

The Harbor Playhouse First Stage Players!

At the heart of Harbor Playhouse are the First Stage Players, a unique, completely free, pre-professional theater training and youth development program for children/young adults' grades 5-12 who come from across the South Texas area. Membership in the First Stage Players is by audition only, and members perform in exclusive Main stage/Studio productions and at special events throughout Corpus Christ. However, the program doesn't end there! Youth development activities range from community fundraisers to group mentoring with Harbor Playhouse staff, to college preparation and tours to free snacks during rehearsals. In addition to theater skills, First Stage Players improve their abilities in teamwork, time management, public speaking, positive communication, and conflict resolution.

First Stage Players FAQs

How do I become an Ensemble Member?

Harbor Playhouse First Stage Players open auditions are held December 3, 2011. Please contact us at (361) 882-5500 or e-mail edu@harborplayhouse.com to schedule an audition. Once accepted into First Stage Players, a member may stay in the program until the following year if all duties are met.

What benefits do Ensemble Members receive?

First Stage Players Training Classes: These classes are designed to help members meet the challenges of performing in a musical and improving their theater skills. The curriculum includes: Acting, Music Theory, Voice and Diction, Dance Technique and Playwriting. Classes are free of charge and taught by professionals. They are closed to the general public.

Performance Opportunities: In addition to the Main stage/Studio Productions, First Stage Players also have the opportunity to appear in numerous special event performances throughout the year.

Audition Preparation: Assistance with preparing for Middle School, High School, College, or Professional Auditions

New York Trip and Tour: A trip to NYC that consists of a 5-day/4-night tour to 3 Broadway shows, behind the scenes of a Broadway Show, Theatre Workshops with working actors, question and Answer with a cast of a show and tours of various places in New York. *(This is available to members who attend all fundraisers and fulfill all the duties require of membership. Members pay for their own trip at a discounted price and are provided with more than enough opportunities to fundraise their payment.)*

Industry Panels and Guest Artists: Harbor will host panels of playwrights, directors, actors, and other theater professionals who have shared their experience and answered questions in a relaxed, informal setting specifically for First Stage Players.

Snacks: Ensemble Members are provided with healthy snacks during each class or rehearsal.

College Prep: High School Members receive individual assistance with the college search, applications, essay writing, and scholarships.

Do Ensemble Members receive any personalized training assistance?

Once a student has surpassed the skill level of the current classes offered at Harbor Playhouse he/she is advised to take individual lessons in voice, dance and acting classes. Acting classes on an individual level with a professional for a discounted price are available.

What is required of the Ensemble Members?

If membership is given a specific list of duties must be fulfilled and signed-off by the teaching artist. They range from working backstage for

a show to coming in and helping with building/painting for the set. One of the most important is the community service requirement. Members may assist Harbor Playhouse as production interns, design interns, administrative interns or ushers. Members also have the opportunity to assist a director or choreographer on a production, student teach in Harbor Playhouse Education classes, or help tutor other First Stage Players academically. Please note that Harbor Playhouse and its First Stage Players adhere to district guidelines with eligibility and support that students must remain in good academic standing to sustain membership.

For detailed information, please contact us at edu@harborplayhouse.com or by calling 361.882.5500.

Harbor Playhouse First Stage Players Audition Form

Weekly Meetings are Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Guardian's Name (if minor): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Height: _____ Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____

Vocal & Dance Training/Experience: (Lessons, Companies, etc...)

Prior Theatrical Experience: (Show/Role/Theatre) (If you have a resume and/or photo, please attach)

What special talents do you have? (gymnastics, juggle, play an instrument, etc...)

What physical limitations do you have that would restrict your movement on stage?

What could you contribute to the First Stage Players and its affect on the community?

What do you want to get out of being a First Stage Player?

If allowed membership, all members are expected to maintain a professional attitude and abide by all Harbor Playhouse guidelines. Poor behavior, tardiness and absence are grounds for dismissal from the production at the director's discretion.

Harbor Playhouse would like to publish pictures from our performances including images of the actors and the set. Pictures may be published on our web site and/or in print media. Harbor Playhouse does not provide compensation for the right to use these pictures. Please indicate your release from compensation and your permission to use your or your child's picture in our media by your **signature**. Your choice to give or not give release and permission will not be taken into consideration during the audition.

Auditioner's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature
(if auditioner is under 18 years of age)