



KJPAS 2018-2019 Musical Theater Workshop and Musical Theater Conservatory Policies

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM KJPAS:

- A positive, nurturing environment where students feel safe to try new things without the risk of failure.
- Positive, effective communication between KJPAS and our parents and students.
- Quality training led by theater professionals who are passionate about teaching musical theater to children and teens.
- NO costume fees, performance fees or any other additional fees beyond your regular tuition.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORKSHOP AND THE CONSERVATORY?

- The Musical Theater Workshop is for students in 1st-5th grade. The Musical Theater Conservatory program is for students in 5th-12th grade. There is an intentional overlap at 5th Grade. Those students in 5th grade with past experience who are ready for the challenges of the Conservatory may move up. For the 5th Graders who are new to musical theater, I would recommend choosing the Workshop program instead.

GENERAL POLICIES

- Each student shall participate in a 60-minute conservatory class each week for the duration of the studio year (August 16, 2018 thru May 23, 2019 -Please see the studio calendar for details).
- The **Workshop** is for 1st-5th graders, and will be offered on Thursday's from 6-7pm in the Cypress Camping Resort Activities Building (next to Socastee High School).
- The **Conservatory** is for 5th-12th graders, and will be offered on Thursday's from 7-8pm in the Cypress Camping Resort Activities Building (next to Socastee High School).
- If cast in a show, please make every effort to make it to your weekly class. Even Broadway actors continue their studies during the run of a show so that they may grow as performers. Please do remember to list your musical theater class as a conflict on your school/community theater audition form so that you will be let out of rehearsal to come to class.
- KJPAS offers winter and summer musical theater and acting camps. KJPAS students are strongly encouraged to attend these camps. I have seen extraordinary growth occur with my students when they participate in such a focused theatrical environment.
- **Please drive SLOWLY on River Road and into the Camping resort.** I would rather you arrive a minute late to your class than risk hitting a child (but please do try to arrive on time!).
- Please do your very best to attend all classes. We will be staging group numbers throughout the year and your fellow performers will be counting on you.

MUSICAL THEATER TRAINING

This rigorous and well-rounded class will train you to go out there and land a role in your school, community, or professional production. Curriculum will include breath support, voice and speech, vocal technique (including how to safely belt), character development, musical theater staging and choreography, duets, trios, small group numbers, big production numbers, and much more! KJPAS never uses performance tracks. I always accompany my students “live” on the piano. Sheet music will be distributed regularly for the students to learn from.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Performance opportunities will include the KJPAS Holiday Cabaret on Thursday, December 20th, the KJPAS Spring Recital on Saturday, May 18th and “KJPAS Live at Peno” gigs. I will schedule additional performances as opportunities arise.

TUITION

2018-2019 KJPAS Musical Theater Conservatory tuition is \$75 per month, August 1 thru May 1 for weekly hour-long classes. The studio operates under the “all-inclusive” model where everything is included in your regular tuition. Tuition shall be due on the (1st) first of each month, August, 2018 thru May, 2019. **A \$50 registration fee is due now to hold your place in the class.** This fee will cover studio expenses including acquiring Broadway scores, scripts and CD’s, facility rental fees for studio performances, paper, and copier toner, and guest artist fees.

There are several options for paying your monthly studio tuition:

- PayPal. I encourage all parents to use PayPal as you can pay your tuition in less than a minute. And since the transaction is instantaneous, you will never be late on your payments. Be sure to choose the “send to friends and family” option so that no fees are incurred, and send it to my email address: kevin@kjpas.com
- Cash is always accepted.
- Checks are also accepted. Please make them out to Kevin Jones and hand deliver by the 1st of the month or mail to 3105 Bramble Glen Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 so that it arrives by the 1st of the month.
- Pay via the auto bill-pay program through your financial institution. Simply make Kevin Jones a monthly bill. Be sure to set it to pay out on the 24th of the month so that it will arrive at KJPAS by the 1st of the following month.

Please note: All payments received after midnight on the 5th of the month will incur a **\$25 late fee**. If you are unable to make it to your first class of the month, be sure that you have paid your tuition. All returned checks will incur an additional \$25 fee.

Please also note: This year I will *not* be sending out tuition reminders. By signing up for this studio you are acknowledging that tuition is due on the 1st of every month in the same way that your mortgage is due on the same day each month. If your tuition has not been paid on time, you will then receive an email letting you know that your tuition plus the \$25 late payment fee is due. Students will not be admitted to class until tuition (and any late fee’s that may have been incurred) have been paid in full each month.

Participation in the Musical Theater Workshop and Conservatory is understood to be from August, 2018 thru the end of May, 2019. If you decide to leave the program, you must give a full 30 days’ notice before tuition is due. So, if give notice on October 30th, you must still pay your November tuition. If you give notice on November 2nd, you must still pay your November *and* December tuition.

MISSED CLASSES

No financial deduction will be made for missed classes, so I encourage students to do their very best to make it to every class for maximum training.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

I will send out an email by noon on the day of class if the class will need to be cancelled due to weather. I do not follow any of the private or public school closure policies and make the decision myself based on weather reports. I will make up any classes cancelled by the instructor.

CONTACTING KEVIN

I am very good at communicating with students and parents and making sure that everyone is “in the know” regarding studio lessons and events. By signing up for this workshop, you are agreeing to read all studio email correspondence in a timely manner. I am very conscientious of your time and only send out succinct email information as it is absolutely necessary. Please refrain from using me as your personal concierge. While I am of course more than happy to speak with you regarding any questions or concerns that you may have, I do have to say that 90% of the emails and texts that I received this past year were questions that I had just addressed in my weekly to bi-weekly studio emails. Please refer to the studio calendar and studio email correspondence before making contact. Thank-you.

The best way to contact me 24 hours a day is by e-mail (kevin@kjpas.com).

You are also welcome to call/text me at 843-251-9542. You will find that I am very approachable and do my best to treat each family as a unique entity and accommodate your needs.