

# Starz Theater Company & Turning Pointe Dance



STC is the theater performance division of Turning Pointe Dance (TPD) and its purpose is to provide the students of Turning Pointe with on-stage performance opportunities. STC shows are chosen to further the education and goals of the TPD Musical Theater Program and there is regular overlap between the teachers at Turning Pointe and the Creative Team at Starz Theater Company.



# The Turning Pointe Benefit

While being in a class at Turning Pointe is not required in order to audition for a STC Show, there are benefits to being a student at Turning Pointe Dance . Turning Pointe families can anticipate:

## TPD VOCAL & ACTING CLASS PERFORMANCES

*Ages 8-18*

The Vocal & Acting Showcase Class is an enrollment-based 2-hour weekly class focusing on group vocal & acting development. Classes perform a musical in place of recital at the end of the session. There is no audition required to be a part of these performance opportunities. Showcase Classes will be offered in both the schoolyear & summer TPD sessions. These classes are divided into two age ranges: Ages 8-11 & Ages 12-18.



## RESERVED STC AUDITION SPOTS

*Ages 9-18 (Senior in High School)*

STC Show audition spots will be reserved for Turning Pointe Dance students each season. The number of reserved spots will vary season to season.

## TPD MUSICAL THEATER PROGRAM CONTINUED TRAINING WITH STC

*Musical Theater Levels 4A, 4B & 5*

TPD Musical Theater students in Level 4A, 4B and 5 will be included in a STARZ performing role as part of their curriculum training. Students must be within the age/grade requirements for the STC show and must still must fully complete the audition process. *See below for details.*





## *Community Involvement in STC shows*

Each season there will be a limited number of audition spots open to students from the community. These audition spots will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis once audition sign ups begin. Students from the community will be equally considered for roles as space in the cast allows. The needs of the show will always drive casting decisions, but please keep in mind, the purpose of STC is to further the theater education and goals of the students in the Musical Theater program at Turning Pointe Dance.

## *TPD Musical Theater Program Continued Training with STC*

The real-life application of the TPD Musical Theater curriculum to the stage becomes increasingly more important the higher the level. With this in mind, students in Musical Theater (MT) 4A, MT4B and MT5 who choose to audition for a STC show will be included in a STARZ performing role as part of their curriculum training. Stage experience is viewed as an extension of the curriculum and continues the training happening within those levels.

Students in MT4A, MT4B & MT5 may participate in a STC show so long as the student: is within the age/grade limits for the show, is in good standing with Turning Pointe Dance, has an 80% attendance rate for classes, has fully completed the STC audition process and will not have more than the allotted number of rehearsal absences. Students in MT4A, MT4B & MT5 wishing to participate in the STC show will still need to complete the audition/callback process as part of their Musical Theater curriculum targets and to ensure that thorough consideration for role placement is given. Please note: If a MT4A/4B/5 student states on their audition application that they will only accept a certain placement, then they understand that they are choosing to not participate in the STC show if they are determined to not be the right fit for that desired role/placement.

Students in all TPD musical theater levels and other Turning Pointe dance, vocal or acting classes are strongly encouraged to audition for STC shows. TPD students will be considered for all Performance ensembles (Starz, Starz Rizing and All-Starz).

