



# Bard Youth Fest: Lab

## Fall 2025

### What is Bard Youth Fest: Lab?

- An opportunity for young people to explore Shakespeare's language, characters and stories and create an original interpretation as a collaborative ensemble, facilitated by a professional theatre artist from Bard's teaching artist team
- Troupes will spend sessions learning various theatre-making techniques as they generate an original, short script that uses Shakespeare's text
- **The Troupe will share their work** in the Bard Youth Fest finale on **November 29, 2025 at the BMO Theatre Centre studios.**

### What does Bard Education provide?

- A **Bard Coach**: a [professional teaching artist](#) to facilitate rehearsals and guide your Troupe through regular weekly sessions from October to November, 2025
- **Resources** such as abridged scripts, games, and acting exercises
- **A venue for the creative sessions and Finale event** at the BMO Theatre Centre in Vancouver's Olympic Village

### If your Troupe is from a school or community program:

Troupes will need a **Troupe Liaison**, an adult such as a teacher or other staff member, who will:

- **Communicate with troupe** participants and their families, school administration (if applicable), Teaching Artists, and Bard Education staff
- **Help us create the rehearsal schedule**
- **Supervise and engage** with the Troupe during all Bard Youth Fest activities
- **Help to coordinate transportation** for participants to all Youth Fest events (stage rehearsal and finale showcase)

### Timeline:

**By Monday, September 22 at 11:59pm:** [Application deadline](#)

**October & November:** Create and rehearse!

**Saturday, November 29:** Bard Youth Fest Finale! Troupes will stage snippets from their original pieces and celebrate each other's work at [BMO Theatre Centre](#) on Newmont Stage. Exact times TBD.

## Where will it happen?

- **Rehearsals:** School-based troupes will rehearse at their schools, and community-based troupes will rehearse at their pre-arranged spaces. Bard Education hosts rehearsals for the “Indie Troupe” (troupe of individual applicants) at the BMO Theatre Centre on Tuesdays from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.
- **Stage rehearsal & Finale:** on the Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre in Vancouver’s Olympic Village.

## What does it cost?

~~\$3,500 per troupe~~ Participation in this program is **FREE**, thanks to the generosity of the Pamela and David Richardson Family Foundation!

## About Scripts & Resources

Our Bard Education team have many interactive, inquiry-based resources to offer you and your troupe. These can be used to support the Troupe’s exploration of Shakespeare! Resources include theatre games with a focus on expression and language, and “Shakespeare Shorts”, or abridged versions of popular plays.

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