TOPS
Teaching Outstanding Performers

Summer Arts Camps 2009

Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance

Piano and Creative Writing
Junior Choral Camp
Junior Band Camp
Acting and Dance
Theatre Performance Workshop
TOPS STARS Musical Showcase

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TOPS Summer Arts Camps

The TOPS program is open to young musicians, writers, dancers and actors from kindergarten through 12th grade. Students attending the TOPS camps have fun while spending an intensive week developing and enhancing their artistic skills. In addition to exposure to world-class teaching and performing, the camps cultivate an all-around appreciation for the art forms of our culture. Daily activities include private and group lessons, technique classes, world music, drumming, master classes, supervised practice, presentations and performance, entertainment and recreation, and tours of the FAU Boca Raton campus.

All camps take place on the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuition is $260 per week plus a $10 registration fee. Registration must take place at least one week prior to the beginning of each camp week.

Music and Creative Writing Camp
- Grades 6-12 | June 15-19
- Grades 6-12 | June 22-26
- Grades K-5 | June 29-July 3
- Grades K-5 | July 6-10
- Grades 3-5 | July 13-17
- Grades 4-5 | July 20-24
- Piano and Creative Writing
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- Junior Choral Camp
- Junior Band Camp

Dance Camp
- Grades K-5 | June 15-19
- Grades 6-12 | June 29-July 3
- Grades 6-12 | July 6-10
- Making Dances
- Contemporary Dance Intensive
- Contemporary Dance Intensive

Theatre Camp
- Grades 3-7 | June 15-19
- Grades 3-7 | June 22-26
- Grades 3-7 | June 29-July 3
- Grades 3-7 | July 6-10
- Grades 8-12 | June 22-26
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- Grades 3-12 | July 20-24
- Grades 3-12 | July 27-31
- Acting
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- Theatre Performance Workshop, week 1 of 3
- Theatre Performance Workshop, week 2 of 3
- Theatre Performance Workshop, week 3 of 3
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Heather Coltman - Director

The founder and director of Teaching Outstanding PerformerS (TOPS) Piano Camps, Dr. Coltman is committed to enriching the lives of young Floridians through their encounters with the arts. Through her varied performance and teaching activities, she is able to illuminate the importance of music within our world and its value as a means of communication among all people. Currently chair of the Department of Music at Florida Atlantic University, she is also the director of Keyboard Studies.

Assistant Directors

Ana Moretto
Emmanuel Fergile

Dance

Theatre

Kathryn Austin
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Piano

New TOPS students must attend a placement audition. Placement auditions will be held on June 7, 2009. The auditions are for evaluation purposes only. All students who desire to attend the TOPS camps will be accepted. During the placement audition, students will play one piece of their choice and then be asked to sightread an additional short piece. A short theory test may also be administered. Auditions are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so email early! To set up an audition, email coltman@fau.edu.

Junior Choral Camp
Come sing together and learn much more than music in this fun, integrated experience! Students will learn the true art of singing and performing. Through solo and choral repertoire, students will learn beyond the notes, resulting in a comprehensive and authentic expression of poetry, history and culture!

Junior Band Camp
Young woodwind, brass and percussion players come together to improve their skills on their instrument, and to play in ensembles. The final concert features all campers in concert band performances.

Creative Writing
The Department of English is proud to offer classes in creative writing. In a studio environment, campers will work with fiction writers and poets from FAU’s MFA program in creative writing. Workshops will encourage campers to give voice to their imaginations through a variety of literary forms and techniques.

In conjunction with the music program, the weeks will conclude with an exciting evening of camper readings and musical performances.
Dance

“Making Dances”
June 15-19, Grades K-5

This camp is for the inquisitive mover/artist who aspires to use his or her innate energy to create designs in space! Open to all students whether experienced in dance or not, this camp will meet the needs of the individual as we explore, together, the unique artistic gifts we are each given. We will learn to create, perform and respond in a broad movement vocabulary and discover new ways to make our personal art move through space and time. Daily class in traditional dance technique, structured improvisation, as well as themed activities both group and individual will round out this unique experience only in Boca Raton, only at FAU!

“Contemporary Dance Intensive”
June 29–July 10, Grades 6–12

Get in on the ground floor here at FAU by participating in this first-ever TOPS Dance Intensive for pre-professional dance students looking for advanced-level, supplemental training in contemporary dance techniques. This workshop, led by dance professionals in our own community, is designed to complement your present dance training and supplement your studies with information that will enhance your overall progress throughout the year ahead. Experience new ideas in dance pedagogy, explore current trends in choreography for concert dance, learn how to build your personal resume for college and professional company life and expose yourself to bodywork techniques that will help you monitor your physical limitations and body care. Two technique classes daily with additional studies in kinesiology, history, current events, introduction to notation, improvisation and repertory.
Theatre

Explore the world of the theatre with other campers by learning acting, speaking, movement and play-writing....

TOPS STARS MUSICAL SHOWCASE

Calling all child actors, singers and dancers! Under the direction of expert musical theatre performers, students will create their own musical while learning singing, dancing and acting. The three-week camp will culminate in a weekend of performances featuring all camp participants. Students will also learn audition techniques, performance skills and professional development skills. Performances on July 31, August 1 and August 2

The dance component of TOPS STARS will focus on musical theatre style dance, the importance of gesture, breath control for singing and dancing, character building inside movement frameworks, and resume building and design. Specific styles would include theatre jazz, movement for stage, and tap plus a ballet basics for navigating through the audition process.
TOPS 2009 Registration Form

Please check one or more boxes to register for one or more weeks of camp. Please include $10 registration fee with registration form. Refunds of tuition will be issued for cancellations received by email with 48 hours notice. Tuition will be due one week prior to the start of each camp. Please make checks payable to Florida Atlantic University Foundation. Please mail registration form and registration fee to:

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Arts and Humanities 119
777 Glades Rd.
Boca Raton, FL 33431-0991

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Student’s Name    Parent or Guardian’s Name
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Address
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City                               State       Zip
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Phone                      Email Address
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Student’s Age in Summer 2009    Grade in School Fall 2009