



Thank you for your interest in joining us for Cats Youth Edition at Harbor Playhouse, the most comprehensive summer training program for musical theater in the Coastal Bend! Below you will find a high-level overview of what students will learn, as well as a sample itinerary for our first few days at camp. This is a camp is designed for all performance levels and will teach valuable skills outside of just being in a show. Campers will work on individual monologues, singing cuts, general dance technique and acting exercises in addition to Cats Youth Edition. Campers leave this program prepared for all types of auditions in different spaces, while also becoming stronger leaders along the way.

What campers will learn:

- Audition skills
- Dance Technique
- Vocal Technique & Harmonization
- Improvisation
- Scene Study
- Acting skills
- How to pick a monologue
- How to pick singing audition cuts
- Stage Makeup
- Production Process
- Nutrition & how to practice/prepare
- Values & Leadership skills
- Masterclasses & how to give feedback

Sample Itinerary, Day 1 & 2

Day 1

9 - 9:30am: Morning Stretch with Jessica

9:30-10:30am: Ice Breakers & Introductions

10:30-11:30am: Headshots (these are sent to campers to use for future auditions and social media)

11:30-12:30pm: Audition Choreography with Jessica

12:30-1:30PM: Lunch & watch Cats

1:30-3: Review singing audition cuts and mock voice audition with Bethany (campers will have audition information ahead of camp and will have their cuts learned)

3-5: Acting with Mr. Salinas. Practice Cold Readings for auditions and audition monologues

Day 2

9-9:30Am: Stretch with Jessica

9:30-10PM: Vocal Warm Up with Bethany

10-12:30PM: Auditions! (feedback will be written from auditions to be sent to campers & parents. Parents are encouraged to talk about the feedback with their campers to determine what their goals should be for the remainder of camp)

12:30-1PM: Lunch

1-1:30PM: Cast Announcement!

1:30-3:30PM: Group Singing Rehearsal

3:30-5PM: Show Read-Through & Character Analysis

For days after the cast is announced, every morning begins with a dance technique class. Individual vocal work on audition cuts that the campers bring in (if interested) & monologue work will happen intermittently throughout the day.

FAQs

1. What payment plans are available?
 - a. All payments come through our ticketing system, audienceview. If you choose to pay tuition in one full payment, there are options to utilize Klarna, Afterpay, and Affirm through Google or Afterpay.
 - b. If you'd like to set up a payment plan outside of the above mentioned services, you can call Harbor Playhouse to set one up. The sooner you sign up for the camp, the better the payment plan since there will be more months to spread payments out with. No payments made will be refundable for any reason.
2. Who can attend the camp?

A: The camp is open to students ages **9–17** who are interested in musical theatre performance and production.

3. Where does the camp take place?

A: All activities are held at **Harbor Playhouse**. More details will be provided upon registration.

4. What are the camp dates and hours?

A: Camp runs from **9:00 AM – 5:00 PM** each day. The specific session dates will be listed at registration.

5. Who are the teachers for the camp?

- A. Acting is Mr. Salinas, current head band director at Miller High School, YPTC Summer Camp Director, and director for many shows at Harbor Playhouse including Matilda, Moana Jr, and Wizard of Oz to name a few. He also teaches acting, music & movement classes at Harbor. Learn more [here](#)
- B. Jessica is our dance specialist! Read more [here](#)
- C. Bethany is our music specialist! Read more [here](#)

6. Is prior dance or theater experience required?

A: Not at all! The camp welcomes all experience levels. Every student receives personalized coaching to help them grow at their own pace. However, this is an intensive where all campers are expected to participate in all activities and training. This is basically 8 hours of rehearsals and learning all day, every day. Please make sure your camper is prepared for a rigorous schedule of all things performance!

7. Are campers required to attend every day?

A: Yes. Attendance at all **camp days and performances** is mandatory. No conflicts will be allowed except for **family emergencies or illness**. Every camp day is a rehearsal, so the entire cast is affected if someone is missing.

8. Are there before or after care options?

A: No before or after care is provided.

Campers may be dropped off **no earlier than 8:30 AM** and must be picked up **no later than 5:30 PM**.

9. Will campers be responsible for costumes or makeup?

A: Yes. Campers will **costume themselves** with guidance from instructors and will provide their own **stage makeup**. Costume guidelines and makeup tutorials will be given during camp.