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The story began in a local church in the year 2000. Under the helm of the interim music director, Nina Markle, and the children's ministry director, Dawn Cooke, a small summer theatre program for children was developed. The program grew to include youth from the community and was renamed the Children's Community Theatre. Word spread of the great achievements of the children and increasing demand drove the program to constantly move. As a result, the Performing Arts Academy, as we are known today, is permanently located at 4400 Lewis Street, Middletown, Oh.



# **Performing Arts Academy**

4400 Lewis Street - Middletown, Ohio



























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### Nina Markle

### **Executive Director**



We have planned another very exciting season and we think we have something for everyone.

Our students and adults are looking forward to delving into these wonderful adventures and sharing their talents with you. They love going into a world of their imagination and living the part they are playing. We have added one more production for this season and they are going to be really challenged, but they love it.

If you are a regular attendee for our productions, thank you for your faithfulness to the PAA. We appreciate you for allowing us to continue due to your support. To any newcomers we want to welcome you to be part of our family and we hope you will join us for all of the seasons productions.

Any financial support would be greatly appreciated and your gift is tax deductible since we are a 50lc3 organization. Depending on the amount we will post your name and company on our fence surrounding our property and add you to the playbills for the season. For more information on this please check our website: <u>theperformingartsacademy.com.</u>

Again, thank you for your support and we hope you enjoy our productions.

Sincerely, Nina Markle Executive Director



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Having a regular creative outlet is not just part of a well-rounded education – it is essential for a student's emotional health and well-being. Producing a show brings the arts together and provides growth opportunities for all varieties of learners.

Besides being incredibly fun, musical theater helps young people develop many of the skills necessary for success in today's world:

Self-Confidence: Performers discover how to take creative and emotional risks and learn to trust their abilities.

Literacy: Students increase reading and writing skills by reading their scripts, memorizing their lines, and taking notes at rehearsal.

Communication: Students learn how to articulate their thoughts and questions and carefully listen to direction.

Imagination: Students make countless interpretive choices in design and performance to create a detailed, fictional world for their audiences.

Empathy: Through character work and story creation, performers explore the lives of others. First-hand perspectives of new circumstances challenge prejudices and aid in the development of well-rounded students and citizens.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving: The amount of work required to successfully put on a show makes all participants valuable troubleshooters. Students have countless opportunities to creatively tackle challenges.

Self-Discipline: Through prompt attendance at rehearsals and learning lines, music and choreography on schedule, students acquire valuable self-discipline techniques to become members of an ensemble.

Community Awareness: A theatrical production provides ample opportunities to connect with our families and neighbors.

Public Speaking: Students gain expertise and confidence speaking in front of a group.

Teamwork: Students build ensemble by working together to rehearse, construct, promote, and perform their show. Every role - whether onstage or behind the scenes – is vital for the show's success.

As you can see, our students gain valuable life skills through their participation in our productions.

## September 26, 27 & October 3, 4 @ 7:00 PM

# September 28 & October 5 @ 3:00 PM

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publishers raise prices at the harismatic lack Kelly rallies city to strike against the unfair conditions. Together, the newsies learn that they are stronger united and create a movement to fight for what's

right.

# Tickets: \$14 Adults \$10 Sr. Adults & Children **BRAVO!** Theatre Group (Completed Grades 5-12) Auditions: July 12, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Newsies Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

November 7 at 7:00 PM November 8 at 4:00 & 7:00 PM November 9 at 3:00 PM



This magical story explores the world of Giants who live above the clouds. Ever since they left Earth a long time ago, the Giants have made a life up above where their job is to keep the sky beautiful. They polish the stars, poke the clouds to let it rain and paint the sunsets. But there is one curious Giant who wonders what life is like on Earth, so she steals a key to the locked up "beanstalk" and embarks on an adventure down below!

Tickets: \$12 Adults \$8 Sr. Adults & Children PRIME! Theatre Groups (Grades 1-4) Auditions: Monday, August 18, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Giants in the Sky is presented through special

arrangement with Beat by Beat Press (www.bbbpress.com)

# **Theatre Seating Chart**





Stage

Tickets for all performances can be purchased on our website www.theperformingartsacademy.com

# December 5, 6 and 12, 13 @ 7:00 PM

### STAFF

Executive Director	Nina Markle
Office Manager	Dawn Cooke
Facilities Manager	Jim Barnes
Box Office Manager	Dawn Cooke
Bookkeeper	Peggy Davish
Choreographers	Rosanne Mork, Mark Norris
Theatre Directors	Leah Busick, Kandy Keller, Nina Markle
Music Instructors	Mary Ellen Clinard, Dawn Cooke,
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### December 7 and 14 @ 3:00 PM



# One year after Scrooge's redemption, his ghosts have a new goal for him—to find love!

When we last left Ebenezer Scrooge, the grumpy old miser had become a loving, generous, kind human being with the aid of ghosts who visited him one Christmas Eve, each teaching him valuable lessons. Exactly one year later, once again the ghosts of past, present, and future come calling. This time not to scare Scrooge into generosity—but instead to entice him out of loneliness and into love. You see, when he was young and poor, Scrooge was deeply in love with a beautiful woman, Isabelle. Sadly, she broke off their engagement when she felt Scrooge loved money more than he loved her. Is it too late for him to rekindle his one true love and convince Isabelle of a second chance?

# Tickets: \$20 Adults \$15 Sr. Adults & Children BRAVO! And MAINSTAGE! Theatre Group (Grades 5 - Adults)

Auditions: Saturday, September 27, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

SCROOGE IN LOVE! is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC. www.concordtheatricals.com

February 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM February 21 at 4:00 & 7:00 PM February 22 at 3:00 PM

#### DREAMWORKS DREAMW

Join everyone's favorite zoo crew on a comedy packed journey around the world. After Marty the Zebra decides to chase his dream to see life outside of the zoo, we follow Marty and his crew of unlikely friends Alex the Lion, Gloria the Hippo, and Melman the Giraffe on a wild and wacky adventure from New York's Central Park Zoo to the island of Madagascar. Will life outside of the cage be all they had hoped, or will they miss the life of luxury they have taken for granted? Either way, it is sure to be one "crack-a-lackin" journey that will make everyone want to "move it, move it!"

# Tickets: \$12 Adults \$8 Sr. Adults & Children PRIME! Theatre Groups (Grades 1-4) Auditions: November 17, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

Madagascar-A Musical Adventure Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. <u>www.mtishows.com</u> September 25, 26 and October 2, 3, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

September 27 and October 4 @ 3:00 PM



The Addams Family revolves around the eccentric Addams family, who face a peculiar challenge when their daughter, Wednesday, falls in love with a seemingly normal young man named Lucas Beineke from a 'respectable' family. As the two families come together for a dinner, the clash of their contrasting lifestyles leads to a series of unexpected twists. But even amidst the chaos, the Addams family comes to discover the true meaning of love and acceptance.

Tickets: \$14 Adults \$10 Sr. Adults & Children BRAVO! Theatre Group (Grades 5-12) Auditions: July 11, 2926 @ 10:00 AM

Addams Family, young@part is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide. 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036. www.theatricalrights.com July 24, 2026 @ 7:00 PM July 25 @ 4:00 & 7:00 PM July 26 @ 3:00 PM

# GIRGUS

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages... Come in to the circus, hear the music, laugh at the clowns, be thrilled by the perilous leaps of the acrobats marvel at everything the performers do... ... only at the circus.

> Tickets: \$12 Adults \$8 Sr. Adults & Children Prime! Theatre Group (Grades 1-4) Auditions: June 22, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

### March 20, 21 and 27, 28, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

### March 22 and 29 @ 3:00 PM

Disney's Aladdin JR brings the famous movie to life, on stage. In Agrabah, City of Enchantment, every beggar has a story and every camel has a tail! Aladdin, a kind but wily, street urchin, falls in love with beautiful Princess Jasmine, who he knows is waaaaay out of his league. It just so happens, however, that the Sultan has declared Princess Jasmine must choose a husband within the next day. After she turns down the offers from various wealthy suitors, Aladdin -- with the help of a fast-talking, magical Genie -- introduces himself as wealthy suitor Prince Ali of Ababwa. Meanwhile, evil royal advisor Jafar also has his sights set on the kingdom, and tries to convince the Sultan to force Jasmine to wed him. Will love conquer all? Perhaps - if love has a little help from a Genie.

# Tickets: \$14 Adults \$10 Sr. Adults & Children

BRAVO! Theatre Group (Grades 5-12)

Auditions: December 6, 2025 @ 10:00 AM

Disney's Aladdin Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. <u>www.mtishows.com</u>

June 19, 20 and 26, 27, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

June 21 and 28 @ 3:00 PM

From a young age, Moana felt the ocean calling her. Despite her parents' wishes, she follows her calling and sails out to sea in order to return the long lost heart of the goddess Te Fiti, the mother island. Along the way she meets Maui, a fallen demigod with an ego problem. Despite his attitude, Maui agrees to accompany Moana on her journey. They sail far across the waters together and work through many tough situations, from the Realm of Monsters to the Demon of Fire, Te Ka. Through all of this they finally are able to complete their journey and return the Heart. Along the way they learn valuable lessons about teamwork, friendship, and chasing your dreams.

> Tickets: \$14 Adults \$10 Sr. Adults & Children BRAVO! Theatre Group (Grades 5-12) Auditions: May 16, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Disney's Moana Jr. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. <u>www.mtishows.com</u>

May 8, 9 and 15, 16 @ 7:00 PM May 10 and 17 @ 3:00 PM



An idealistic young King Arthur hopes to create a kingdom built on honor and dignity, embodied by his Knights of The Round Table. His Ideals, however are tested when his lovely queen, Guenevere, falls in love with the young Knight, Lancelot and the fate of the kingdom hangs in the balance.

> Tickets: \$20 Adults \$15 Sr. Adults & Children

MAINSTAGE! Theatre Group (Grade 9 - Adults) Auditions: February 23, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Lerner and Loewe's Camelot Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. <u>www.mtishows.com</u>