



FAQ

Students and Families

WHAT IS PINK UMBRELLA'S PHILOSOPHY?

Pink Umbrella Theater Company creates inclusive and accessible theater for all. We are dedicated to providing a platform to amplify the voices of Disabled Artists, and our pedagogy creates a safe, nurturing environment for all to thrive within.

Our four tenants are:

- Presume Competence
- Allow for Processing Time
- Maintain Flexibility
- Encourage Advocacy

Our classrooms and rehearsal halls welcome all abilities. Actors and Artists work together to create a space that is inclusive and accessible for all.

WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMMING DOES PINK UMBRELLA OFFER?

Pink Umbrella welcomes Actors and Artists from the ages of 4-94 to join us for ensemble classes, performances, community gatherings, and 1:1 coaching sessions. With close communication between families, caregivers and our Teaching Team, our programs are curated to support each unique Participant. Our core curriculum utilizes theater as a vehicle for enhancing social skills, sensory exploration, emotion recognition, and expression.

WHO LEADS THE PROGRAMMING?

Pink Umbrella classes are facilitated by a team of trusted Teaching Artists and Teaching Assistants from across the nation. Teaching Artists are professional performing artists with education experience who create and facilitate our curriculum. Teaching Assistants are rising artists and educators who support the classroom community. Our team is closely mentored by both our Director of Accessibility and Inclusion and Executive Director.

WHAT DOES A PINK UMBRELLA PROGRAM USUALLY CONSIST OF?

Our programming follows a consistent outline. Agendas for each class include:

- Welcome and Warm Up
- Acting and Connecting
- Reflection and Goodbye

Our Teaching Team values empathy, creativity, and acceptance. Actors and Artists can expect to be heard, to be honored, and to feel joy!

WHERE IS PINK UMBRELLA PROGRAMMING HELD?

In response to COVID-19, all of our programming is held online via safe and secure Zoom rooms. Because the health and safety of our Participants and Teaching Team is our top priority, Pink Umbrella is committed to an ethical reopening. Our programming will remain online for the foreseeable future.

WHAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY IS REQUIRED FOR ONLINE CLASS?

Our Zoom programming can be accessed on a desktop, laptop, tablet, or smart phone with a camera and microphone. A strong internet or WiFi connection is important. If these tools are not available, class can be attended by calling in via phone!

IS ZOOM A SAFE PLATFORM FOR CLASS?

All suggested safety protocols from Zoom are put into place. In addition, we are:

- recording all classes and keeping the recordings for 30 days.
- providing the private Zoom links to only the Teaching Team and Participants.
- locking rooms once all participants arrive.
- setting up class rules during the first session.

If there is any indication of inappropriate behavior from Participants or the Teaching Team, the person will be removed from the session and a follow up conversation will be had to determine reentry into the program.

WHAT IF ONLINE CLASS IS CHALLENGING FOR ME OR MY CHILD?

Together, we can and will find the best way for you or your student to participate in the programming that we offer. We are happy to talk through options to make your Pink Umbrella experience easeful and comfortable for you and your family.

HOW DOES PINK UMBRELLA ENSURE SUCCESS?

Pink Umbrella is passionate about meeting Actors and Artists where they are and supporting them with developmentally appropriate programming as they grow. Through close communication, a commitment to inclusion, and compassion for all, our Participants flourish!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Classes start at \$100/session - please visit our website to see specific tuition prices. Our community programs are free with advanced registration. Scholarships are available for all online programming - please contact katie@pinkumbrellatheater.org for more information.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Visit www.pinkumbrellatheater.org and click "Class Registration" to see available programs today!

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