

## **Geva Theatre's Summer Academy - Shakespeare Focus** *Rochester's Premier Actor Training Program* *July 8 - August 3, 2024*

**Rochester, N.Y.** — Geva Theatre's Summer Academy returns this summer with a focus on Shakespeare! Summer Academy is a four-week professional theatre training program for 30 selected young actors, ages 12-18, who wish to explore, define, and develop the actor in themselves. A process-centered program open to students of all levels of theatre experience, Summer Academy 2024 will provide quality training for the beginning actor, as well as advanced level study for the young actor with previous experience. Admission is by audition and interview only, to schedule an audition call (585) 420 - 2052.

Geva's Summer Academy faculty is composed of a diverse group of professional actors, educators, directors, choreographers, and more who are active in the industry at the collegiate level, regionally, on tours, Off-Broadway, and on Broadway. They are skilled in nurturing young actors with a curriculum designed to embrace, engage, explore, and empower in an artistically safe and strong environment. Class sizes are intentionally small to facilitate personal and individual focus, along with in-depth opportunities tailored to specific goals for each student. At Summer Academy, students invest in themselves and their craft. They discover the stories they need to tell and why they need to tell them.

A former Summer Academy student shared, "Summer Academy taught me how to be a better actor, leader, and human being. I learned to trust my instincts and take risks. Geva is my home away from home."

Now in its 28th year, nearly 800 Summer Academy graduates call Geva Theatre their artistic home. Some alumni have returned to Geva's stages as professional actors, and many others have gone on to pursue their artistic careers at Geva and at institutions across the country.

### **Program Information**

**Cost:** \$1,500

*Full and partial need-based scholarships are available (call for details)*

**When:** July 8 - August 3, 2024 (4-week program)

**Where:** Geva Theatre, 75 Woodbury Boulevard, Rochester, New York 14607

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Summer Academy is supported by: Donald F. & Maxine B. Davison Foundation.

**About Geva Theatre**

Founded in 1972, Geva Theatre is a not-for-profit, professional theatre company dedicated to creating and producing professional theatre productions, programs, and services of a national standard.

Geva offers a wide variety of educational, engagement, and literary programs, nurturing audiences and artists alike. Geva Theatre sits on the ancestral and unceded territory of the O-non-dowa-gah, or "the people of the Great Hill." In English, they are known as the Seneca people, "the keeper of the western door." They have stewarded this land through generations, and Geva pays respect and gives thanks to their elders, past and present.

Geva is under the leadership of Artistic Director Elizabeth Williamson and Executive Director James Haskins.

Find out more about Geva Theatre at [GevaTheatre.org](http://GevaTheatre.org) or by connecting with us on social media. Facebook: [facebook.com/gevatheatrecenter](https://facebook.com/gevatheatrecenter), Twitter: [@gevatheatre](https://twitter.com/gevatheatre), Instagram: [@gevatheatre](https://instagram.com/gevatheatre), LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/geva-theatre-center](https://linkedin.com/company/geva-theatre-center).

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