyard Theatre Company sponsored by The Steinbach Arts Council. Our Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers are very excited for the start of classes - there are a few important details and reminders as we start the season:

## The Backyard Theatre Company's Goals for this Season

- Build your confidence and explore your creativity
- Participate actively in the Southeastern Music Festival and community events
- Have fun! Develop strong theatre skills and build community partnerships

## Meet Our Creative Team



**Jeremy Plett – Director**



**Alan Fehr – Director**

## 2021-2022 Fall Schedule

<b>Class</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Dramatic Discovery	5-8	Leadingham GM Studio	6:30pm - 7:30 pm	Sep 21 – Dec 14
Intermediate Theatre	11-12	SCU Studio	6:15pm - 7:15pm	Sep 21 – Dec 14
Advanced Theatre	13-15	SCU Studio	7:15pm – 8:30pm	Sep 21 – Dec 14
The Young Company	16-18	SCU Studio	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Sep 21 – Dec 14

**No Class Days: December 21 & 28, 2021**



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## 2021-2022 Winter Schedule

No Classes on March 29, 2022

Class	Age	Location	Time	Dates
Dramatic Discovery	5-8	Leadingham GM Studio	6:30pm - 7:30 pm	Jan 11 – April 26
Intermediate Theatre	11-12	SCU Studio	6:15pm - 7:15pm	Jan 11 – April 26
Advanced Theatre	13-15	SCU Studio	7:15pm – 8:30pm	Jan 11 – April 26
The Young Company	16-18	SCU Studio	8:30pm - 9:30pm	Jan 11 – April 26

**No Class Days: January 4, March 29, 2022**



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## Parent Advisory Committee

- a. This committee will represent the parents and oversee the program activities, with specific attention to the Christmas and year end shows. They will receive feedback and offer direction to make this year productive and successful.
- b. **Due to COVID, the parent committee may or may not be running this year.** If you are interested in joining the committee, should it run, call Roxie at (204) 346-1077 or email roxie@steinbacharts.ca.

## Attendance

- a. Students are requested to attend all classes and be on time for class.
- b. If a child has several absences, it is at the discretion of the BTC Directors if they will be allowed to participate in performances (ie. Festival & Showcase). Speak to the Director in advance if there will be times of absence.
- c. Students should stay home when experiencing symptoms, even if the symptoms are mild. Please contact the office before class starts if student is unable to attend.
- d. By signing into class, students and parents will indicate that they have self screened according to public health recommendations.

## Southeastern Manitoba Festival

- a. We encourage everyone to participate in this Festival! It is a celebration of the arts and provides wonderful performance and learning opportunities. The two senior groups of Backyard Theatre are entered into Festival to perform group plays created and learned during their lesson classes. (Dependant on current COVID regulations)
- b. We encourage all students of other classes to participate as well. Individuals can enter to complete monologues and spoken poetry; duos, trios, and individuals can enter to do short skits, plays, etc. Please ask, Jeremy or Alan about the Festival and how you can get involved.
- c. Festival dates, times and locations subject to change due to COVID.

## Boots and Shoes

- a. Students are required to remove outer footwear before entering studios
- b. NO OUTDOOR SHOES AND BOOTS TO BE WORN IN CLASS. Leave all outer boots at the BACK entrance during the winter/spring season. During fall/dry season, they may bring their shoes into the studios and leave them on the rug runners. BRING INDOOR SHOES OR ATTEND CLASS IN SOCKS.
- c. **No bare feet please.** Thanks for helping to protect our specialized studio floors.

## Schedule/Classes

- a. Classes may be changed to best accommodate size and interest; students will be notified of changes by phone and/or email in advance.
- b. There are no classes on December 21, 28; January 4 and March 29.
- c. Storm dates/sick days are scheduled within the 28-week schedule; 25 classes are guaranteed. Make up classes will be scheduled by SAC.



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## Observation Classes

- a. Please note: Due to COVID, there will be no observation classes this year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. This policy is subject to change based on Public Health recommendation.
- b. If observation is allowed, it will only occur on scheduled days. Parents may attend after confirming with the directors.
  - \*No in & out of class allowed
  - \*No talking/visiting
  - \*No disruptive siblings
  - \*Please note that due to COVID we may chose to not include any observation classes this year
  - \*May view from inside studios, on lower level in Studio A, on chairs in Studio B

## Registration

- a. Space is secured upon receipt of payment; a payment plan option is accepted with post-dated cheques which **must accompany each registration form along with volunteer & fundraising cheques or payment in order to be enrolled.** Cash, cheque, debit, or credit card for one-time payments.
- b. Regarding the payment plan, the first half of the BTC Class fee, administration fee and membership fee are due during registration, the second half of the registration fee is due November 18, 2020
- c. A \$25 volunteer waiver is required at the time of registration dated April 1, 2022. Once volunteering duty (4 hours) is complete, the \$25 cheque will be void/shredded. If you choose not to volunteer, \$25 will be collected at time of registration.
- d. Due to COVID, there is a maximum number of students that will be allowed in each class. There will be no registrations taken after this point, although a waiting list will be made in case of withdrawals.

## Bring a Friend!

- a. Students may bring a friend during September at no cost to encourage numbers.
- b. Please note that this rule is subject to change due to COVID, and the request to bring a friend must be put through the office

## Class changes/cancellations

*SAC friendly policy allows student to try the class for 3 weeks; if not suitable, class fees will be refunded*

**NO REFUNDS AFTER SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

- a. In case of injury or long-term illness, refunds will be made for remaining classes with a medical note
- b. The membership fee and administration fee are non-refundable
- c. Classes with insufficient numbers will be cancelled and all fees will be refunded
- d. Classes cancelled by the Steinbach Arts Council will result in a refund of all fees

## Fundraising/Volunteering

- a. All families are required to participate in the theatre's fundraising project and requested to sell/purchase a minimum amount for the chosen fundraiser by SAC; a \$50 cheque post-dated April 1, 2022 is collected at registration. Once the participation is complete, the cheque is void/shredded. Those wishing not to participate may pay the \$50 waiver at time of registration.

## Volunteer Duties

- a. Each student/family is required to volunteer in some capacity within the theatre year. This could include planning, costumes, sets, etc.
- b. A \$25 volunteer waiver is required at the time of registration dated April 1, 2022. Once four hours of volunteering have been completed, the \$25 cheque will be void/shredded. If you choose not to volunteer, \$25 will be collected at time of registration.



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## Facility

- a. Washrooms are located near the front entrance. Please leave outside shoes and boots at the back entrance during snow, or wet weather.
- b. SAC is not responsible for lost or damaged items; there is a Lost & Found box at the back door.
- c. No outdoor shoes in studio allowed.
- d. Parking – in outside lot (suggested towards the back-entrance area for back door access) or on the street. Parking along the fence on the east end of the parking lot is reserved for Staff only.
- e. Due to COVID, the water fountain is not available for use. Students are welcome to bring their own water bottles for individual use. Please label your water bottle.

## Zero Tolerance

- a. Bullying, harassment, foul language, vandalism, or disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated. If issues cannot be resolved, parties involved will be suspended. Complaints should be made in writing to the SAC office. Directors reserve the right to remove students from class upon their discretion.

## Performance/Mentoring opportunities

- a. If regulations allow, dress rehearsals and final show will be held at the SRSS – times to be confirmed. Opportunities to perform in festivals, competitions, and other events available as arranged with the directors on a class by class basis. Mentoring is encouraged; older or advanced students may arrange with director to participate in classes in this way. We will encourage individuals and small groups to also enter the festival in performances in March; we will work to encourage other community and school shows as well.
- b. Rehearsal dates, times, and locations subject to change or cancellation due to COVID.

## Communication

- a. All information regarding the program, directors, administration, scheduling, etc. should be directed to **Roxie at (204) 346-1077 or email [roxie@steinbacharts.ca](mailto:roxie@steinbacharts.ca)**