

# Performing Arts Academy

4400 Lewis Street - Middletown, Ohio 45042



 **2024-2025**  
**17th Season**

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Disney  
**FROZEN**  
KIDS



**SCROOGE!**  
THE MUSICAL



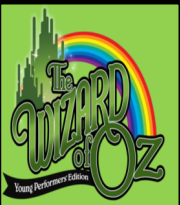
Imagine  
a Dragon  
A NEW MUSICAL



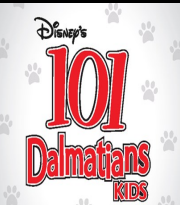
**ALICE**  
in Wonderland



**RECASTING**  
Ever After



**The WIZARD OF OZ**  
Young Performers Edition



Disney's  
**101**  
**Dalmatians**  
KIDS

## Nina Markle Executive Director



The Performing Arts Academy, sometimes known as PAA, is entering its seventeenth season. Again, we thank our benefactor for the real estate gift to house our seven, annual theatrical productions.

PAA is proud to present their three separate theatre groups: PRIME!, consisting of children in grades 1-4, BRAVO!, consisting of children in grades 5-12 and MAINSTAGE!, which consists of our high school students and adults. Not only do these theatre groups present seven professional theatre productions annually, they allow the participants to increase their self-esteem, self-discipline and improve their performance skills.

The Performing Arts Academy also provides private vocal, piano, saxophone and percussion instruction.

Join us in our theatre for any and all of our upcoming productions for 2024-2025. We are excited to have you as our guest as we give you our best!

**October 25 @ 7:00 PM**

**October 26 @ 4:00 and 7:00 PM**

**October 27 @ 3:00 PM**

Disney  
**FROZEN**  
KIDS

Do you want to build a snowman? Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven, and all of your favorite characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie, and the real meaning of true love. This musical includes favorite Frozen songs such as "Love Is an Open Door," "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?," and "Let It Go," as well as wonderful new songs from the Broadway production. This production is sure to prove that "some people are worth melting for."

**Tickets: \$12 Adults  
\$8 Sr. Adults & Children**

**"PRIME!" Theatre Group (Grades 1-4)**

**Auditions: Saturday, August 17, 2024 @ 11:00 AM**

**December 6, 7 & 13, 14 @ 7:00 PM**

**December 8 & 15 @ 3:00 PM**



Join us for a heartwarming evening of holiday magic with Scrooge! The Musical. This enchanting adaptation of Charles Dickens' beloved novel, "A Christmas Carol," will transport you to the transformative journey of Ebenezer Scrooge. Guided by three spirits, Scrooge discovers the true meaning of Christmas as he confronts his past, present, and potential future.

Set to a delightful musical score, this captivating production captures the essence of redemption, compassion, and the power of human connection. Bring your family and experience the warmth of holiday spirit as one man's cold heart is thawed.

**Tickets: \$20 Adults**

**\$15 Sr. Adults & Children**

**"MAINSTAGE!" and "BRAVO!" Theatre**

**Groups (Grades 5 through adults)**

**Auditions: Saturday, August 17, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

**February 28 @ 7:00 PM**

**March 1 @ 4:00 & 7:00 PM**

**March 2 @ 3:00 PM**



The dragon is back in town! Well... not really. That's the story a ragtag band of innkeepers makes up, desperate to draw questing heroes to the struggling Dancing Dragon Inn. Soon the inn is full of unexpected guests, from an army of princesses out to prove their bravery, to a group of overwhelmed heroes trying to hold onto their fame. But what happens if they all discover the innkeepers' dragon story is made up? Could there be more than one way to save the day? An epic folk-rock score brings magic to this funny, heartfelt fantasy musical.

**Tickets: \$12 Adults**

**\$8 Sr. Adults & Children**

**“Prime!” Theatre Group (Grades 1-4)**

**Auditions: Saturday, December 7, 2024 @ 11:00 AM**

March 28, 29 and April 4, 5 @ 7:00 PM

March 30 and April 6 @ 3:00 PM

Disney

# Alice in Wonderland

Fall down the rabbit hole with Alice as she navigates the curious world of Wonderland on a journey of self-discovery. When young Alice finds herself in a strange world where everything seems upside down, she must find her way home...and find herself along the way. As she travels through Wonderland, she encounters all of the iconic characters that audiences have come to love: including the ever-tardy White Rabbit, the grinning Cheshire Cat, a cool Caterpillar, the wacky Mad Hatter, and the hot-tempered Queen of Hearts.

**Tickets: \$14 Adults**

**\$10 Sr. Adults & Children**

**"BRAVO!" Theatre Group (Grades 5 - 12)**

**Auditions: Saturday, December 7, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

**May 9, 10 and 16, 17 @ 7:00 PM**

**May 11 and 18 @ 3:00 PM**



Hill Grove Academy is gearing up for their annual fundraiser: The student musical, *Villains Anonymous*. This year's performance is particularly vital as bankruptcy is looming for the school. However, when sickness strikes the entire cast, Principal Strand must convince the drama teacher to recast the fairytale villains with the faculty themselves. Can they come together and pull off this magical production and save the school?

**Tickets: \$20 Adults**

**\$15 Sr. Adults & Children**

**"MAINSTAGE!" Theatre Group (High School – Adult)**

**Auditions: Saturday, March 2, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**

**June 20, 21 & 27, 28 @ 7:00 PM**

**June 22 and 29 @ 3:00 PM**

The title "The Wizard of Oz" is written in a large, stylized, red-outlined font. The word "The" is smaller and positioned above "WIZARD". "of" is smaller and positioned between "WIZARD" and "OZ". The background of the title is a circular vignette showing the Emerald City towers against a blue sky with a crescent moon and stars. The entire title is set against a background of a yellow brick road leading towards the Emerald City towers under a starry night sky.

# **The WIZARD of OZ**

Join Dorothy and her loyal companion Toto as they “Follow the Yellow Brick Road” through the Land of Oz, determined to reach the Emerald City, where the great and powerful Wizard of Oz will help them get home. Of course, along the way, Dorothy encounters witches (both good and bad), Munchkins, talking trees and winged monkeys. But most importantly, she befriends three unique characters: a Scarecrow with no brain, a Tin Man with no heart, and a Lion with no “nerve.” Their journey to happiness – and self-awareness – is a glowing testament to friendship, UNDERSTANDING and hope in a world filled with both beauty and ugliness.

**Tickets: \$14 Adults**

**\$10 Sr. Adults & Children**

**“BRAVO!” Theatre Group (Grades 5-12)**

**Auditions: Saturday, May 17, 2025 @ 10:00 AM**



July 26 @ 7:00 PM

July 27 @ 4:00 & 7:00 PM

July 28 @ 3:00 PM

Disney's  
**101 Dalmatians**  
**KIDS**

The logo features the word "Disney's" in a classic script font at the top. Below it, "101 Dalmatians" is written in a large, bold, red font with a white outline and a drop shadow. The number "101" is significantly larger than the word "Dalmatians". At the bottom right, the word "KIDS" is written in a smaller, bold, red font with a white outline and a drop shadow. A small "© Disney" trademark symbol is visible to the right of the "KIDS" text.

*Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS* is a fur-raising adventure featuring Cruella De Vil, Disney's most outrageous villain, and 101 of the most adorable heroes to set their paws onstage. Pet owners, Roger and Anita, live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.

**Tickets: \$12 Adults**

**\$8 Sr. Adults & Children**

**"Prime!" Theatre Group (Grades 1-4)**

**Auditions: Saturday, June 28, 2025 @ 11:00 AM**

## THEATRE STAFF

Executive Director.....	Nina Markle
Office Manager .....	Dawn Cooke
Facilities Manager.....	Jim Barnes
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Choreographers .....	Heather Lyons, Mark Norris
Theatre Directors.....	Leah Busick, Kandy Keller, ..... Nina Markle
Music Instructors .....	Mary Ellen Clinard, Dawn Cooke, ..... Nina Markle, Barb Orth, ..... Max Pickett, Evan Rawlins



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## OUR HISTORY

*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.

