



Bard Youth Fest 2022

Teen & Young Adult Troupes

(For information on troupes based in Elementary & Middle Schools, 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 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 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 ages 13-25 will participate in the Teen/Young Adult track.
- A troupe is a group of anywhere from 3 to 25 youth. Troupes may be based in schools or can be formed of individuals.
- We welcome participants of all ages and abilities. No experience necessary!

Supporting the Troupe

Each troupe will need a **Troupe Champion**, who will act as liaison between troupe members and families, school administration, Bard Coaches, and Bard Education staff.

- **For troupes based in high schools**, a teacher or other staff member will be the Troupe Champion. School-based Troupe Champions will also need to attend the Dress Rehearsal and mini-Festival in June and help solve student transportation to these events hosted by Bard.
- **For troupes outside of schools**, a participant can be Troupe Champion with support from Bard Education staff. Youth Troupe Champions will collaborate with Bard staff and Bard Coaches to create a rehearsal schedule.

What will we do?

Each troupe will work with one or 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.

Troupes will work with their Bard Coaches 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 be held outside school hours. Each troupe will work to a different schedule that best suits their troupe members' needs.

Below is a timeline for the 2021/2022 Bard Youth Fest:

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

February 18, 2022: Professional Development Day kickoff for Troupe Champions and Bard Coaches (optional for Troupe Champions of community-based troupes, required for those who are teachers running Bard Youth Fest at their schools).

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: Attend a Dress Rehearsal to put the finishing touches on your piece. Date, time, and location TBD.

June 20th, 2022: (Tentative date) All troupes gather for the mini-Festival! Share your piece and celebrate each other's work in this showcase. Exact, time, and location TBD.

Where will it happen?

School-based troupes will rehearse at their schools. Troupes not affiliated with a school will be responsible for finding a place to rehearse, such as a classroom or community space. Bard Education may be able to host rehearsals at the BMO Theatre Centre (162 West 1st Avenue, Vancouver), subject to availability.

What does it cost?

~~\$3,000 per troupe~~ **FREE**, thanks to the generosity of the Pamela and David Richardson Family Foundation!

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