



## Bard Youth Fest 2022

### *Elementary & Middle School Troupes*

*(For information on Teen/Young Adult troupes, please click [here](#)).*

Join Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival in a new program that celebrates young people making Shakespeare their own! Alongside troupes from local schools and communities, participants will embark on a creative journey that culminates with a mini-Festival, 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 COVID-19 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 is this for?**

- Bard Youth Fest is for school-aged youth (K-grade 12) and young adults (18-25) from across BC. Troupes with participants in grades K-8 will participate in the Elementary/Middle Schools track.
- A troupe is a group of anywhere from 3 to 25 youth.
- We welcome participants of all ages and abilities. No experience necessary!

Each troupe will need a **Troupe Champion**, an adult such as a teacher or other staff member, who will be responsible for the troupe's supervision during all Bard Youth Fest activities, as well as communication with students' families. The Troupe Champion will attend all rehearsals as well as the Professional Development Day in February and the Dress Rehearsal and mini-Festival in June. They will also help solve student transportation to these events.

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

## What will we do?

Each troupe will work with a **Bard Coach**, a professional theatre artist who will provide advice, support, and coaching to their troupe. All Bard Coaches are experienced Teaching Artists with Bard Education.

**Troupes will work with their Bard Coach to create their own Shakespeare piece.** This will be a participant-led journey that is driven by troupe members' skills, interests, and ideas. In June, all troupes will share their presentations and celebrate each other's creativity at a mini-Festival hosted by Bard.

## When will it happen?

Rehearsals will occur during class time. Each troupe will work from a different schedule that best suits their 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.

**Early April – Mid-June:** Rehearse with your Bard Coaches over several weeks! Troupe Champions will liaise with their troupe members and families, Bard Coaches, and Bard Education staff to create a rehearsal schedule that suits your troupe's needs.

**Mid-June:** Hold a Dress Rehearsal to put the finishing touches on your performance. Date, time, and location TBD.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022:** (Tentative date) All troupes gather for the mini-Festival! Share your presentation with other troupes and celebrate each other's work in this non-competitive event. Exact 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 mini-Festival, as well as TOC coverage for the Professional Development Day.

**Apply [online](#) until January 15th at 5 pm!**

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