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How Peninsula summer camps are inspiring youth to explore the arts

By John Bricker

Parents hoping to encourage their children’s creativity this summer don’t have to look far. The Peninsula abounds with plenty of summer camps focused on the arts. Have a child interested in performing with a jazz band? There’s a camp for that. There are also camps where kids can sing in a musical, learn how to dance, hone their drawing skills or participate in a whole lot of other creative activities.

To help get your summer search started, here are four camps offering classes focused on different art forms for youth of varying ages.

EPACenter
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1950 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

EPACenter (pronounced “epicenter”) connects local youth with the arts through summer camps focused on everything from drawing, painting, dance and music to culinary arts, photography and theater.

Palo Alto resident Maggie Jett enrolled her 8-year-old son, Marcus, in EPACenter’s camp last summer after learning about the newly opened center from a flyer in the mail. The cartooning class at EPACenter fueled Marcus’ passion for drawing and helped him make new friends, Jett said.

“He’s an only child, so (the EPACenter) gives him something extra to do, something fun to do,” Jett said. “It gives him more of an outlet than just doing school.”

In addition to a broad range of classes exploring various aspects of the arts, camps are offered all day for six weeks to accommodate working parents who might not be able to pick up their children in the middle of the day, Nadine Rambeau, EPACenter executive director, said.

“That seems to be a really big, critical need,” she said.

EPACenter’s summer camps begin the week of June 20. Camps are available on a sliding-fee scale to accommodate families of all economic backgrounds.

Find more information at epacenter.org.

Who might like this camp ...
- Kids looking to explore alternative art classes, such as cooking, cartooning, graphic design
- Working parents looking for all-day classes
- Families looking for an affordable alternative. Camps are based on a sliding-fee scale
For the past decade, Hope Musical Theatre’s summer camps have provided hundreds of local youth the opportunity to immerse themselves in the performing arts, both behind the scenes as well as in the theater spotlight.

Hosted at Palo Alto High School’s Haymarket Theater, each week-long summer camp accommodates about 50 local youths who are involved in every aspect of a theater production, from making props and sets to acting and singing in a performance presented on the final day of camp.

For director Sarah Hope, these camps are a chance to bring the Broadway experience, which she was introduced to while studying musical theater at New York University, home to the Bay Area where she grew up.

“That was my goal,” she said. “To bring that feeling, that energy, that New York-style pazazz.”

During the camp, participants audition for roles on the first day and then work behind the scenes and rehearse the show throughout the rest of the week before performing on the last day to an audience of family and friends. Friends, Shana Segal, a Palo Alto Unified School District board member, decided to enroll her 6-year-old son, Ryan, and 8-year-old daughter, Caitlin, in the program.

While working on a production of Peter Pan, Segal said, both of her children made friends, worked hard on memorizing their lines and songs, and stayed excited for each new day of camp throughout the week.

“They both only had positive reviews, even after the long days,” Segal said.

When the entire family (including grandparents) attended the production at the end of the week, Segal said she tried to manage her expectations because of the young cast and quick turnaround, but was surprised and impressed by the end product.

“We were all blown away by the quality of the show, the smiles on the kids’ faces and that no one looked nervous,” she said.

Registration for Hope Musical Theatre’s summer camps opened Jan. 15. The camps will begin the week of June 5 and run for seven weeks, with each day starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. Registration is open for regular campers, from third to eighth grade, and junior campers, in first and second grade, as well as counselors in training, for ninth graders and up. Find more information at hopemusicaltheatre.com.

For more than 50 years, Stanford Jazz Workshop has given youth of various ages the chance to learn from and play with professional and world-renowned jazz musicians.

Stanford Jazz Workshop’s summer camps are split into three main programs, serving different age groups. The Giant Steps Day Camp provides five days of introduction to jazz styles and improvisation to middle schoolers, along with master classes for vocal and playing technique. The Day Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with jam sessions and extra activities available afterward. For 12- to 17-year-old musicians, Jazz Camp focuses on thorough training in jazz theory, ear training and technique, teaching through combo (a small band of three musicians).
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to seven musicians) performance and improvisation.

Ernie Rideout, marketing director for Stanford Jazz Workshop, said many middle and high school students who come to Giant Steps or Jazz Camp find their confidence and calling during the program.

“It’s not just that kids come and learn how to play their instrument or how to play cool jazz tunes. ... It’s a nurturing environment for young people who have, not just a particular interest, but a particular way of experiencing the world,” Rideout said.

Nathan Palmer, a high school senior who plays the alto saxophone, first attended the Giant Steps Day Camp in seventh grade. He said finding peers who he could look up to was a huge part of what made him decide to pursue jazz.

“I felt like I found my people and I found my place in the world,” he said. “I was definitely a lost soul up until then.”

The Jazz Institute program brings world-class jazz musicians together with students to teach and jam. The program coincides with the Stanford Jazz Festival so students can see their teachers perform in the evenings. Unlike Giant Steps and Jazz Camp programs, students age 17 and younger must audition for the Jazz Institute.

Students love seeing their instructors perform, Rideout said, and the instructors enjoy hanging out and jamming with their students. When Grammy-nominated composer and pianist Fred Hersch taught Jazz Camp, Rideout said, the musician met up with his students and ate breakfast with them every morning.

“(The instructors) all say they get as much out of talking to the kids as they think the kids get out of talking to them,” he said.

The Giant Steps Day Camp runs from July 10-14. The camp costs $895; no audition is required.

Jazz Camp begins on July 16 and runs through July 28. Tuition costs $1,475, with housing and meals available for $990 per week; no audition is required.

The Jazz Institute runs from July 30 to Aug. 4. Tuition costs $1,590, with housing and meals for minors available for $990 per week; audition required for students and vocalists 17 and younger.

Find more information at stanfordjazz.org.

Mannakin Theater and Dance

1841 Bay Road, East Palo Alto

Mannakin Theater and Dance will offer a five-week Summer Dance Camp at its new Avant School of Dance studio in East Palo Alto, which opened in March 2022. Open to youth between ages 3 and 14, the camp will lead up to a final performance on July 30, when all youth participants will showcase their skills at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City.

Learning from professional dancers, all students learning ballet, jazz, tap and Mexican Folklorico dancing in class sizes limited to 12 students each. Students younger than 10 attend class four days a week, while older students attend class five times a week.

The classes are split into five age groups, a new feature for this summer’s program that allows instructors to tailor exercises to each student’s ability and make the experience more fulfilling for everyone, said Nathan Cottam, dancer-choreographer and founder of Mannakin Theater and Dance.

“Young students won’t be pushed too quickly, and older students won’t get bored,” he said.

Registration for en Avant School of Dance Summer Dance Camp is now open. Pricing depends on age group, ranging from $215 for 3-4 year olds to $365 for 10-14 year olds. New students pay a fee of $125 for a uniform, shoes, hair supplies and a ballet bag. Families can register at epaballet.com.

Who might like this camp ...

• Youth interested in learning a variety of dance styles, including ballet, jazz, tap and Mexican Folklorico

• Families with very young children. The camp offers lessons to participants as young as 3

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