

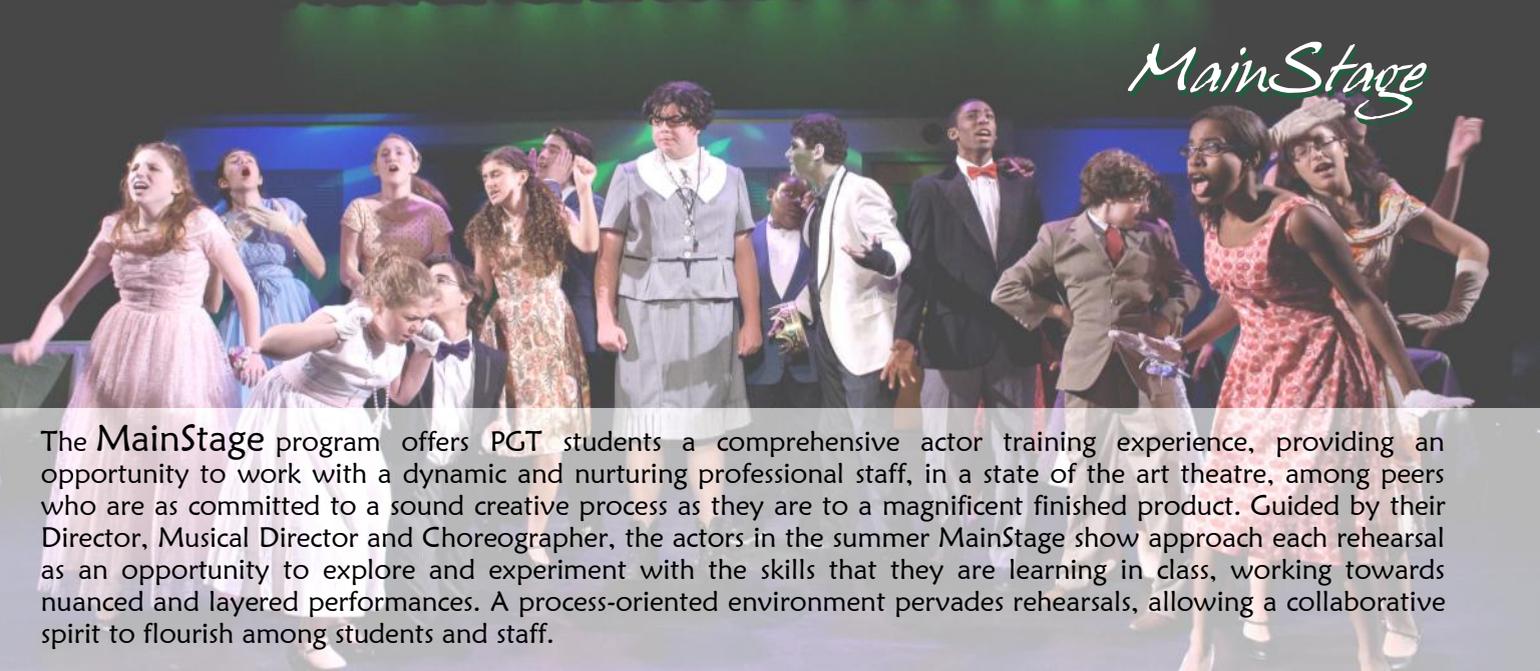


# The Play Group Theatre®

## *Summer Theatre Camps for Children and Teens*

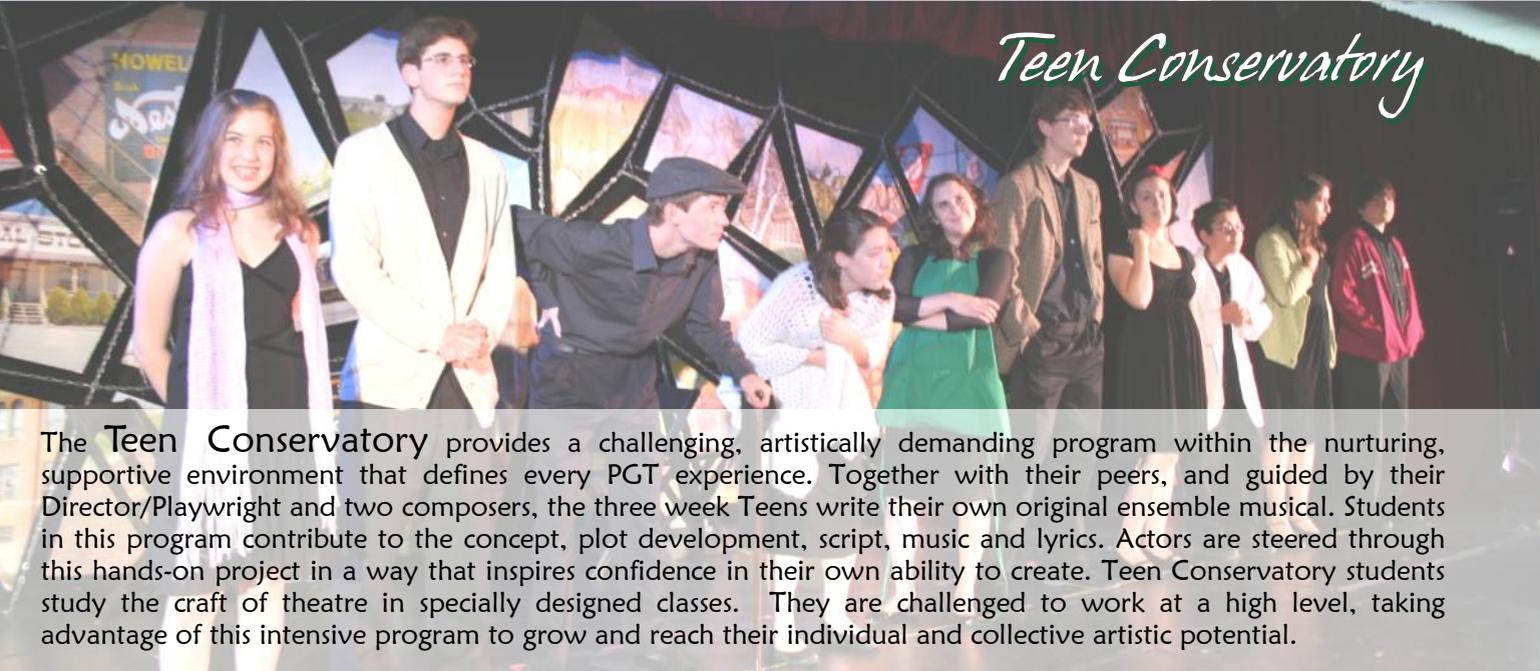
PGT Summer Theatre includes a wide variety of programs for young actors. Whether they perform on our MainStage, write and compose an original musical in our Teen Conservatory, or participate in our Young Actors' Ensemble, PGT Kids, Improv Week and Little Theatre programs, students at PGT enjoy a summer experience that opens up the imagination, nurtures the creative soul and inspires children and teenagers to reach for what they might have thought impossible... and to succeed!

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A group of young actors in various costumes performing on a stage. The background is dark with blue and green lighting. The text 'MainStage' is written in a white, cursive font in the top right corner.

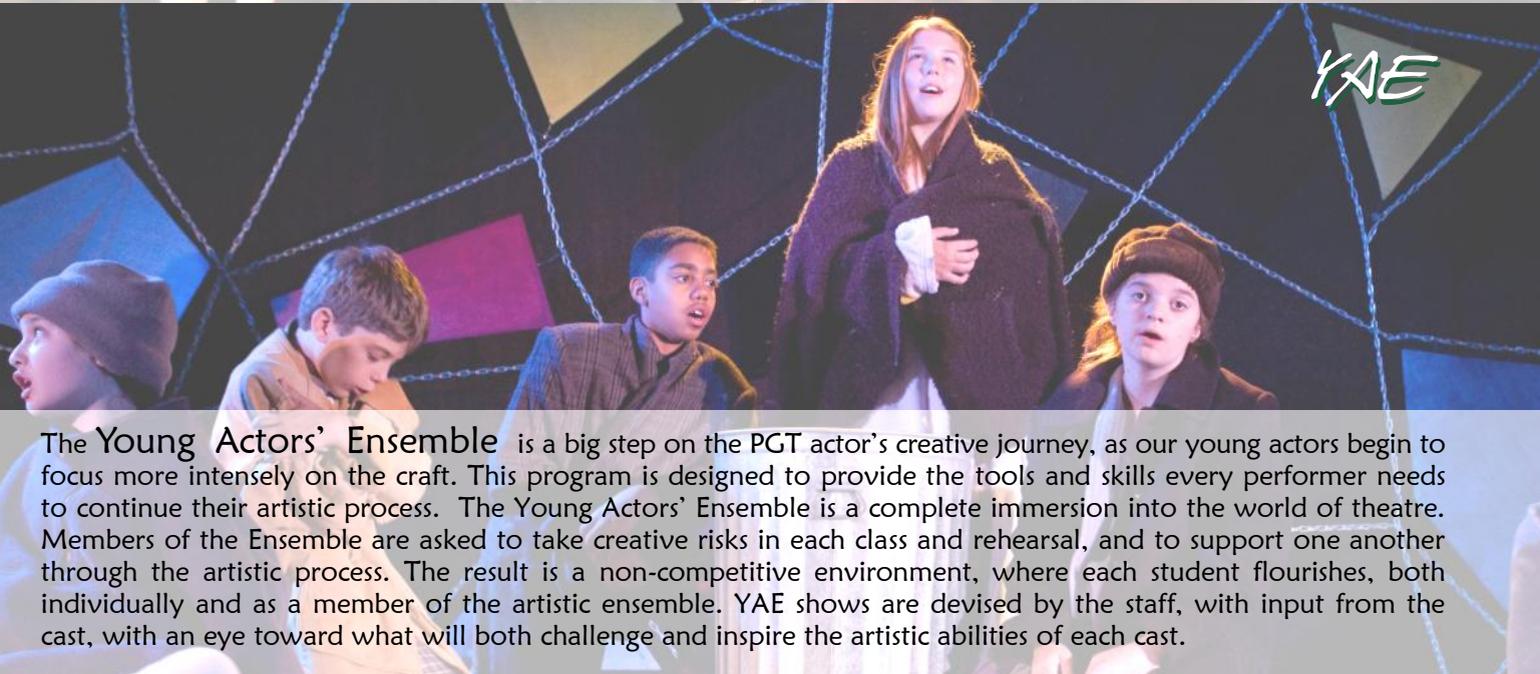
## MainStage

The **MainStage** program offers PGT students a comprehensive actor training experience, providing an opportunity to work with a dynamic and nurturing professional staff, in a state of the art theatre, among peers who are as committed to a sound creative process as they are to a magnificent finished product. Guided by their Director, Musical Director and Choreographer, the actors in the summer MainStage show approach each rehearsal as an opportunity to explore and experiment with the skills that they are learning in class, working towards nuanced and layered performances. A process-oriented environment pervades rehearsals, allowing a collaborative spirit to flourish among students and staff.

A group of young actors in various costumes performing on a stage. The background features a large, stylized graphic of a house with the word 'NOWEL' visible. The text 'Teen Conservatory' is written in a white, cursive font in the top right corner.

## Teen Conservatory

The **Teen Conservatory** provides a challenging, artistically demanding program within the nurturing, supportive environment that defines every PGT experience. Together with their peers, and guided by their Director/Playwright and two composers, the three week Teens write their own original ensemble musical. Students in this program contribute to the concept, plot development, script, music and lyrics. Actors are steered through this hands-on project in a way that inspires confidence in their own ability to create. Teen Conservatory students study the craft of theatre in specially designed classes. They are challenged to work at a high level, taking advantage of this intensive program to grow and reach their individual and collective artistic potential.

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## YAE

The **Young Actors' Ensemble** is a big step on the PGT actor's creative journey, as our young actors begin to focus more intensely on the craft. This program is designed to provide the tools and skills every performer needs to continue their artistic process. The Young Actors' Ensemble is a complete immersion into the world of theatre. Members of the Ensemble are asked to take creative risks in each class and rehearsal, and to support one another through the artistic process. The result is a non-competitive environment, where each student flourishes, both individually and as a member of the artistic ensemble. YAE shows are devised by the staff, with input from the cast, with an eye toward what will both challenge and inspire the artistic abilities of each cast.



PGT Kids are ready for a full day, full week theatre intensive program, but still need *some* time outside of class and rehearsal to just be kids! This program includes the excitement of being part of “Big Camp,” while still allowing time and space for the creative freedom that is so vital for this age group. Students explore the performing arts within a safe, nurturing, yet artistically challenging environment. Each day includes rehearsal time, where students are encouraged to apply all of the creative skills they are learning in their classes and activities. The final result is a performance of poetry, music, monologues, scenes and dance which is infused with the unique energy of the cast.



## Improv Week

Improv Week students get a fun-filled and intensive introduction to the wacky world of Improv. Through participation in a variety of classes and rehearsals, students will explore this most spontaneous art of acting in an ensemble environment. All classes and rehearsals focus on group dynamics, making quick acting choices and following each unique creative impulse to the fullest. Rehearsals are filled with Improv exercises and games, taking time to learn and incorporate Improv Technique. Our “one-weekers” are fully absorbed into the life of PGT Summer, joining in all social activities and special events which take place during this week. At the end of their week at PGT, students showcase all they have learned in an informal “Improv Night” presentation.



## Little Theatre

Little Theatre campers enjoy the benefits of being part of the bigger program, while still having their own space and program — designed especially for them! Our youngest campers join the rest of the students to start and end each day. In between, they enjoy their own classes in acting, dance and singing. The days in Little Theatre are spent exploring the imagination, performing for peers, and using the body and voice to give expression to the unique creative spark within each child. Puppets, masks, instruments, costumes, props and music are ever present throughout the day, and craft projects are used to further explore the artistic process. Each session ends with an informal presentation of the students’ work for family, friends and all of the PGT Summer students.

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The Play Group Theatre (PGT) is proud to serve Westchester with programs open to all children and teenagers interested in the performing arts. Support from our caring community allows us to continue offering scholarships and special performances to children, families and senior citizens who might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in live theatre. If you or your organization would benefit from these opportunities, please do not hesitate to let us know!

The Play Group Theatre enjoys bringing educationally enriching programs to our students as well as to local schools through arts in education partnerships. PGT continually strives to provide quality theatre experiences to our audiences and to bring the opportunity of watching live theatre to all local residents.

For more information about the programs outlined in these pages and other ways to get involved at PGT, visit our website: [www.playgroup.org](http://www.playgroup.org)

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