



Theater Experience Camp – *Live Theater, From Page to Stage*

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Ages 9 to 15

Dates: July 26 to 28 – Tuesday through Thursday

Hours: 10AM to 3PM

Fee: \$50.00

Location: Historic Opera Theater 148 E Idaho Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

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During the Theater Experience Camp, students will have the opportunity to be introduced to or expand their skills in the world of theater.

The course will prepare young actors for stage production. Students will be taught by working theater professionals on topics including, but not limited to acting, blocking and stage positions, movement, voice, character development and acting styles. There will also be lessons on auditioning, costume, make up, and set design. Each day will end with a rehearsal for the end-of-camp show which will be performed on Thursday evening for family, friends, and the public. This special production will be built from skills campers learned in their classes. Camp Directors Kurtis Workman, Dana Facer, and Melissa Cortes have more than 70+ years' experience teaching and working in theater.

Camp Leaders



Kurtis Workman In 1994, Kurtis he got his first theater job as the lighting designer and operator for the annual Power County Junior Miss scholarship event. Since then, he has pursued theater in his studies at ISU, becoming part of the technical crew at the Morrison Center and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, continuing as Adjunct Professor of Technical Theater at the North Dakota State College of Science, and board member of the American Falls Theatre Guild. For Kurtis, theater is both a profession and passion.

During the 3-day camp, Kurtis will direct sessions on the **Basics of Technical Theater** and **Storytelling Through Technical Design**.



Dana Facer Dana loves the educational opportunities theater offers! She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in theater from ISU, and it has been part of her life ever since. She is currently at American Falls High School where she has taught theater, English, speech, and debate for 18 years. When she is not teaching or involved in community theater, Dana enjoys spending time with her beautiful children somewhere outside.

Dana will direct sessions on **Character Building** and **Stage Movement**.



Melissa Cortes Melissa is a lifelong lover of performing arts and has enjoyed theatre since she was a child. She earned a bachelor's degree at ISU where she studied communications, rhetorical studies, theater, and secondary education. She also holds a Master of Education degree from Southern New Hampshire University. Currently Melissa is teaching 6-10th grade performing arts and communication at Sage International School of Boise. When she is not teaching Melissa enjoys traveling and exploring the world.

Melissa will direct sessions on the **6 Primary Emotions** and **Vocal Interpretation**.



Theater Experience Camp Agenda

Each day will include on-stage activities during several of the sessions

Tuesday, July 26

10-3PM, Lunch provided

Day 1

- 9:30AM** – Sign in
'Meet & greet' warm-up with instructors.
- 10-12noon** – Sessions 1 and 2
- 12-1PM** – Lunch and team building activity
- 1-3PM** – Sessions 3 and 4

Wednesday, July 27

10-3PM, Lunch provided

Day 2

- 10-10:15** – warm-ups
- 10:15 – 12noon** Sessions 5 and 6
- 12-1PM** – Lunch and team building activity
- 1-3:00PM** – Sessions 7 and 8

Thursday, July 28

10-3PM, Lunch provided

Day 3

- 10-10:15** – warm-ups
- 10:15 – 12noon** Sessions 9 and 10
- 12-1PM** – Lunch and team building activity

1-3:00PM – Sessions 11 and 12

3-3:45 – break and light meal

3:45-4:30 – make up, costume, prepare for stage performance

4:30-5:30 – **Live Performance** of skills learned during camp for friends and family.