

2021 FALL CLASS INFORMATION & FAQs

South Carolina Children's Theatre endeavors to be a place where young people are empowered, encouraged, and at home. The Board of Directors and Staff of SCCT are committed to creating this experience of inclusion and belonging for all young people. We are dedicated to being an organization that represents the uniqueness in our community and where all children and adults are welcomed, embraced, and feel safe in our theatre and programs.

Enrollment in SCCT classes is open to children ages 3 through 12th grade. Registrants ages 3-5 must be fully potty-trained. Any questions or needs regarding SCCT classes can be addressed with SCCT Registrar Jill Wolf at 864.235.2885 or by email at jill@scchildrenstheatre.org.

LOCATION

Most classes take place at South Carolina Children's Theatre at 153 Augusta Street. The entrance is around the back of the building. Pull into our parking lot and veer right for Drop Off or Pick Up to the curbside lane. Or park in our lot and look for the DROP OFF sign at the colorful awning leading to the Education Door which is where classes enter.

Some of the Technical Theatre Saturday Workshops (Stage Craft and Scenic Painting) take place at our scene shop 127 Industrial Drive (off of Laurens Road).

REGISTRATION and NOTIFICATIONS

Registration begins August 2nd, 2021. Registrants who complete the registration process before August 27th will automatically receive \$25 off each class. To register online, please visit scchildrenstheatre.org and click on the CLASSES tab, and scroll down to FALL CLASSES 2021. Online payment must be made with a credit card. You may also register by phone on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Following registration, you will receive a confirmation email as well as a reminder email the week before your class starts. Please pay close attention to the details of your class.

COVID PROTOCOLS **as of August 17, 2021**

SCCT is committed to the health and safety of our patrons, casts, crews, students and staff. The CDC and DHEC currently recommend universal indoor masking when students age 2 and older are present. In accordance with these recommendations, we at SCCT feel it necessary to make the following updates to our COVID protocols in our efforts to keep everyone safe within our premises.

- Students will be required to wear masks whenever indoors at SCCT.
- SCCT teaching artists will be required to wear masks while teaching classes at SCCT.
- Any parent/guardian (or sibling over the age of 3) of one of our students who opts to come into the building will be required to wear a mask to enter and while inside the building—knowing this in advance, please provide your own mask.
- Handwashing upon arrival for anyone entering the building will be required
- 5 Bipolar Ionization Units have been installed into all of our HVAC air handlers to ensure that anyone in the space has access to the cleanest, safest, and healthiest air possible.
- Surface disinfection will happen between every class. Our classrooms are sanitized with an electrostatic sprayer using an EPA-approved, food safe biocide—designed to kill coronavirus on surfaces within minutes.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the facility.
- Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 is asked not to enter the facility.

We will continue to monitor the COVID situation in our area and reserve the right to make adjustments to safety protocols accordingly.

PARKING

Our Parking Lot is a Pay Lot except for SCCT Students WITH a dash card displayed. You will be given a dash card on your first day and it is specific to that day of week during class hours. Unattended cars parked in the lot without a dash card appropriate to the day of week/time of day, will be ticketed. You are certainly allowed to park in the lot to wait for your child during classes, or display the dash card and enjoy the West End. If you need a dash card, please ask for one at check-in the first week or at the Education Door thereafter.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP PROCEDURES

SCCT staff is prepared to accept students 5 minutes before class start time. Beginning at that time, you may pull through the car line and drop your child off, or park and escort them to the Education door. Students will be walked out to the car pick up line at the end of their class or you may park and meet them in the Education Lobby or on the sidewalk. Please line up for your class pickup no earlier than 5 minutes before your class end time—we have multiple classes releasing throughout the day and a fairly small area for cars to line up without blocking traffic on Augusta Street. Simply park in our lot until it is time to line up or there is room for you. **NO STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK TO A PARKED CAR UNACCOMPANIED**, or to leave the property unescorted without an email from the parent directly to the teacher permitting this.

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING

Students should dress comfortably in clothes that allow for free movement. Dresses are not recommended and light layers are ideal. No flip flops or clogs please! Shoes should easily stay on feet and not impede movement. Water bottles are encouraged and some teachers will be request student's to bring a notebook & pencil.

ATTENDANCE

If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please email the instructor. If you will miss the first day, please notify SCCT Registrar Jill Wolf. Because each class builds on skills and activities from the previous week, absences affect preparation for the sharing. There are no refunds or make-up classes for days your student is absent.

PARENT ATTENDANCE & SHARING

Parents and siblings are allowed into the Education Lobby during class times (though not allowed in the actual classrooms). Any parent/guardian (or sibling over the age of 3) of one of our students who opts to come into the building will be required to wear a mask to enter and while inside the building—knowing this in advance, please provide your own mask. We will still bring students out the curb for pick-up for those parents who don't come inside.

Due to limited space for audiences in our classrooms, we will record the end-of-semester “sharing” for all classes and send parent's the video link allowing each family to celebrate their child's performance at a time convenient for everyone in the family and making it possible to easily share with distant family members. Our “sharings” are informal performances. Our goal is to engage the students in preparing for the low-pressure performance, without causing undo anxiety and also not spending every minute of class time solely repeating rehearsals. The “sharings” will not be highly polished and will be very low tech as our primary goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable class experience, filled with group interaction and fun.

SPECIAL NEEDS

There is a field on the online registration form to list allergies and any other special needs. You may also email specifics to your instructor (when you receive your reminder email a week before your class) of any medical conditions, allergies (especially food allergies), learning/processing issues or special needs that were listed on your registration. Open communication with families helps us create a successful environment for every student.

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

If you cancel no later than 10 days before your first class, tuition less a \$30 class cancellation fee will be refunded. If you cancel less than 10 days before class begins, no refund or credit will be issued. Fees for classes cannot be transferred to other sessions. SCCT reserves the right to cancel classes that have not met enrollment minimums before the first class. Classes, faculty, and schedule are subject to change. *****(This was the policy when classes went on sale Aug 2) Should the COVID situation in our area make face masks required again for the safety of our students, no refunds will be offered to those who opt to withdraw rather than wear a mask. As of August 17, we ARE requiring masks for all students.*****