



Bard Youth Fest 2022 Secondary Schools

(For information on troupes based in Elementary & Middle Schools, please click [here](#).
For information on community-based troupes, please click [here](#).)

Join Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival in a new extracurricular program that celebrates young people making Shakespeare their own! Alongside troupes from local schools and communities, your students will embark on a creative journey that culminates with a non-competitive Finale where each troupe will share their unique Shakespeare pieces.

A special note for 2021/2022:

As we continue to navigate the ways schools and communities must respond to the coronavirus pandemic, Bard Youth Fest will adapt as needed to provide online experiences when in-person collaboration isn't possible. Bard Youth Fest is all about exploration, discovery, adaptation, and invention, so it is well-suited to this uncertain time.

Who can participate?

Bard Youth Fest is for school-aged youth (K-grade 12) from across BC. A troupe is an extracurricular group of anywhere from 3 to 25 students. Troupes may be organized through Elementary, Middle, or Secondary schools, Home Learner groups, or through participants' communities. We welcome participants of all grades and abilities. No experience necessary!

Each troupe will need a **Troupe Champion**, an adult such as a teacher or other staff member, who will act as liaison between troupe members and families, school administration, Bard Coaches, and Bard Education staff. Troupe Champions will attend the Professional Development Day in January or February and the Dress Rehearsal and Finale at the end of the school year, but are not required to attend after-school rehearsals (although they are certainly welcome to!). Troupe Champions will also help solve student transportation to these events hosted by Bard.

Each troupe will be assigned two **Bard Coaches**, professional theatre artists who will provide advice, support, and coaching to their troupe. All Bard Coaches are experienced Teaching Artists with Bard Education.

What will we do?

Bard Youth Fest will begin with a series of complimentary [Bard in the Classroom](#) workshops. These sessions will introduce students to the Bard Coaches and to Bard Education's approach to exploring Shakespeare actively and imaginatively. Interested students will then be able to sign up to join the extracurricular troupe.

Together, each troupe will work under the guidance of their Bard Coaches to create their own Shakespeare piece. This will be a student-led journey that is driven by troupe members' skills, interests, and ideas. At the end of the school year, all troupes will share their presentations and celebrate each other's creativity at the Finale hosted by Bard.

When will it happen?

Rehearsals will be extracurricular. Each troupe will work to a slightly different schedule that best suits their troupe members' needs.

Below is a timeline for the 2020/2021 Bard Youth Fest:

Until January 15th at 5 pm: [Apply online](#).

February 18, 2022: Professional Development Day kickoff for Troupe Champions and Bard Coaches.

January 2021 – Spring Break 2022: Host our Bard Coaches for a series of complimentary [Bard in the Classroom](#) workshops in your school. Then, promote the troupe and facilitate the student sign-up process.

Spring Break – End of school year: Rehearse with your Bard Coaches! Each troupe will have up to 20 hours of coaching time. Troupe Champions will liaise between the troupe, school administration, their Bard Coaches, and Bard Education staff to create the rehearsal schedule.

End of the school year: Attend a Dress Rehearsal to put the finishing touches on your performance. Date, time, and location TBD.

End of the school year: All troupes gather for the Finale! Share your presentation with other troupes and celebrate each other's work in this non-competitive event. Date, time, and location TBD.

What does it cost?

~~\$3,000 per troupe~~ **FREE**, thanks to the generosity of the Pamela and David Richardson Family Foundation! Troupes will need to find funding to cover any transportation to the Dress Rehearsal and Finale, as well as TOC coverage for the Professional Development Day.

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