



New March Break Broadway Youth Camps Announced

Auditions are now being accepted for new training program

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Drayton Entertainment is pleased to announce the launch of a brand new auditioned training program during March Break – ***March Break Broadway Boot Camp!*** The new training program will be divided into two sessions – ***Disney on Broadway Boot Camp*** for Pre-Teens and ***Broadway Blockbusters Boot Camp*** for Teens. Both sessions will run from **March 16** to **March 20** at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge.

Each group will work with professional musical theatre artists to learn five production numbers in five days from hit Broadway shows tailored to their age group. The performers will receive hands-on insight into how big musical numbers are rehearsed and performed, while they meet new friends, and develop their performance skills. Tuition includes a ticket to a show at the theatre, which each group will attend during the camp week.

“We know parents and kids are always looking for fun activities during the winter break,” says **Alex Mustakas**, Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment. “Our new March Break Broadway Boot Camps help to cultivate young talent, connect young performers from across the region, and give them the chance to hone their skills for future success.”

The ***Disney on Broadway Boot Camp*** will give kids and pre-teens ages 8 to 12 the opportunity to work on songs from classic Disney shows such as *Aladdin*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Frozen*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *The Lion King*. Participants will attend *The Freddy Fusion Science Magic Show* at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge on **Tuesday, March 17** at **1:30 p.m.**

The ***Broadway Blockbusters Boot Camp*** will give teenagers ages 13 to 18 the opportunity to work on songs from shows currently on Broadway including *Beetlejuice*, *Hamilton*, *Mean Girls*, *Moulin Rouge*, and *Wicked*. Participants will attend the Drayton Entertainment production of *Kinky Boots* at the Hamilton Family Theatre Cambridge on **Wednesday, March 18** at **2:00 p.m.**

On Friday, March 20, both groups will enjoy a pizza party and participate in a friends and family showcase on the set of *Kinky Boots*.

The Youth Musical Theatre Program is helmed by Associate Artistic Director David Connolly. Connolly’s impressive resume includes work on major musicals like the pre-Broadway production of *First Wives Club* in Chicago and numerous Drayton Entertainment productions

including Disney's *Newsies*, *Annie*, *Mamma Mia!*, and many of the not-for-profit organization's popular panto productions, including *Sleeping Beauty: The Panto*, which is currently on stage at the St. Jacobs Country Playhouse.

The ***March Break Broadway Boot Camps*** are limited to 30 participants per program in order to guarantee personal faculty-student attention. An entrance audition is required via video submission by Monday, December 16.

This new initiative expands on Drayton Entertainment's Youth Musical Theatre Programs and existing youth engagement offerings, which include the Children's Chorus Program (enabling young performers to audition for child ensemble roles in the company's family panto productions and select musicals) and the Youth Usher Program (offering young people the opportunity to gain work experience as theatre ushers).

Drayton Entertainment's Youth Musical Theatre Programs, including the new the ***March Break Broadway Boot Camp***, are designed to cultivate community and collaboration, ignite imagination, and boost confidence while providing youth interested in theatre with the opportunity to hone their skills and develop a deeper appreciation for live performance.

More information about the ***March Break Broadway Boot Camps*** and Drayton Entertainment's Youth Musical Theatre Programs, including tuition and audition information, is available at www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/Article/yntp-workshops.

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