

Performing Arts



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Why choose Festival Place?

Festival Place is a dynamic, multi-use theatre and performing arts center that offers a wide array of events, programs and performances annually. Located in the heart of Broadmoor Lake Park, it serves as a lively hub for creativity and culture. Programs are crafted to enrich the curriculum and highlight it through the lens of performing arts. Our experiences take place at Festival Place or in your school.

Participation in the performing arts fosters self-expression and personal growth. Students build self-esteem, strengthen social and emotional skills, communicate with confidence, and learn the value of teamwork—all while having fun! Our programs welcome students of all experience levels.

Engaging in the performing arts encourages collaboration among students and cultivates creativity, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills.

Performing Arts program booking

To book a program, please contact the Performing Arts Programmer.

Festival Place

100 Festival Way,
Sherwood Park, Alberta

780-410-8566

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Studio activities and theatre tour

Blending curriculum with interactive performing arts and a touch of imagination creates a vibrant stage for learning. Performing Arts Educators help students see, feel and hear key aspects of their school curriculum come to life. This creative journey enables students to experience moments of accomplishment and pride.

As part of the studio activities, enjoy a backstage tour of the Festival Place theatre. Subject to availability based on the theatre's schedule. If a live tour isn't possible on your visit, a video tour will be provided.

Theatre events

Festival Place offers entertaining weekday matinees, behind-the-scenes set tours and engaging artist-led experiences that inspire creativity and connect students to the performing arts. Touring artists also visit schools or host sessions at Festival Place, guiding students through storytelling, music, dance and performance to build skills in communication, movement and collaboration—all while inspiring creativity and connection to the arts.

Accessibility

Festival Place is an accessible space. The Performing Arts Education team is committed to ensuring all students have an excellent visit. Please reach out to us to arrange accommodations as needed.

Bus subsidy program

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Festival Place Cultural Arts Foundation, Festival Place is able to offer bus subsidies to schools in the Elk Island Public and Catholic School Divisions that book a Festival Place program. Subsidies are based on availability.



ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS	See page 24 to 25 for more information on studio activities. See page 26 for details on theatre events.		
LENGTH OF STUDIO ACTIVITIES	90 minutes		
GROUP SIZE (STUDIO ACTIVITIES)	To ensure the quality of the studio activities, a maximum group size of 30 is recommended. Exceptions apply upon request.		
HELPERS/ VOLUNTEERS	Teachers, education assistants and adult helpers attend for free and are suggested in the following ratios:		
	Preschool: One adult per five students	K to Grade 6: One adult per 10 students	Grade 7 to 12: One adult per 15 students
STUDIO ACTIVITIES COST AND BOOKING	\$7.35/student Please note: a minimum charge of \$115 is applied to groups of 16 students or less. If these costs present a barrier to your school group, please reach out to the Performing Arts Programmer at Culture.Programs@strathcona.ca		
EVENT COST AND BOOKING	Please contact Culture.Programs@strathcona.ca for more event information.		
PAYMENT CONFIRMATION	An invoice will be forwarded via email. Payment must be received before the start of the program. Payment is accepted by credit card or cheque.		

Studio activities

Kindergarten to Grade 6



Bodies Building Stories

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Storytelling is a fun and effective way for children to develop language, empathy and creativity. This storytelling and drama workshop takes a practical approach to story building. Students collaborate and communicate their ideas in a way that supports learning using fun, creative and engaging techniques.

Curriculum connections:

- English (K-Gr. 6)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 6)
- Mathematics (K-Gr. 2)
- Science (K-Gr. 4)
- Social Studies (K-Gr. 6)
- English (K-Gr. 6)

Imagine Nature

Kindergarten to Grade 6

This movement-based workshop connects students with nature, animals and the elements in an inspiring environment. Through physicality and facilitated creativity, they establish connections with the wildlife and terrain of the land and develop respect and understanding for the experiences of animals native to Alberta. Students explore and interact with the natural world using their imaginations.

Curriculum connections:

- English: (K-Gr. 6)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 6)
- Science (K-Gr. 4)
- Social Studies (K-Gr. 6)

Laugh and Learn

Kindergarten to Grade 6

Engage in the process of interactive listening and fast response activities. Improv and drama activities help build skills in problem-solving and creative thinking. Our curriculum-focused improv workshops encourage students to flex their spontaneity as they practice expressing themselves freely and confidently through high-energy, interactive play.

Curriculum connections:

- English (K-Gr. 6)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 6)
- Science (K-Gr. 4)
- Social Studies (K-Gr. 6)



Dance Craft

Grade 2 to Grade 6

Science has proven that dancing boosts confidence, endurance and improves flexibility. Students are led through a warm-up with purposeful movements, creating a choreographed movement piece. Students choose a song from a playlist and explore different tempos, movements, rhythms and beats to develop their own choreographed dance piece. This workshop fosters a sense of accomplishment and strengthens classroom community.

Curriculum connections:

- English (K-Gr. 6)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 6)
- Mathematics (K-Gr. 2)
- Science (K-Gr. 4)



Rhythmic Arithmetic

Kindergarten to Grade 2

Dance is a dynamic medium to explore mathematical elements. Students will experience space, patterns, shapes, timing, formations and rhythm. Number and shape-inspired physical games, movement activities and choreography will enhance their mathematical decision-making and problem-solving abilities in a creative, fun and energetic way.

Curriculum connections:

- Mathematics (K-Gr. 2)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 2)
- Science (K-Gr. 2)



Comic Kidz

Grade 3 to Grade 6

Students will find humorous ways to embrace connection and self-expression in this mime and comedy-based workshop. They will be guided to unleash their creativity and curiosity through physical storytelling and gestures. The facilitated games and exercises will build physical vocabulary, methods of communication and expressive development.

Curriculum connections:

- English (Gr. 3-6)
- Physical Education and Wellness (Gr. 3-6)
- Science (K, Gr. 3-6)
- Social Studies (K-Gr. 6)

Curriculum connections overview:

English (K-Gr. 6): storytelling, imagination, feeling, setting, character development, organization and critical thinking, public speaking

Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 6): movement, play, mental health benefits, feeling, spatial awareness, non-locomotor versus locomotor, fair play, teamwork, roles and expectations, self-regulation, community awareness, safety, behaviour, healthy relationships, empathy and respect

Mathematics (K-Gr. 2): counting, patterns, addition, subtraction, grouping, balance

Science (K-Gr. 4): investigation, pathways of movement, influence, living worlds, materials and interactions, problem-solving, creativity and design and 3 Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle)

Social Studies (K-Gr. 6): community, natural/human constructed, physical regions, natural resources. mapping, government, settlements, timelines, historical events, leadership

Theatre events

Kindergarten to Grade 12



Special weekday matinees

Treat your students to the excitement of live performance with our weekday matinee performances at Festival Place.

Curriculum connections:

- English (K-Gr. 12)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 12)
- Science (K-Gr. 12)
- Social Studies (K-Gr. 12)

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Curriculum connections overview:

English (K-Gr. 12): storytelling, imagination, feeling, setting, character development, organization and critical thinking, public speaking, french

Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 12): movement, play, mental health benefits, feeling, spatial awareness, non-locomotor versus locomotor, fair play, teamwork, roles and expectations, self-regulation, community awareness, safety, behaviour, healthy relationships, empathy and respect.

Mathematics (K-Gr. 12): counting, patterns, addition, subtraction, grouping, balance

Science (K-Gr. 12): investigation, pathways of movement, influence, living worlds, materials and interactions, problem-solving, creativity and design and 3 Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle), physics

Social Studies (K-Gr. 12): community, natural/human constructed, physical regions, natural resources. mapping, government, settlements, timelines, historical events, leadership, Indigenous studies, globalization.

Behind-the-scenes set tour

Take a behind-the-scenes set tour and discover how performers, staff and stage crew bring productions to life in this vibrant performing arts facility.

Curriculum connections:

- English (K-Gr. 12)
- Mathematics (K-Gr. 12)
- Science (K-Gr. 12)

Performing Arts on tour: Experiences that inspire

With the guidance of a professional artist, your students will embark on a unique and inspiring creative journey. Storytellers, songwriters and performers will captivate, educate and motivate students through their engaging and inspiring presentations.

Curriculum connections:

- English (K-Gr. 12)
- Physical Education and Wellness (K-Gr. 12)
- Science (K-Gr. 12)
- Social Studies (K-Gr. 12)