

# About CAT Youth Theatre



## What it is...

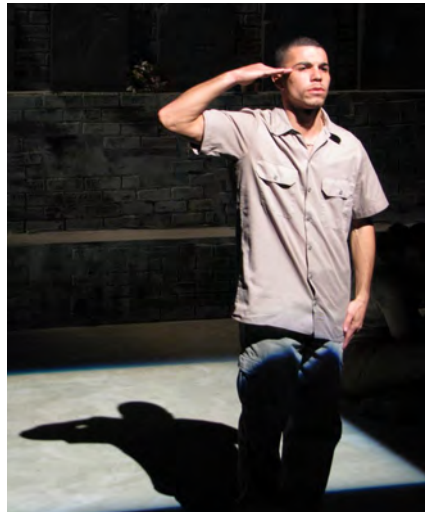
Founded in 1995, CAT Youth Theatre is a free, award-winning after school program that helps young people to thrive—on stage and in life. Members create socially relevant, artistically sophisticated original plays while learning vital life skills enabling youth to become self-confident, compassionate and accountable; to develop relationships across differences; build community; and be prepared to act as contributing citizens.

The collaborative theatre process gives young people the opportunity to make new meanings from the material of their lives.

Membership is free to the young people who participate.



## What it means...



*"The CAT Youth Theatre was one of the biggest influences on me as a teen. It taught me how to lead by consensus, how to think on my feet, and how much I could accomplish."*

*Founding member*

*"CAT Youth Theatre has taught me to never stay silent! Get your thoughts out!"*

*YT Alum*

*"I've learned about myself, and made friends with interesting, unique, powerful, intelligent human beings. CAT has shaped me into the person I'm becoming, to be more open, understanding, creative, and using the skills they taught me in the world, outside of theatre."*

*YT Alum*

*"I remember my character and my scenes, but what I remember the most was what theater had done for me. It gave me a second chance to do right, it gave me a second opinion about other people from different backgrounds, and it brought me peace and laughter."*

*YT Alum*

*"I left [the show] feeling so uplifted, with more of a sense of hope and excitement for the future. The young people obviously engaged in deep critical thinking which gives me this great sense of hope for our future. I left thinking, if young people are contemplating life and relationships this deeply, the world's future is bright."*

*Audience Member*



CAT Youth Theatre is a program of the CUNY • Creative Arts Team



The Creative Arts Team (CAT), an innovative leader in the international field of educational drama since 1974, provides interactive drama programs for students, their teachers and parents. CAT's programs motivate 15,000+ young people annually to examine social issues and curricular themes pertinent to our society, such as literacy, anti-bullying, health & wellness, and college and workplace readiness.

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*"CAT Youth Theatre is about learning and growing. Everyone listens and is open without judgment. I don't know who I would be without CAT."*  
*-YT Alum*

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### What we've done...

- ★ CAT Youth Theatre has created over 50 original shows devised or written by the company, and performed at a wide variety of conferences, festivals, and events.
- ★ The high quality of the work has been acknowledged by invitations to perform at the UN, in Chicago, London, and as the first American company ever selected for the international Contacting the World Youth Theatre Festival in Liverpool, England
- ★ Past projects include collaborations with young people from the Czech Republic, Taiwan, Germany, England, Poland, India, Zambia, Palestine, Turkey, Brazil and Nepal.
- ★ Program Director Helen White was awarded the American Alliance for Theatre and Education's Youth Theatre Director of the Year Award and in 2013 was New York 1's New Yorker of the Week.
- ★ The Youth Theater was selected as Broadway Artist Connection's charity partner for 2014 and 2016.

### What we're doing next...

- ★ Broadway Artists Connection 2016 Benefit, honoring CAT Youth Theatre  
November 14th, 8:00pm
- ★ 2017 Original Production: **LAN•GUAGE**  
Original Production by the members of the company coming up on February 24, 25, 26, 28, March 3, 4 & 5
- ★ 2017 Junior Youth Theatre Sharings  
May, August, December, at CAT

Highlights

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