

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS ~ SUMMER CAMPS ~



**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNTS**  
FOR REGISTRATIONS BY  
**APRIL 15  
& MAY 31**

THIS SUMMER,  
YOUR CHILD WILL  
ACT OUT LOUD.  
CREATE  
A MASTERPIECE.  
SING & DANCE.  
TAKE A BOW.

**THEATRE, MUSIC,  
AND ART CAMPS  
FOR ELEMENTARY,  
MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**July 9-20, 2018**

All Saints Church in Manassas, VA • Church of the Nativity in Burke, VA

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# ABOUT SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS SUMMER CAMPS

**Spotlight on the Arts Summer Camps was founded in 2004** to meet the need of many Catholic families in Northern Virginia who seek excellent training in Theatre and Art for their children within an environment they can trust.

Only hosted by and advertised within Catholic Churches, **Spotlight exclusively employs highly-qualified instructors who are both Catholic and artistically accomplished.**

Well-received by pastors, families, and children, the camps continue to grow and expand. However, **Spotlight insists on a small teacher-to-student ratio** and, in addition to the excellent instructors, the founder, Rob Tessier, personally teaches at each theatre camp every day. The Art Camps are also taught by professional Catholic art teachers.

**It's the goal of the entire Spotlight team to foster a love for the arts and help young people develop skills that will help them for a lifetime.**

Keep reading for more details, or visit us online at **[SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://SpotlightSummerCamps.com)** to secure one of the limited spaces today!



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# JOIN US FOR A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!

**Camps for Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students  
All Four of these Core Camps Begin at 9:30am and End at 3:00pm**

## **DRAMA BOOT CAMP** **(for Rising 1st-9th Grade)**

Develop skills in acting, projection, mime, improvisation, clowning, movement, scenes, and much more in an environment tailored to meet the needs of beginners or students with previous experience and training. Divided into three age groups, campers will explore and be enriched in drama at their own level! Campers will develop self-confidence for the stage & life in a fun and friendly setting that culminates in a final presentation for families and invited guests! *(\$200 for four days)*

**July 9-12 at All Saints in Manassas  
July 16-19 at Church of the Nativity in Burke**

## **CAMP BROADWAY** **(for Rising 4th-12th Grade)**

Acting, Singing, and Dance training are integrated each day as campers are split into three age groups to develop Broadway skills at their own level! Emphasis on character development, voice placement, audition preparation, scene work, improvisation, and choreography aim to assist attendees for successful future auditions and productions as they become true Triple Threats! Campers will develop new material to be performed on the final day for families and invited guests! *(\$250 for five days)*

**July 9-13 at Church of the Nativity in Burke  
July 16-20 at All Saints in Manassas**

## **ARTS & CRAFTS FUN CAMP** **(for Rising 1st-3rd Grade)**

Engage in multiple art projects and craft activities that allow campers to develop their artistic skills, learn to paint & draw, work with three-dimensional objects and sculpting, and so many other fun projects! Your home will be filled with your child's creations by the end of the week as they really get hands-on with a variety of art!  
*(\$250 for five days + \$35 materials fee)*

**July 9-13 at Church of the Nativity in Burke  
July 16-20 at All Saints in Manassas**

## **ART EXPLORER CAMP** **(for Rising 4th-8th Grade)**

Enhance & explore techniques in art through a variety of mediums and projects that will include paper maché, canvas painting, sculpting, watercolor, pottery, sketch development, tie-dye, and much more! Campers receive individual attention as they further develop their artistic skills. It's amazing how much they can accomplish and progress in just a week!

*(\$250 for five days + \$35 materials fee)*

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# NEW FOR 2018! SPOTLIGHT SPECIALTY CAMPS

Camps for Elementary, Middle School, and High School Students

## MARIE MILLER'S SONGWRITING & PERFORMANCE CAMP

**(for Rising 7th-12th Grade)**

Join singer/songwriter and recording artist Marie Miller in discovering and developing your skills and talents as a songwriter and performer. Whether you are an experienced writer and performer or just getting started, this camp is for you!

We will cover styles of songwriting, develop performance skills, and work together to create beautiful music and lyrics. This camp is for anyone who loves music, self-expression, and having fun! Camp will also include music games, karaoke, and much more.

The last day will conclude with a workshop where you can showcase your creative talent!  
*(\$150 for five days)*

**July 16-20, 3:30pm to 6:00pm  
at All Saints in Manassas**

## COMEDY & IMPROVISATIONAL INTENSIVE WITH MATT MOORE

**(for Rising 7th-12th Grade)**

Join nationally-recognized Improv performer and instructor Matt Moore (and founder of the long-running Fools! Improv Troupe) as he teaches the ins and outs of one of the world's oldest and most intensive performance styles.

Campers will learn fast, deep characterization tools and powerful techniques for presenting in front of audiences, building self-confidence, and unlocking the comic genius within. Discover the inner workings and trade secrets of professional improvisational performers while honing individual skills for maximum effect. The week concludes with a hilarious performance in front of a live audience where the show is completely made up and everyone is the star!  
*(\$150 for five days)*

**July 9-13, 7:00pm to 9:30pm  
at All Saints in Manassas**

## MARIE MILLER'S MUSIC IS FUN CAMP

**(for Rising 4th-6th Grade)**

Led by gifted international performer and singer/songwriter Marie Miller, discover your creativity and develop your imagination as we explore and have fun with singing and poetry. Each camper will get a chance to shine while learning about music

and how to create beautiful sounds and words. Camp also includes music and creative storytelling games to unlock each child's creativity while having fun. The last day will conclude with a workshop where the children as a group can showcase their creative talent!  
*(\$150 for five days)*

**July 16-20, 12:30pm to 3:00pm  
at All Saints in Manassas**

## PHYSICAL THEATRE: MASKS, MOVEMENT, & STAGE COMBAT

**(for Rising 7th-12th Grade)**

David Tyson, Artistic Director of his own Weaver of Tales Theatre Company, introduces you to the world of masks, movement, and stage combat. You will develop your non-verbal communication skills, be introduced to a wide range of masks that can help you discover more characters within yourself, and explore techniques to create safe & creative combat for the stage. David brings his experience as a performer at Disney's EPCOT and as a University Theatre educator to demonstrate how the world of physical theatre can both enhance your skills and provide you with a whole new means of storytelling.

*(\$120 for four days)*

**July 16-19, 12:30pm to 3:00pm  
at Church of the Nativity  
in Burke, VA**





# MEET YOUR CAMP STAFF

## SPOTLIGHT CAMP DIRECTOR

**Mr. Rob Tessier**, a former Ringling Brothers Clown and stage & TV actor, is founder/director of Upper Room Theatre Ministry, a private acting coach, and Director of Youth Ministry at All Saints Church. He holds a Theatre degree from Miami University, a Professional Clown Diploma from Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Clown College, and a VA Department of Education Drama Teaching Certificate for K-12.

Named a Best Director in the DC/MD/VA area by DC Metro Theater Arts, Rob has been directing & teaching theatre well over 20 years.

## COMEDY & IMPROVISATIONAL INTENSIVE

**Mr. Matt Moore** has worked as an award-winning creative director, event producer, theatrical director, and presenter for over 25 years. As founder of the Fools! Improv Troupe, he has led a successful improv team for over 20 years in front of hundreds of large audiences. Matt has been instructing young people in the arts of improv and theatre for almost a decade. He has also traveled the country producing commercials, multimedia, and staged events that have been featured during Superbowl XXXIV, the Oprah Winfrey Show, and on FOX.

## DRAMA BOOTCAMP

**Ms. Karen Kelleher** (Acting, Drama Bootcamp Director) is a professional singer and actor in the DC area. She is the music and theatre teacher for St. Joseph School in Herndon. Karen has previously worked at Arena Stage for American Theatre after graduating from the University of Mary Washington with a degree in Theatre and a minor in Musical Theatre. This is her 9th year at Spotlight.

**Ms. Esther Tennyson** (Improvational Comedy) is Theatre Director at Potomac High School. When she's not teaching theatre, she performs comedy improvisations with FOOLS! and works on and off stage in local community theatres, including Castaways Repertory Theatre and Upper Room Theatre Ministry.

**Mrs. Kirstin Weber** (Theatre Games & Movement), a graduate of Franciscan University with a BA in Theatre & English, currently assists in directing theatre St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School where she is the Middle School English Teacher. Kirstin also performs onstage with FOOLS! Comedy Improv.

## CAMP BROADWAY

**Mrs. Cathy Drummond** (Singing, Camp Broadway Director) has over 30 years of teaching experience, recently received a Grammy Music Educator Award nomination, was the 2014 Teacher of the Year from Round Elementary, and has been named a Star Teacher by Hal Leonard Corporation. Currently the Music Director for Upper Room Theatre, Cathy holds a degree in Music Therapy.

**Mrs. Christine Laird** (Acting) is the Theatre Teacher and Director for Osbourn Park High School. She is currently pursuing her Master's in Theatre Education and holds her B.M. in Musical Theatre. A local performer and director, she has performed at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, Wolf Trap and international venues in Budapest and Prague.

**Ms. Maria Rose Davis** (Dance) is a graduate of DeSales University with a degree in Dance. She has been involved in theatre throughout her life including several wonderful summers with Upper Room Theatre Ministry as a dancer and choreographer. She has worked under the artistic directors of the Coart Dance Co., Dark Circles Contemporary Dance, and Madboots Dance Co., as well as studied under such dance legends as Trinetta Singleton.

## ARTS & CRAFTS FUN CAMP AND ART EXPLORER CAMP

**Ms. Lillie Graybiel** (All Saints Art Camps) is the Art Teacher at St. Veronica Catholic School and holds a B.F.A. in Art from Marymount University where she was honored with the Best Art & the Academic Excellence in Art awards upon graduating. A member of Women's Youth Apostles focused on teaching young people, Lillie brings her experience in various mediums including painting, sculpture, sketch, and graphic design.

**Ms. Roberta Plumb** (Church of the Nativity Art Camps) currently instructs Art at Nativity Catholic School where she has taught Art to K-8th grade students for 11 years. A graduate of Mt. Vernon College with a B.A. in Studio Arts, Roberta is an award-winning artist, formally recognized by the St. John Paul II Cultural Center and the Art League, among others. She also teaches children's art workshops at the Art League of Alexandria.

## SONGWRITING AND PERFORMANCE CAMP & MUSIC IS FUN CAMP

**Ms. Marie Miller** is a Curb records recording artist and songwriter. Growing up in the Shenandoah Valley, the third of ten children, Miller began singing at the age of seven. Her song "You're Not Alone" was played nationwide on pop radio, and her song "G'2" was featured on ABC's Dancing with the Stars. In 2015, her performance for Pope Francis and 750,000 attendees in Philadelphia was aired live on CNN and Fox News. Marie recently released her first full length album, "Letterbox" which was featured by Billboard Magazine, SiriusXM, and NPR. Her music is a unique blend of folk/pop. She has opened for The Backstreet Boys, Sara Evans, and Andy Grammar and she toured with Kris Allen and Five For Fighting.

## PHYSICAL THEATRE: MASKS, MOVEMENT, & STAGE COMBAT

**Mr. David Tyson**, Artistic Director of his own Weaver of Tales Theatre Company, is a teacher, actor, writer, and director. He has taught thousands of students how to develop both their theatrical and communication skills. David has performed across the country at a variety of theaters, festivals, and schools including Walt Disney World's Epcot Center and the LaMama Theatre in NYC. David holds an M.F.A. in Theatre and is also a graduate of the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre. He is a member of SAG-AFTRA, Actor's Equity, and is ranked as an Actor Combatant of the Society of American Fight Choreographers. Discover more about him at davidtysontheatre.com.

*All "Spotlight on the Arts" staff members are approved to work with young people through the Child Protection & Safety Program sponsored by the Arlington Diocese. Our camps are fully licensed and insured.*

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## WHAT OTHER PARENTS ARE SAYING...

"I have watched my daughter transform from a shy little girl into a confident young lady who loves the stage after taking your Theatre Camps last summer. Her peers were SO encouraging to her every day, every moment, every skit. She embraced the positive environment that your camps provided.

This year, not only are we returning, but her little sister will attend as well! Thank you for giving my daughter the confidence and positivity for life on and off stage!"

- Angela Cronan, Dumfries, VA

"My daughter loves Drama Bootcamp, which is why we will be coming back again this summer. She had fun and I was impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm of the camp counselors. Well done and thank you!"

- Lisa Phillips, Chantilly, VA

"My daughter has gone to this camp for years and is excited every time. Even though we offer her different choices for summer camps, she always chooses this one. To her, it's a safe, fun, physical and educational camp where she can meet and make good friends. Something that she will talk about and remember it as part of her childhood."

- Christine Nguyen, Manassas, VA

"Camp Broadway and Art Camp are a highlight of our summer every year. They have awakened in our children a real love of theater and the arts."

- Todd Albrigo, Bristow, VA

"We love Spotlight on the Arts! The experienced instructors use kind, constructive ways to help the young people gain confidence and grow as young actors/actresses. We look forward to each year and the success my child achieves from these camps!"

- Rebecca Shields, Manassas, VA

## MULTIPLE CHILD & EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS!

Complete Your Application & Payment

by **APRIL 15**

**Deduct \$25 PER CAMP!**

Complete Your Application & Payment

by **MAY 31**

**Deduct \$10 PER CAMP!**

THREE OR MORE KIDS REGISTERED FROM THE SAME FAMILY, GET AN ADDITIONAL

**10% Off!**

(after early bird discounts)

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"When I asked my daughter what camps she wanted to do this summer, your Camp Broadway was the first and only one that she mentioned. My family is looking forward to seeing what they have learned when we join you for the Performance Showcase. These camps are perfect for those that love to sing and dance, and is a great outlet for the dramatic child in all of them."

- Mary Foyes, Burke, VA