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MEDIA ALERT

Name of Event: First Stage Fall Theater Academy 2020

Date: General registration is now open for First Stage Theater Academy's fall session. Session dates **Saturday, September 26, 2020 – Saturday, November 21, 2020.**

Time: Class dates and times vary

Description: First Stage Theater Academy, the nation's leading high-impact theater training program for young people, is offering both virtual and limited in-person classes at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center for its Fall Academy programs with classes beginning **Saturday, September 26, 2020.** Both virtual and in-person classes will follow First Stage's curriculum of Acting, Musical Theater, Improvisation and more led by professional theater artists, fostering life skills through stage skills. Classes are available for students in grades K3 – 12.

These fall programming adjustments are in order to ensure the health and safety of students, families, staff and teaching artists during the COVID-19 pandemic. In-person classes will see additional health and safety procedures implemented, including staggered class start times, smaller class sizes, student temperature checks upon arrival, ensuring of six-foot separation among students and staff, requirements of masks to be worn by all students and staff, and thorough cleaning of facilities between classes. To learn more about First Stage's COVID-19 health and safety measures, go to <https://bit.ly/Academy-COVID-19>.

Cost: Tuition varies depending upon length of class. Financial assistance is available.

Location: Online, with limited in-person classes at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center, 325 West Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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About First Stage

First Stage is one of the nation's leading theaters for young people and families. First Stage touches hearts, engages minds and transforms lives by creating extraordinary theater experiences through professional theater productions that inspire, enlighten and entertain. Its Theater Academy, the nation's largest high-impact theater training program for young people, fosters life skills through stage skills and serves nearly 2,000 students each year. As Wisconsin's leader in arts-integrated education in schools, First Stage's dynamic Theater in Education programs promote literacy, character building and experiential learning throughout the curriculum, serving over 20,000 students each year. First Stage was selected to participate in the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (2012), and was the recipient of the *Milwaukee Business Journal's* Eureka Award, recognizing creativity and innovation in business, education and the arts for its Next Steps program for students on the autism spectrum (2013, 2015). First Stage is a member of TYA/USA, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education, the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education, Milwaukee Arts Partners and is a cornerstone member of the United Performing Arts Fund (UPAF). www.firststage.org.