

# Reif Summer Theater Workshop

# WUNDER KIDS



## It's time to register for summer theater!

Not all heroes wear capes...but some do! Could one of those heroes be you? The City of Rapidopolis is riddled with crime! There are villains around every corner and the Mayor is at his wits end. The dastardly duo of Stefan Stickyfingers and his sister Clepto Cleo are running their gang of thieves in every neighborhood. Madam Monochrome is determined to drain the city of color and Joy along with it. To top it off, there is a mole in the mayor's office! In this ode to classic comic books, heroes arise in the unlikeliest of places. Join us this summer and help bring this action packed tale to life on the Reif stage.

This three-week theater workshop will take students through the entire production process from auditions to casting to three performances on the main stage of the Reif. Everyone gets a part!

**July 20-August 8 | M-F 9:00AM-12:00PM**

Performances: August 7 & 8 at 6:00pm and August 8 at 2:00pm

Instructor: Katie E. Smith | Location: The Reif, Grand Rapids

Fee: \$150 (If paid by June 19th) \$175 (After June 19th)



## Wunder Kids AUDITIONS

The first day of our workshop will serve as an audition. All students get a part. Auditions just help me place you where you fit best.

### **How to prepare for auditions:**

**Prepare something to recite at auditions.** This can be anything you have memorized. I want to see how you handle language that you are really comfortable with. It can be a poem, a speech or your favorite commercial. Once you have recited, I may ask you to do it again as though you are stuck in quicksand or as though you smell rotten eggs.

This allows me to see how well you take direction and how you handle different feelings or emotions. (Parents, please help your kids understand ahead of time that getting direction does not mean they have done anything wrong. Sometimes kids shut down when they feel like they are being criticized. Taking direction is part of theatre. Sometimes we try things several different ways before we find the “right” one.)

Casting may not be done after the first day. It often takes longer than one day to get to know the cast well enough to cast the show. We will do some group work and possibly read scenes from the script as part of the audition process. I will try different ways to pull the best out of each child. I want each child to feel successful.

You may be asked to read for multiple parts. Just remember that every moment counts in auditions. Give it your all, even if you are not reading for the part you want. Directors are always looking to see how versatile you can be and how well you take direction.

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### **This workshop is open to students entering 3rd grade and up.**

#### **PARENTS PLEASE NOTE...**

Students will be required to supply their own footwear for the performance. In addition to shoes, certain items may be required for their costumes as well. Instructions regarding these items will go out after casting and the design process is complete. We do our best to provide costumes but as the cast sizes keep growing, it has become impossible for us to purchase and store everything we need for a cast of this size.

Parents should anticipate volunteering to help. We need help monitoring children during performances, sewing costumes, gathering props, etc. Please let me know how you can help!

REHEARSALS BEGIN MONDAY, July 20      PERFORMANCES August 7-8

Register at [www.reifcenter.org](http://www.reifcenter.org)

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