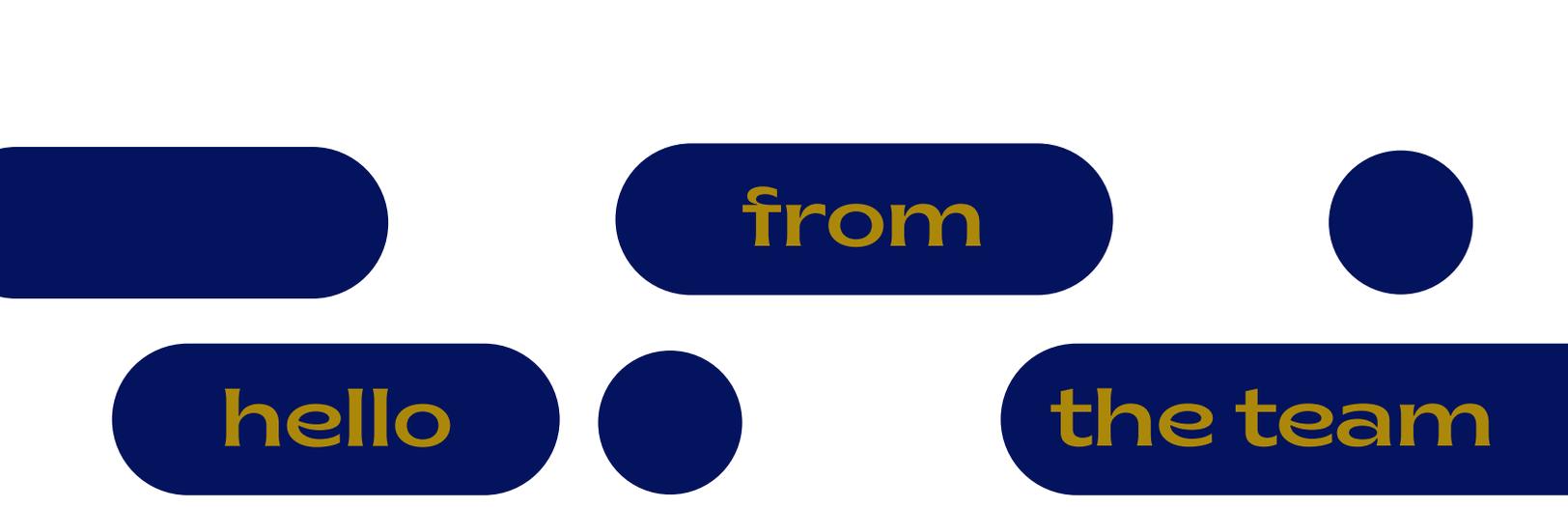




2021/2022 Season



## Parent/Guardian Information Package



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the team

Welcome to Launchpoint Academy! We are so happy to have your family joining our community! At Launchpoint Academy, we value providing your children with a safe learning environment through mentorship and high-quality experiences.

In our programs, we emphasize creative exploration, making strong connections with peers, and critical thinking. Our team prioritizes nurturing each child's strengths to encourage growth and build confidence in their own abilities.

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# Stages of Growth

## Stage 1

**Ages 4-5** learn the basics of song, dance, and all things artistic! Full of fun play-based learning we explore the imagination and give space for each child's creativity.

## Stage 2

**Ages 6-8** have the opportunity to create and perform while learning new skills in our play-based curriculum. At this level, we start to explore the question of why behind all of our artistic endeavors.

## Stage 3

**Ages 8-12** are ready to blossom as artists. At this stage, we will support each student as they have ample opportunities to put their performance skills to the test and continue to grow through experiences and play.

## Stage 4

At **ages 13-17**, we are supporting each student in exploring opportunities outside of Launchpoint Academy. With a focus on auditioning, professionalism, and artistic development, students at this stage will be ready to participate, create, and lead in the Blue Canoe / Kingston Arts community.



## Our Mission

Launch Point Academy was created with the intention of creating a superior theatrical education opportunity for the youth of Kingston. We believe in the importance of theatre in the lives of youth and the positive effect that it can have on youth communities. We strive to unlock the undiscovered potential in our students and help them to express it in a safe and accepting environment. We are proud of the lasting friendships and formative memories that our program facilitates. Everything we do must always come down to the experience that we provide for our campers and students.

## Our Staff

When it comes to hiring, we look for experienced and talented theatre artists whose great energy and leadership allow students a glimpse at the professional attitude of the theatre world. Each of our staff members has years of hands-on experience in the arts, some of which are graduates with degrees in theatre and music as well. We hold our staff to a high standard to inspire our students to strive for a similar level of dedication. Whoever we hire must also have a strong passion for educating youth and creating a safe and accepting environment for them. The level of theatre that we are aiming to create requires that we occasionally view our students as co-workers in a sense. They are our performers and creators. As a result, they should be treated with the same amount of respect as any of our instructors. We do not talk down to our students and this helps them to gain confidence in their abilities and take a certain amount of ownership over the pieces that they create – a crucial aspect to having dedicated and hard-working performers.

# Programming Logistics

## Payments

Payment must be made on the day of registration. Your child does not reserve a spot in our camp until payment is made. Payment can be made via e-transfer to Kim Dolan, our General Manager, at [kim.dolan@bluecanoetheatrical.ca](mailto:kim.dolan@bluecanoetheatrical.ca). Please see our Programs information page to see prices for each type of program this summer. Once payment has been made, you will receive a payment confirmation sheet, which you may use as an invoice or for tax purposes. Please note that you may be eligible for discounts that are not listed in our payment information. If you do qualify for a discount, our team will be in contact with you.

## Absenteeism

In the event that your child does not show up for camp at the start of the program, we will be calling the phone numbers provided in an attempt to locate your child. Please give us ample notice if your child will not be in attendance/late for a particular program. If your child will not be in attendance, a refund will not be given. In the case that your child is sick please email Cam Watson at [cam.watson@bluecanoetheatrical.ca](mailto:cam.watson@bluecanoetheatrical.ca)

## Refunds

Camp Refunds: Full refunds are available up until the 48 hours before a program is due to start. After this point, we will no longer be able to offer a full refund.

For Sessional Programming: Full refund is available within the first three weeks of the program.

If you have any questions please contact Cam at [cam.watson@bluecanoetheatrical.ca](mailto:cam.watson@bluecanoetheatrical.ca).



# What to Bring



**Comfortable, and moveable clothing**



**Indoor Shoes**



**A packed lunch and snacks**



**A water bottle**



**We encourage and recommend masks**



**A notebook and writing utensils**

# Welcome to Launchpoint Academy!

