



We *must* have your completed/signed *Liability-Photo Media Release form* **before** you may participate in classes. If you haven't already done so, please complete the attached form, and return to Laurie Briseño at laurie.briseno@whartoncenter.com, via fax to 517.353.5329, or mail to Wharton Center, TIFT, 750 E Shaw Lane, E Lansing, MI 48824.

Welcome to Take it From the Top 2017 at Wharton Center!

What to bring...

Food / Beverages

- Please pack your own lunch or snacks, and any necessary utensils to eat! We will provide access to a refrigerator. Please clearly label your lunch bag with your name and telephone number.
- We provide water coolers for the participants to refill their beverage bottles throughout the day and evening.
- We are a green campus, so we request that you bring your own, clearly labeled (name and phone), reusable water container with a lid/cap to prevent spills.

Clothing

Creative Kids / Pre-Teen/ Teen/ Advanced Rehearsal

Wear comfortable and attractive clothing that you can move in. No flip-flops, sandals or crocs. Shoes must be safe for dancing, i.e., tennis-, character-, jazz-shoes. We will be discreetly documenting rehearsals by flip-cam and taking photos for your folks, social media, and press, and you want to look your best while being able to dance, sing, and act. You will be on your feet a lot, so comfort and safety are key!

Performance

- Black bottoms of any style or length – (*NO faded clothing*): Leggings, capris, skirts with bike shorts underneath, dress pants, yoga pants, dance pants, etc. *Must be suitable for dancing.*
- WC *may* create t-shirts for you to wear at the recital – however, please have the option below handy in case we have sizing issues, etc.
- Solid colored top (*NO logos or designs*) with sleeves of any style or length: (*NO tanks or muscle T's*): We'd love bright colors, but plain white or plain black is fine, too: T Shirts, Polo Shirts, Buttoned shirts, Blouses, etc.
- Black shoes of any style, as long as they are *comfortable and safe* for dancing.
- Black belts, if necessary.



Adults

- Wear comfortable and attractive clothing that you can move in. Following our work sessions, we will convene for an informal cabaret to show off your newly honed skills. We will be taking photos for social media, and press, and you want to look your best while being able to dance, sing, and act.

Sheet Music / Photo / Resume – Priceless Insider Tips

Please bring a 32-bar cut of a favorite musical theatre song, or a story-telling pop/country music song. Please make sure to mark the cuts clearly on your sheet music. (For a brief tutorial, please visit www.whartoncenter.com/takeitfromthetop and click on the “Musical Theatre 101” video link. If you have a resume photo and theatrical resume, please bring those as well – even if you submitted one electronically. (We will be able to offer helpful hints on making them look more professional!) We have a top NYC director attending workshops, so we want them to be able to contact you if he thinks you are a great choice for something he’s casting! We also have a top NYC resume photographer, and for an additional (hugely discounted...) price, you may opt to have your new, professional shots done. As we said earlier, we are a green campus and have stored your photos and all other application materials electronically, rather than printing everything, so please bring one along, if you have it already printed out, and we will return it to you!

Other

- **Do not bring valuables** and please make sure all cell phones are turned to **airplane mode** during class sessions. You are encouraged to audio-record yourself during sessions. You may not make calls or send texts while in class or during the performance.
- **Any unsupportive, negative snap-chat posts or other unkind social media interaction are strictly prohibited.** Violation of this rule will result in expulsion from classes with no refund. You are working with the very best in the business, and we are dedicated to creating a very safe and supportive environment to insure that all of our students may step outside of their comfort zone and take risks in front of other students in the classrooms. You may check for messages on breaks **ONLY**. Wharton Center is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Parking: Wharton Center’s adjacent parking structure is located at 750 East Shaw Lane (off Hagadorn Road). There is an hourly charge for parking. For discounts, please purchase a 3-day permit for *approximately* \$11.00 per vehicle at the MSU Parking Office, 1120 Red Cedar Road, East Lansing MI 48824. It is located in the Public Safety Building on campus and is open 7:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. Contact 517-355-8440 during those hours.

- Enter building through atrium or from Wharton Circle drop off area and look for *Take it From the Top* signs to direct you to the check-in table.



SCHEDULE

Day ONE: Monday, July 24th, 2017

ALL Parents/Guardians are welcome to join us in the Pasant Theatre for a brief introduction of the Broadway Teaching artists, and to ask any questions you may have about the program! The meeting will begin at 10AM and most likely last approximately 15 minutes.

Five-Day Musical Theatre Intensive (Creative Kids / Pre-Teen / Teen) July 24th - 29th, 2017

- Registration for these age groups opens at 9AM in the Sierra Lobby of Wharton Center – please arrive no later than 9:30AM on day one!
- We will take a quick photo of each student and then gather in the Pasant Theatre for the beginning of classes.

- Classes for the Creative Kids group are Monday – Thursday, 10AM-3PM, with a one hour lunch break (BYO) from 12:30PM-1:30PM; classes are on Friday from Noon – 5:30PM...One hour dinner break...all students are signed in no later than 6:30PM for a 7PM performance on the world class Cobb Great Hall Stage – *WHAH??????* Many of the greatest musical, theatrical, dancing artists on the planet have performed here. The view from the audience is stunning, and your view from the stage will take your breath away. Glorious! Admission to performance is free to the public! Invite your family and friends! Buses welcome. Seriously! Just let us know a few days in advance.
 - With a slight additional charge, Creative Kids (minimum ten) may stay until 5PM and play with the top Creative Crafts teaching artists in Michigan. To enroll, please contact laurie.briseno@whartoncenter.com. Discounts may be offered if enrollment in Creative Crafts exceed the minimum.

- Classes for the Pre-Teen and Teen group are Monday – Thursday, 10AM-5PM, with a one hour lunch break (BYO) from 12:30PM-1:30PM; classes are on Friday from Noon – 5:30PM...One hour dinner break...all students are signed in no later than 6:30PM for a 7PM performance on the world class Cobb Great Hall Stage – Admission to performance is free to the public! Invite your family and friends!



Musical Theatre Intensive Adv./Jr. Advanced

- Registration opens at 9AM in the Sierra Lobby of Wharton Center (please be advised that the pre-teen and teen groups are also registering at this time. Please allow extra time and arrive no later than 9:30AM on day one!)
- We will take a quick photo of each student and then gather in the Pasant Theatre for introductions and brief Q&A with the Broadway teaching artists, then immediately begin classes. You will be auditioning before the teaching artists on the first day – be prepared! See above for what to prepare.
- Classes for this group are Monday – Friday, 10AM-5PM, with a lunch break from 12:30PM-1:30PM.
- Saturday, Rehearse from 10AM-1PM* (*please note that tech rehearsal MAY run all the way until curtain time for your 1PM Recital on the world-class Cobb Great Hall Stage! *WHAH??????* Many of the greatest musical, theatrical, dancing artists on the planet have performed here. The view from the audience is stunning, and your view from the stage will take your breath away. Glorious! We *intend* to give you an hour break, from 11:30am until 12:30PM if at all possible, but please be prepared to eat your lunch on the run. (The show must go on, right?) Admission to the performance is free to the public, so please invite your family and friends! Buses are welcome – seriously. Just let us know a few days in advance.

Adult (Wednesday, July 27th, 2017; 7pm-10pm)

- Registration opens at 6:30PM in the Sierra Lobby of Wharton Center.
- We will take a quick photo of each student and then gather in the Pasant Theatre for introductions and brief Q&A with the Broadway teaching artists, then immediately begin classes in various locations throughout Wharton Center.
- We will reconvene in the Pasant Theatre for an informal cabaret performance towards the end of the session