

# Rootz

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# THEATER COMPANY

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## Rootz Theater Company (Entering Grade 4-8)

**Tuition:** \$185 per month

Theater Company is an advanced audition-only musical theater program for actors ready for a more robust production. This progression from Broadway Stars provides an in-depth experience with acting, voice and movement, characterization and general performance skills.

### When is the class offered?

Casts meet for a 105 minute rehearsal weekly in addition to 4 weekend rehearsals. Choose from Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

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<b>Deerfield</b>	<b>Vernon Hills</b>		
<b>Wednesday Cast</b> 5:45-7:30pm	<b>Monday Cast</b> 5:15-7:00pm		
<b>Thursday Cast</b> 6:45-8:30pm		<b>Each cast will have 4 additional weekend rehearsals (Dates &amp; Times TBA)</b>	
<b>AUDITION REQUIRED</b>		<b>Theater Company offers will be sent on May 23. Due to the competitive nature, not all actors will be accepted.</b>	

## What shows will be performed?

Join us this Fall for Wizard of Oz Youth Edition. For those Theater Company members that choose to continue for the Winter/Spring session, they will have an opportunity to vote for their Spring musical selection.

## When is the performance?

Each cast will have 1 final performance for friends and family at Christian Heritage in Northfield in December 2025. Specific date and time TBA.

## Are there other important dates to note?

Tech Rehearsal/Dress Rehearsal - Each cast will have a tech/dress rehearsal at Christian Heritage. Specific date and time TBA. This is mandatory.

\*Theater Company is a year-long program and class will continue in January for our Winter/Spring show.

## Tuition

Theater Company tuition is billed in ten installments. The first installment is due upon acceptance into the Company and the remaining nine installments will be billed at the beginning of each month beginning with September 1<sup>st</sup>.

For those families that are not able to participate in the Winter/Spring show and choose to drop from the program, you can notify Rootz and then you will not be charged after December.

Tuition includes: rehearsals, performances and 2 free tickets to each show per family. It also includes a Theater Company sweatshirt jacket with your actor's name.

Tuition does not include additional tickets to performances or costumes.

## Parent Informational Meeting

It is highly recommended that parents attend the virtual information meeting on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:45pm** to learn more about Theater Company.

Links will be emailed to everyone registered for an audition.

## Auditions

Students entering Grades 4-8 in the Fall are eligible to audition.

Auditions will take place at Rootz Deerfield (7 Waukegan Rd, Deerfield) based on the following schedule:

Monday, May 19: 4-5:30pm

Tuesday, May 20: 4-5:30pm

Wednesday, May 21: 4-5:30pm

You need to attend **one** of the audition dates. Plan on staying the entire time.

In order to attend, actors need to enroll for their audition through the registration portal at [getrootz.com](http://getrootz.com).

## What does the audition consist of?

This is a general audition for acceptance into Theater Company. Those that are offered admission into Theater Company will need to audition in the Fall for a specific role in Wizard of Oz during class time, though everyone admitted to the program will be cast in the show.

- Dancing:** Students will be taught a dance on the day of the audition. Please wear comfortable clothing that allows for movement and bring water, sneakers and jazz shoes (if they have them).
- Singing:** Please prepare 30 seconds of a song selection. Songs will be performed acapella (without music) or you are welcome to bring a karaoke track on your phone to play while you sing. This does not need to be from Wizard of Oz. Pick something you are comfortable performing and shows off your voice. It can be from a musical, favorite song, etc.
- Acting:** Please prepare a monologue that is no longer than 60 seconds. These do NOT need to be memorized. We want to see your personality! If time allows, we will also be playing some theater and improv games. The internet is a great resource for monologues for kids.

## Theater Company Placements

Company placements will be sent out via email on May 23 with instructions on how to register. Those accepted into the program will have the option to join either a Deerfield or a Vernon Hills cast.