



# Claude McNeal Productions - The Indiana Performing Arts Initiative

## About Us

Claude McNeal Productions has partnered with professional artists within the Indianapolis community to create the Indiana Performing Arts Initiative--a program to increase local youth's access to theatre training.

This professional summer theatre training program for high school and college artists features professional actors, directors, designers and choreographers working alongside students to round out a unique opportunity for young theatre enthusiasts.

Students spend three weeks in specialized classes where they study acting techniques, character building, basic stage movement and song interpretation. Upon completing the workshop, students participate in a special final performance to showcase their skills, and are provided opportunities to work on and off the stage with the professional theatre company's annual Summer Stock production(s).

Internship and apprenticeship opportunities are also available for students interested in theatre administration and production. Learning opportunities include production assistants, stage management, set and prop design and construction, marketing and production, box office operations, group sales and more.

## A Unique Training Experience

Since 2016 the high schools converging on downtown Indy to discover their theatrical paths are as far south as Franklin Central, as far west as Avon High School and up to Pike on the North. The college pre-professional performers have represented IUPUI, Ball State, Butler University, ISU, Marian University, IVY Tech, the University of Evansville, Indiana University and the Chicago College of Performing Arts. The professional theatre performance and educational partners hail from Beef & Boards, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, The Phoenix Theatre, Theatre on the Square, IRT, ATI, The Lilly Theatre, Butler University, Anderson University, Ball State University, IUPUI, and Claude McNeal Productions.

Professional productions to date include: *Jekyll & Hyde: The Broadway Musical*, *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *On Broadway*, *Pippin (2019)*, and coming soon, *Cabaret!*

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