

CITIZENS THEATRE



WEEKLY DRAMA CLASSES
INFORMATION PACK
AUTUMN TERM 2019

ABOUT US

The Citizens Company was founded in 1943 on the premise that it would be a 'Citizens theatre in the fullest sense' and would 'produce plays which Glasgow playgoers would otherwise not have the opportunity of seeing'. The Citizens Theatre building is currently closed for renovations. All classes during this time will take place at Scotland Street School Museum.

The Citizens Learning department produces a wide range of educational activities for both adults and children. They also run two non-professional theatre companies: the Community Collective and the Young Co.

More information about how to travel to Scotland Street School Museum can be found at the back of this booklet.



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Follow the drama classes on twitter to get up to date information and alerts.



[@citzlearning](https://twitter.com/citzlearning) / [@citzangela](https://twitter.com/citzangela)

Like us on Facebook to receive important information about our Drama Classes. Please note – we are trying to be more environmentally friendly. Therefore, we will be using our Facebook page and email as our main ways to correspond with our participants and their families.



<https://www.facebook.com/citzdramaclases>

WEEKLY CLASSES

Our weekly drama class programme is split into several different age groups. The classes run as follows:

Saturdays

4-5 years	10am - 11am / 12:30pm - 1:30pm
6-8 years	10:15am - 11:30am / 11:15am - 12:15pm / 2:45pm - 3:45pm
9-11 years	10:15am - 11:45am / 11:45am - 1:15pm / 2:45pm - 4:15pm
12-14 years	12noon - 1:30pm / 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Sundays

4-5 years	10am - 11am / 12:30pm - 1:30pm
6-8 years	10:15am - 11:30am / 11:15am - 12:15pm / 2:30pm - 3:30pm
9-11 years	10am - 11:30am / 11:45am - 1:15pm
12-14 years	11:45am - 1:15pm / 2:30pm - 4:00pm
15-18 years	2:30pm - 4pm

There are 3 terms per year, each usually lasting 8-10 weeks. The classes do not run during the main school holidays. See the list of dates at the back of this booklet for the upcoming term.

Each class is run by a lead drama tutor and an assistant drama tutor. All of our tutors are fully qualified and hold Disclosure Scotland / PVG certificates. There will always be a staff member available to deal with any issues and to direct children to the toilets if they need to go during the class.

The content of the classes for each group has been developed so that all activities are age-appropriate. The following pages contain a brief description of what we aim to cover and achieve in each group during a term.

PERFORMANCES

At the end of the winter and spring terms there will be a sharing of work that will take place in Scotland Street School Museum. The aim of this is to allow parents / guardians to see what their children have been up to during the term. Information about such sharings will be given out a couple of weeks before the end of term. Our summer term is a skills development term, so there will be no sharings in June.

Please note that these 'sharings' are very informal and are not large-scale performances with costumes, sets, etc. We run an Easter and Summer Academy where participants can take part in a more formal performance.

4-5 YEAR OLDS

The class for 4-5 year olds takes storytelling, creative play and story-acting as its focus. The benefits of this kind of activity for children of this age are vast and the areas we aim to work on are listed below:

- **Social Skills:** Learning how to work as part of a team, and the importance of taking turns and sharing.
- **Vocal Skills:** The children are encouraged to speak about their thoughts and feelings in a way that can be understood by the rest of the group.
- **Movement and Co-ordination:** Activities help the children to develop an awareness of their own bodies in relation to the space around them.
- **Use of Imagination:** In exploring stories and imaginary worlds, the children engage in simple role-play and basic tutor led improvisations, as well as being encouraged to tell their own stories.
- **Listening and Responding:** Understanding when it is their turn to speak and when it is a time to listen.

6-8 YEAR OLDS

While many of the skills listed for the 4-5 years group are carried into the 6-8 years group, we work at a more advanced level and also incorporate the following:

- **Characterisation Skills:** Through role-play and improvisation the children learn how to develop characters through voice, movement and facial expression.
- **Storytelling Techniques:** The children explore different ways of telling their stories, using mime, narrators, chorus work and still images/tableaux.
- **Concentration Skills:** Through focusing activities we aim to develop concentration skills.

9-11 & 12-14 YEAR OLDS

The classes for 9-11 year olds and 12-14 year olds focus much more on drama and performance skills and are delivered at a level to suit those age groups.

There is scope for these two older age groups to work towards performances. These will be developed through negotiation with each group of participants. If there is a demand from the young people to do more performance based work, we will address that and accommodate the groups as best we can.

15-18 YEAR OLDS

This is a senior group, with a strong focus on developing acting skills. The group will work collaboratively to create pieces of work and to develop specific drama skills.

We encourage the group to help shape what they want out of the weekly class; to make it as useful and enjoyable to them as possible.

Please feel free to speak to any staff member if you would like to know anything more about the classes or if you wish to discuss your child's progress.

PAYMENT OF CLASSES

Our weekend drama classes are very reasonably priced. We try to keep our costs as low as we can, to offer value for money and to make our classes accessible to as many people as possible.

Full term costs should be paid in one instalment before the term begins. Please contact angela.smith@citz.co.uk if this will be problematic for you.

The Citizens Theatre Box Office deals with all payments. They can be contacted on 0141 429 0022. Payment for weekend classes can be made either in person or by card between 10am-5pm, Tue- Sat. You will be advised by email when it is time to book in for future terms.

For more info about payments, or to discuss issues, please phone the Box Office on 0141 429 0022.

REFRESHMENTS

We are keen for parents to feel as welcome in the Scotland Street School building as their children are whilst the drama classes are running. We also appreciate that participants may have younger brothers or sisters who won't be taking part in the drama classes.

We therefore provide free juice and newspapers for family members who wish to stay in the building during the drama classes.

You can purchase drinks and snacks from the vending machines and relax with a newspaper, safe in the knowledge that your child is having fun in the drama workshop. Your younger children can also read one of our story books, to stay occupied. We ask that parents keep an eye on any children who are not taking part in a drama class (as the building is large and has many hidden areas). Unsupervised children found wandering in the building will be returned to their parents / carers by our staff members.

I'M A CITIZEN - DISCOUNT CARD

The Citizens Theatre is delighted to offer a discount card which has been specially created for the people who take part in Citizens activities.

As a participant we would like to reward you and invite you to enjoy some of the theatre we have created. Please note – all productions from July 2018 onwards will take place at Tramway (for at least two years). Your 'I'M A CITIZEN' card is available from Box Office staff, with details of how you can use it. Please visit Box Office for more details.

FEEDBACK

Please feel free to talk to the class tutors at any time during the term. You can also leave comments on the Weekly Drama Classes page on Facebook. Just go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/citzdramaclasses/>

WEEKLY DRAMA CLASSES

Guidelines

To make sure we have a safe and fun environment in our classes we have established some general guidelines that we would hope and expect all participants to follow.

- 1.** All children should be brought to the class and picked up afterwards by a parent/carer. If you have arranged for someone else to drop off or pick up your child you must let staff know. No children will be allowed to leave the building after the session unless accompanied by an adult. All children should be brought to classes in good time and collected promptly after the session ends.
- 2.** All participants should wear appropriate clothing for a drama class, i.e. no jewellery that could catch or hurt people, no skirts etc. Soft shoes should be worn. No football tops will be allowed.
- 3.** If your child is absent for two weeks with no explanation or advance notice their place may be given to the person at the top of the waiting list. Please let us know if your child is going to be absent, so they do not lose their place. The Box Office is not always open at the weekends so the best way to contact us on a Saturday or Sunday is to email angela.smith@citiz.co.uk.
- 4.** We operate on a 'three strikes and you are out' policy. Poor behaviour from one child can very quickly ruin the sessions for everyone else. If your child's behaviour gives cause for concern the drama leader will speak to you about it. If the problem persists we may have to take the regrettable step of asking your child to leave the group.
- 5.** All children attending the weekly drama classes must respect the other participants and staff at all times.
- 6.** The Citizens Theatre cannot be responsible for any belongings left by a child or their parent/carer. Lost property will be kept in the building for a limited period and then given to charity. Please ensure you take belongings home after each session.
- 7.** Citizens Theatre staff are not responsible for younger siblings in the café or foyer. If a parent/carer decides to stay in the building while the classes are running it is their responsibility to look after any other children that they may have with them.



HOW TO GET TO SCOTLAND STREET SCHOOL MUSEUM

[Get directions on Google maps.](#)

BY FOOT

Scotland Street School Museum is in the Southside of Glasgow in the district of Tradeston.

SUBWAY

The nearest subway station is across the road: Shields Road. (Please note that this station is not wheelchair accessible.) Visit www.spt.co.uk/subway for details.

BUSES

First Bus services 90 and 121 stop near the museum. Visit www.firstgroup.com for details.

TRAIN

The nearest mainline stations are Queen Street and Central Station which are 35 and 25 minute walk respectively. Visit www.scotrail.co.uk for details.

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CAR PARK

Parking is available at the SPT car park across the road from the museum where standard charges apply. Full details available on www.spt.co.uk.

We suggest parking on one of the side streets just next to Scotland Street, which are all free parking at weekends.

Scotland Street School Museum on [Google Maps](#)



WEEKLY DRAMA CLASSES

Here are dates for the autumn 2019 term:

Week 1 = 7th / 8th September

Week 2 = 14th / 15th September

Week 3 = 21st / 22nd September

Week 4 = 28th / 29th September

Week 5 = 5th / 6th October

Week 6 = 26th / 27th October

Week 7 = 2nd / 3rd November

Week 8 = 9th / 10th November

Week 9 = 16th / 17th November

Week 10 = 23rd / 24th November (sharings)

Please note: the classes will not be running on 12th/13th or 19th/20th October, due to the school half term holiday.

ABSENCE

If you cannot attend, please contact us to let us know. If your child is absent for more than 2 weeks without explanation we will give their place to the first person on the waiting list, with no refund of fees.

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