



DIXIE YOUTH THEATRE MISSION STATEMENT

The Dixie Youth Theatre is designed to provide a distinctive theatre education program that will empower youth to embrace a life of excellence and creativity through their artistic abilities and open doors to imagination and self-confidence. Theatre skills are worthwhile, valuable life skills grounded in discipline and a work ethic that is crucial for any craft.

ARTS ARE AN ESSENTIAL INVESTMENT

Funding of the arts is essential to ensuring the continued growth and vitality of Tennessee. The Dixie attempts to nurture education, the culture, and the quality of life in Huntingdon and the community at large. We value activities which promote these ideals and that generate tourism and jobs as a way to help our community economically. We attempt to preserve cultural traditions, build communities and increase people's sense of well-being. We believe that The Dixie is a "cultural brand" in the area that helps to create a workforce driven by creativity and innovation.



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FALL 2011
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**The Dixie Carter Performing Arts
& Academic Enrichment Center**

Home of the Hal Holbrook Theatre

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Fall 2011 Dixie Youth Theatre

SKILLS in ACTING, STAGE VOICE and MOVEMENT
This class is for those age 8 and up, but could include younger students with prearranged auditions. Students will learn to exercise volume, pitch, tempo and rhythm as vocal tools for the stage. The class will include exercises to get the young performer moving with games and exercises in physical characterization, movement to rhythm and extending the students range of physicality. Students will be required to read aloud and memorize short monologues and scenes, and present them in a variety of ways. Those wanting to extend their performing skills may benefit more from this class. Group movement, vocalization, and improvisation are a fun part of this class.

PRESENTATION ACTING and REACTING

This class is for ages 12 and up. It will concentrate on presentational (method) acting skills. Younger students could be accepted if they exhibit skills and audition for the class. The class will quickly cover skills described in the skills class. Students will receive further instruction in characterization, acting styles, externalization, internalization, and substitution. Individual vocal quality will be addressed as well as body language and expression. This class can be valuable for students interested in taking acting skills to other professions or disciplines. Students will be required to read aloud and memorize monologues and scenes. Interactive games and exercises on quick action and reaction are also included.

CREATIVE DRAMA

This class is for ages 5 thru 8. It will concentrate on developing participants' natural world of creative play by using basic theatre techniques including acting out stories, improvisation games, and pretend play.

DATES FOR FALL SESSION CLASSES:

First Class/Audition: Aug 15 All Students 6–9 pm
Parents are encouraged to attend and participate in the first hour.
Younger students may leave at 8:30, talk with instructor.

Semester Schedule: Creative Drama 4:30–5:30 pm
Skills Class 6–7:30 pm
Presentational Class 7:30–9 pm

Aug 26, Aug 29, Sep 12, Sep 26, Oct 3, Oct 10, Oct 17
Group Classes: Nov 7, Nov 14 (All Students) 6–9 pm

Rehearsal: TBA Recital: TBA

MUDSLINGERS

Classes will consist of an introduction to basic pottery skills of pinching, coil-building, slab construction, and throwing on the potter's wheel. The student will also be introduced to various glazing and firing processes. A showcase of students' work will conclude the Session. Mudslingers Pottery Studio is located across from The Dixie at 101 Court Square. Students need to arrive exactly at time scheduled and not more than 5 minutes early since the instructor will need time to prepare classroom between classes.

Tuesday Classes under the instruction of PAIGE WARD:

Pre-K-1 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Grades 2-4 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Grades 5-8 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Thursday Classes under the instruction of LORI NOLEN

ADULTS (18+) Intermediate 4:00 – 5:30 pm
Beginner 6:00 – 7:30 pm

DATES FOR FALL SESSION CLASSES:

KIDS (Tuesdays):

Aug 30, Sep 13, Sep 27, Oct 4, Oct 18, Oct 25

ADULTS (Thursdays):

Sep 1, Sep 15, Sep 29, Oct 6, Oct 20, Oct 27

MUD EXHIBIT @ 5:30 pm on Tuesday, November 15

MUDSLINGERS

You must pre-register by August 25th

COST: Pre-K–8th Grade \$120 (includes material fees)

ADULTS \$170 (includes material fees)

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Instructor Biographies

Scott Conley (Lead Acting Instructor) has a B.S. in technical theatre and visual arts design from Lambuth University. He was also the Technical Director at Lambuth University. Scott's most recent productions include directing *The Sound of Music* here at The Dixie, appearing in Jackson Theatre Guild's *Red, White and Tuna* and directing *Lil' Abner* and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Jade Johnson (Assistant Acting and Creative Drama Instructor) is currently a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin and will graduate in Dec 2011 receiving her B.F.A. degree. She has trained at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York City. Her future goals include obtaining a masters degree in fine arts and education. She has previously conducted The Dixie's 2010 & 2011 Summer Camp sessions and the Fall & Spring 2010 Semester of Dixie Youth Theatre classes.

Lori Neal Nolen (Adult Ceramics Instructor) has taught children's pottery classes for the past 10 years. Before coming to The Dixie as the Executive Director, Lori was an assistant professor of Art & Art History at Union University. She received a B.A. from Union in ceramic art and then spent a year in residency at Alfred University in NY. Lori received her M.F.A. from the University of Georgia, where she also served as a teaching assistant in the UGA Studies Abroad Cortona, Italy art program.

Paige Ward (Kids Ceramic Instructor) has a B.A. in ceramic art from Union University and also is licensed to teach K-12. She studied under Lori Nolen for three years, and has also assisted her in teaching Mudslingers classes since 2009. Paige has interned the last two summers at Arrowmount School of Arts and Crafts in East Tennessee. She currently serves as the shop technician for the art department at Union University.

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You must pre-register by August 12th

COST: \$175 (includes material fees)

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