

About the Director

Phyllis Gurnett began her Musical Theater teaching career in Walnut Creek, Ca in the fall of 1999, after attending Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX. She majored in Vocal Performance and minored in Business Administration. She has extensive experience working with children ages 4-18 and this Spring 2026 completes her 28th year as a Musical Theater Instructor.

Prior to her 2020 Arizona move, her list of Musical Theater classes were: Drama at St. Mary School in Walnut Creek, CA (since 1999), Drama at St. Francis of Assisi School in Concord, CA (since 2004), Drama at Holy Rosary Catholic School in Antioch, CA (since 2011), Drama and Director of Music at Christ the King Catholic School in Pleasant Hill (since 2015), and multiple evening classes and summer drama and vocal camps. Phyllis's list of schools in Tucson and Oro Valley are Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School, Casas Christian School, Desert Christian School and Calvary Chapel Christian School.

Phyllis is overjoyed with new opportunities to share her love of Christ, singing and performing, with today's youth!

REGISTRATION FORM

STUDENT NAME _____

Broadway Voice/Choreography 1 wk Camp _____

"Shrek, The Musical, Jr." 2 wk Camp: _____

STUDENT'S AGE: _____ PHONE _____

PARENTS' NAME(S) _____

EMAILS _____

Any particular experience singing, acting, dancing or backstage experience? This is not required, but it is helpful for the instructor to know.

What type of personality does your child have?

I understand the nature of this class involves the instructor to use her qualified judgment, when casting characters. Auditions will be held THE FIRST DAY OF CAMP REHEARSAL. Audition Materials will be sent one week prior to camp start date. I realize not all participants are able to have a lead role; however, I acknowledge that each character is vitally important to the overall production. And I accept the director's decisions concerning casting.

I understand if my child is disruptive or disrespectful, the instructor may excuse him/her short-term or permanently with written or verbal notification. I understand this is a 1 WEEK CAMP or 2 WEEK CAMP, with a performance the same location as camp, the Desert Christian High School MPR (see dates and times on front of brochure) . I will make every attempt to have my child attend all rehearsals. If I know my child will not be at a rehearsal, I will contact the instructor in advance by phone or by email.

The Tuition/Registration fee is Non-Refundable . The Registration Fee covers Licensing and Royalties of the Broadway Junior musical, 1 Script, 1 Rehearsal CD, theater rental deposit, production essentials, sets, props, supplies and FULL costumes (except shoes). Once the Registration Form, Fee and Tuition are received, a Welcome email (sent out one week prior to camp start date) containing our rehearsal calendar and day by day lesson plans will be included, also general information about the camp and finally a Classroom Policies/Participation Agreement will all be included in this email.

I have read, understand and agree with the information above.

Parents' Signatures _____

Date _____



Daily Camp & Performance at Desert Christian
Speedway Campus MPR

Broadway Voice and Choreography:

Monday-Friday

June 29th-July 3rd, 2026, 2026

8:00am-11:00am (Ages 8-15 yrs)

AND



"Shrek, The Musical, Jr."

2 WEEK CAMP:

Monday-Friday

July 13th -24th, 2026

8:00am-12:00noon

(Ages 8-15 yrs)

LIMITED SPOTS—REGISTER TODAY!!!

For Further Information, Contact:
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In the News:

DRAMA STUDENTS OUTPERFORM NON-ARTS PEERS ON SAT TESTS

The College Entrance Examination Board reported student scores from 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2005 using data from the Student Description Questionnaire indicating student involvement in various activities, including the arts. As compared to their peers with no arts coursework or involvement:

Students involved in drama performance scored an average of 65.5 points higher on the verbal component and 35.5 points higher in the math component of the SAT

Students who took courses in drama study or appreciation scored, on average, 55 points higher on verbal and 26 points higher on math than their non-arts classmates.

In 2005, students involved in drama performance outscored the national average SAT score by 35 points on the verbal portion and 24 points on the math section. Numerous studies have demonstrated a correlation between drama in-

DRAMA IMPROVES ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

volvement and academic achievement. Research shows that children who sing/dance/act/play their little hearts out are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement compared with their non-performing friends—and they tend to have enhanced cognitive, motor, and social development to boot. Performers learn to think on their feet. The ability to expect the unexpected, and roll with it, will give your child confidence. Learning from an early age how to cope with performance jitters gives children a better sense of how to cope with big “mountains” in every day life. Sometimes kids can be scared to express emotions. Performers express brand new emotions as a result of pretending to be a character. Shy children blossom and confident children learn team-building skills that will transfer to more compassionate human beings.

Yay, for Musical Theater!

Broadway Voice & Choreography Camp

Definitely an exciting camp that combines the love of singing, dancing and performing on stage, in the beautiful MPR at Desert Christian High School! Each child will learn valuable Vocal Care and Techniques/Tips, Vocal exercises, Vocal Training and how to apply all those things to create that unique Character Voice and Broadway sound. This 1 week camp will culminate with a recital of sorts, to showcase the talent we have expanded upon throughout the week. Performance will be held on Friday, July 3rd, 2026 at 10:00am in the MPR at Desert Christian High School Campus. **Camp tuition = \$175.00 + \$25.00 Registration Fee**

“Shrek, the Musical, Jr.” 2 week Camp—Once upon a time, in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek. One day, Shrek finds his swamp invaded by banished fairytale misfits who have been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wisecracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task — if he rescues feisty princess Fiona, his swamp will be righted. Shrek tries to win Fiona's love and vanquish Lord Farquaad, but a fairytale wouldn't be complete without a few twists and turns along the way. This 2 week camp offers 40 hours of rehearsal time! Performance will be held on Friday, July 24, 2026 at 11:00am in the MPR at Desert Christian High School Campus **Camp tuition = \$400 + \$50.00 Registration Fee**

REGISTER TODAY!!!

There are a very limited number of spots for enrollment and these will go quickly—only 25 students maximum in each camp!

2026 Summer Musical Theater Camps:

Ages 8-15 years old

Ages 8-15 are invited to participate in the incredibly fun summer camp(s). See front of brochure for age specifications and camp dates/times. **Discounts** (maximum of 1 discount per camp applied): **Early Bird Discount**—Register by Monday, May 11, 2026 and receive a \$25.00 Discount off tuition for one camp. A portion of the camp cost covers licensing the showkit, program printing, technical assistants, script, CD's, props, minimal set-builds and materials. Also, for the 2 Week “Shrek, The Musical, Jr.” Camp, Costumes will be provided; ensemble members will additionally need a black base (long sleeved black top and black leggings/pants). Each student is responsible for shoes, a stage makeup kit that can be purchased from Amazon or Gaslight Theatre Costume Shoppe located at 7004 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson 85710. **The Non-Refundable Camp Cost secures your child's place in the camp and is due no later than Monday, June 1, 2026. Early Bird Registration ends Monday, May 11, 2026.** The class roster is filled on a “First-Come, First-Served”, basis. **There are LIMITED SPOTS available!**

If you are interested in having your child participate in Musical Theater with Phyllis Gurnett, please complete the Registration Form and place the Registration Fee and Camp Tuition and return to the school office (both Wrightstown and Speedway Campuses) **in an envelope addressed to Phyllis Gurnett. Class is filled on a first come, first served basis. Both camps are extremely popular and will fill QUICKLY!**

Make payments to: **Phyllis Gurnett**



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Checklist for Registration/Enrollment:

- 1) Completed Registration Form
- 2) Registration and Tuition (\$200.00 for the 1 week camp or \$450.00 for the 2 week camp). Please deduct \$25 discount if fees are paid by May 11, 2026. ESA Class Wallet funds (submit this brochure and find Phyllis under the pull down menu of vendors), Venmo (@Phyllis-Gurnett) or Zelle (pgurnett6@aol.com) accepted.
- 3) Turn in completed registration form and fees to the school office (Wrightstown and Speedway Campus) or Scan the form and return to pgurnett6@aol.com if paying digitally via Zelle or Venmo.