Everyone deserves a place in their community where they are safe, seen, accepted, loved and given opportunities to contribute.

The theatre provides a safe space for practicing the ability to self-advocate, follow and give directions, collaborate, create original material, and meet deadlines. These are skills that apply to all jobs, not just theatre.

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Empowering people to navigate the world through theatre!
Theatre on the Spectrum
If you have an ability or an interest in developing any of the following skills, the theatre could be a great place for you:

Acting, Designing Sets, Making and Maintaining Props and Costumes, Stage Makeup, Mask-making, Carpentry, Painting, Sewing, Operating Lights/Sound boards, Writing, Research, Stage Crew, Stage Management, Videography, Business skills (Box Office, Stage and House Management, Marketing and Publicity)

Sign up for two or more days per week.

We participate in community events, collaborate with guest artists and local universities, take field trips to local theater companies, and produce lunch hour theatre programs in our studio and for touring throughout the area.

Program Hours 10 am - 3:30 pm
(Typical schedule)
10:00 - 10:30 AM — Arrive!
10:30 - 10:45 Daily Meeting
10:45 - 11:15 AM — Yoga, Breathing, Movement/Vocal Warm-ups.
11:15 - 11:30 -- Break Time
11:30 - noon: Singing/Acting scenes and monologues
Noon —12:30: lunch
12:30 - 1:00 pm: Walk the dog, take out trash, pick up mail, greet our neighbors!
1 PM - 2:00: Rehearsals/Individual Projects (video production, animation, creative writing, costume design, social media, blogs/vlogs)
2:00-2:15: Break Time
2:15- 2:45: Projects/Rehearsals
2:45 - 3:00: Wrap up/Clean Up
3:00- 3:30 PM — Depart!

For more information about the theatre program, contact Wendy Duke:
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Contact your SSA to arrange a visit!

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