



DOWNTOWN DRAMA

is an opportunity for kids to explore their creativity, express themselves freely in a supportive environment, and to have fun while learning.

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Theatre Arts Workshops



EARLY YEARS &
MIDDLE YEARS
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WHAT IS DOWNTOWN DRAMA?

▸ First introduced in 2004, Downtown Drama is a theatre program developed for early and middle school children of the inner-city area of Winnipeg, offered at no cost to the students or the schools.

▸ The primary goal of Downtown Drama program is to offer inner-city students of Winnipeg the opportunity to benefit from the proven, positive aspects of theatre classes, including **building of confidence and self-awareness, enhancing group work and problem-solving skills.**

▸ This unique program introduces Winnipeg students to different aspects of theatre, drama, puppetry and mask making. As a multi-dimensional program, Downtown Drama provides a series of age appropriate workshops for children in **grades two through eight**. This full-day program is divided into two half-day interdisciplinary workshops that include some combination of Story Drama, Creative Drama, Puppetry, Improvisation, and Mask Work, reflecting and reinforcing a multi-cultural perspective.

AVAILABILITY

Downtown Drama can accept **two full classrooms** (up to thirty children each) for a **full day** of both drama and hands-on creative workshops. This year's program is designed to accept up to **36 schools**.

Due to the generosity of Downtown Drama supporters, all aspects of the program – from transportation to class time – are offered **at no cost to the students or the schools**.

DOWNTOWN DRAMA OPTION 1 EARLY YEARS PROGRAM (Grades 2 -4)

Creative Arts

Creativity, imagination and fun are the three key ingredients in this dynamic puppetry workshop. Students will explore myths and legends and develop concepts in addition to the hands-on component of puppet creation and basic manipulation.



Dramatic Arts

Through story drama and creative drama students will continue to explore myths and legends from around the world to stimulate their imagination, creativity and awareness of diverse cultures. The focus of this workshop is to encourage students to collaborate, negotiate, critically reflect and explore diverse forms of presentation.

DOWNTOWN DRAMA OPTION 2 MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAM (Grades 5 – 8)

Creative Arts

In the Mask Making workshop, students will explore myths and legends as they create their own personal mask. Throughout this process, students will have an opportunity to increase their knowledge of the variety of materials, styles and forms used in mask making.

Theatre Arts

Spontaneity, flexibility and imagination are a few of the skills students will further develop through theatre and improvisational exercises. Students will explore the ways masks affect the way we look and act. The focus of the workshop will be on physical awareness, action and reaction, and different styles of movement. Students will also have the opportunity to enhance their creativity through acting and group interactions.

