



A Note from the Camp Director

Dear families,

Thank you so much for being part of our camp community. This session your campers created a *Rainbow Connection: Compositions in Color* and it was truly colorful. It was a pleasure to see your children enjoying themselves while learning new instruments. It is amazing what they were able to accomplish in just 3 weeks!

A few reminders:

Artwork, medication, or lost & found left behind? Please call email your camp site at camp.thearc@levinemusic.org and camp staff can help to arrange a time for you to pick it up. Artwork and lost & found will be held for two weeks before being donated or recycled.

Performance Videos - Camp Levine will share a performance video available for download. All camp families will be emailed a link to their site & session's performance video as soon as it is available.

Photos & Social Media – We want to keep camp memories rolling all year long! Look out for snapshots of your camper's experience and make sure to follow us on our Facebook! Later in the Fall we will announce Summer 2024's camp dates and theme.

Camp-related inquiries - please contact the general camp e-mail account at camp@levinemusic.org.

Next Steps - If the Camp Levine experience has revealed a budding musician, I hope you will consider Levine's many 'school year' opportunities. Whether you're interested in private lessons or a group learning experience, I'm sure Levine has something for your child. And maybe for you, too, since many of our students are adults! I have added direct links for camper aged options on the [parent portal](#) under "next steps."

I wish you an awesome remainder of your summer and hope to see you and your camper(s) next year at Camp Levine.

Best,
Jazmin Goodson
Director of Camp Levine

A Note from the Site Director

Welp, it's a wrap on Camp Levine 2023. I have learned and grown right along with our campers this summer and enjoyed every moment of serving in this capacity as Site Director at THEARC.

I want to thank all of the families for your support and valuable constructive feedback throughout this experience. The encouragement I've received has truly kept me lifted. Your children have brightened my day through all of the administrative challenges that have arisen.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and thank my conscientious Assistant Site Director, Jacob Strom, for his support and astuteness in handling a myriad of challenges. A Site Director is only as strong as their Assistant Site Director, and I consider myself to be highly fortified with Jacob as my teammate.

To Sarah Frances Williams, you have worked tirelessly in your many roles at our camp. Thank you for your flexibility and joviality, making this a pleasant environment to work in. I've learned some things from watching you operate as a leader and educator.

Thank you to all our teachers at THEARC, Dr. Kim Yi, Annabelle Berthome-Reynolds, Jacob Jones, Malcolm Taylor, Tiffany Strother, Lillie Jerome, Alex De Bard, Christina Graham, Caroline Graham, Nathan Nichipor, Kamali Hill, and our Musical Director, Jason Tyler Smith. You are all incredibly talented! I sit in awe of the quality of the product that you all managed to pull off with our campers in your three-week sessions.

Thank you to all our hard-working and amazingly talented Teen Apprentices, Jaila, Layla, Antonio, Malachi, Aydan, Valyn, Layla Johnson, Natalie, and Aleia. This camp COULD NOT have functioned smoothly without you. You all have individual strengths for reaching younger children and I am excited to see where you all go in your education.

Each of our campers has brought a uniqueness to our program based on their individual backgrounds and talents. I believe that every child has gained something from this experience, whether it was confidence, greater musicianship, or interpersonal skills. I hope to work with all of them next year!

As I return to the Midwest to begin year two of my three-year doctoral program in Music Education, I will cherish this experience and use it to enhance my practice as an educator and rising administrator.

Yours in music,

Austin Gaskin
Site Director

Final Performance

When available, the final performances for each site and session will be uploaded to the parent portal and emailed to parents. Be sure to keep an eye out!

[Camp Levine Parent Portal.](#)
Password: camplevine2023

Camp Group Updates from the Teachers

Red Group (PreK/K)

It has been so great working with the Fire group this session. They are a kind group of young people who have strong friendships with one another. In addition, we were so impressed by their retention of choreography and lyrics, and they did a fantastic job during the performance! It is clear that we had a seriously talented group of students, and we hope to have inspired a lifetime love of musical theater.

Dance

This session, we worked on teamwork and professionalism. Learning how to stay focused on the end result and work together as an ensemble is hard. However, our artists were up to the challenge, and the final performance was a testament to this! To our parents, thank you for signing your kids up for camp, and for all of your support. It has been an absolute treat to work with your children and to see their inner dancer come out. To our artists, thank you for all your hard work. We are all so proud of the great job that you did!!

-Kamali Hill and Caroline Graham

Music

My goodness! I can't believe we learned an entire show's worth of songs in 3 weeks! We were extremely busy learning and memorizing songs this session. We also worked on singing basics including projecting on pitch and singing with a microphone. Our artists sounded SO great during the performance, and we are so proud of them. It was a pleasure working with such an enthusiastic and gifted group of musicians, and we hope this experience inspires your children to continue pursuing their passion for music!

-Christie Graham and Nathan Nichipor

Acting

We are so proud of our artists for the amazing performance they gave. They learned a lot this session and made the very most of this opportunity. We covered the different tech aspects of performance including using costumes, lights, and microphones. We also learned how to memorize lines, and we are so thankful for the time that you all spent at home with your children working on this. Overall, we were so impressed with how well campers grasped the fine art of acting, and we are so thankful for their diligence and adaptability! It was an absolute pleasure teaching your children – thank you for a great three weeks!

-Jason Smith and Alex De Bard

A Note to the Teen Apprentices

Camp Levine at THEARC was lucky to have had a tremendous group of teen apprentices this summer. I was so impressed by the compassion, persistence, and maturity of our TA group in both sessions. Our TA's formed strong bonds with campers and played a critical role in making both final performances possible. To our TA's, thank you for your hard work and for everything you did to ensure that this summer was fun and educational for campers. I will always have fond memories of my experience working with you this summer, and I wish you the best in your upcoming school year.

-Jacob Strom

A Note from our Seussical Director

Hi everyone,

Wow!! Our artists did an AMAZING job with their performance of Seussical Jr.!

However, while I was impressed, I was not surprised. Your children worked so hard all session; especially during the final week. They also were remarkably quick studies. There are so many different skills that go into a musical theater performance. Learning how to do things like memorize lines or dance in unison is very challenging, especially if it's your first time. Memorizing a show's worth of material in 3 weeks is also very hard. Our artists worked tirelessly to learn skill after skill, song after song, and line after line, and the result was something truly fantastic.

To our artists, thank you for your effort, persistence, and enthusiasm. You made the past 3 weeks a truly special experience for me. To our parents, thank you for being so supportive and trusting us with your children. I hope that this experience was one that was fun, educational and which hopefully inspires a continued interest in musical theater and the arts!

All the best,

Jason

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