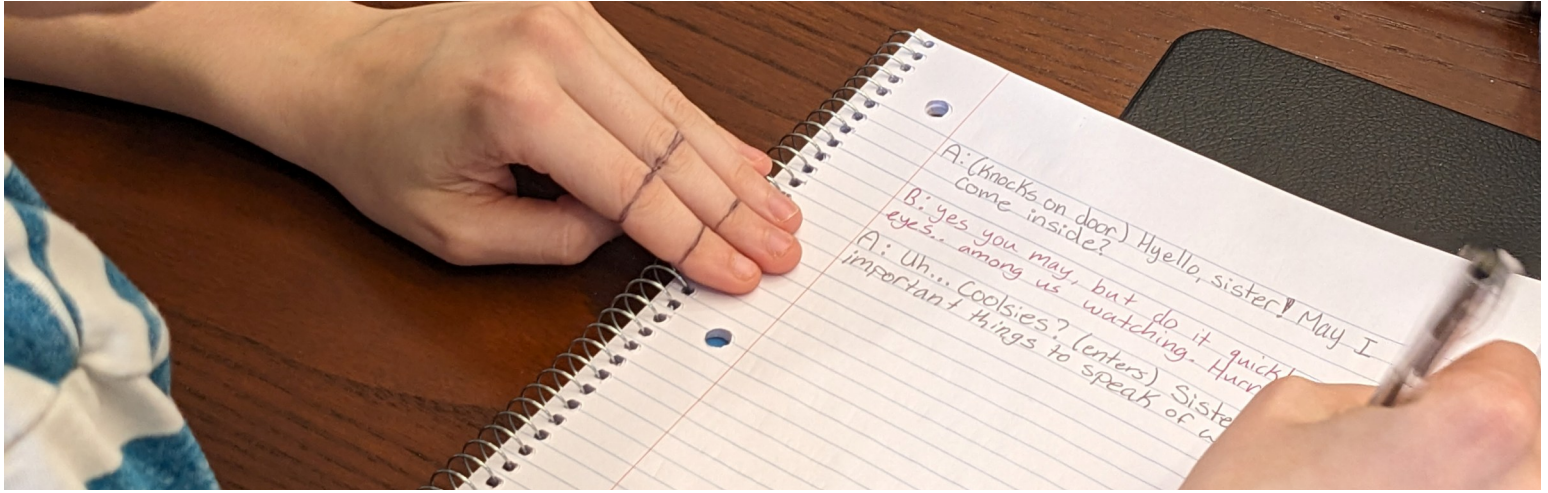


YOUNG PLAYMAKERS

Imagine. Create. Share.



At Driftwood Theatre, we believe that **epic ideas start with our youngest creators**. As a professional theatre, we've been developing, creating and sharing epic theatre with Ontario communities for over 30 years.

As an incubator for new plays by Ontario-based theatre creators, we spend our days working with playwrights to develop epic and mythic plays which respond to the world we live in today.

With **Young Playmakers** we're setting the stage for our next generation of creative story-makers, providing in-class and intensive playwriting programs which encourage students to express their most epic and dreamiest ideas and see those ideas realised on stage by professional actors.

From our **Story In Action** in-class workshops, to our six-week **Playwriting Intensive**, to our **Bright Ideas Festival**, Young Playmakers is a program which supports student playwrights in a journey from ideation through to professional presentation of their work for a public audience.

Thank you so much for the wonderful Story In Action workshop! The session was both engaging and inspiring, and I'm sure it will be valuable for them as they develop their own storytelling skills.

B. Pyke, teacher

If I had to pick one word for the whole experience, it would be **INCREDIBLE**.

W. Mayer, participant

My students really enjoyed it. Many of them came in on Monday saying how much fun they had.

J. Garrett, teacher



For more information or to book your in-class workshop, contact:
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Imagine.

Driftwood Theatre's Young Playmakers program begins with our in-class Story in Action workshop for students in grades 7-12. In these lively, hands-on workshops, students learn the building blocks of playwriting and a unique step-by-step process for creating their very own original plays. By the end, students will have all the tools they need to put their next great story into action!

Book a workshop with Driftwood Theatre today and unleash the creativity in your classroom.

Story In Action In-Class Workshops are 75 minutes in length and available for intermediate (grades 7-8) and high school groups (grades 9-12). Up to one class size (approx. 30 students) can be accommodated per session. There is a \$275+HST fee per workshop.

Timeframe: Story in Action In-Class Workshops can be booked between November 1, 2026–March 12, 2027.

It was a magical experience to witness
the process of my son learning how to
bring his imagination to life.

The table reading of my son's play gave
his words and thoughts power, depth
and meaning. I can't recommend the
program enough.
K. Mayer, parent

Share.

Our Young Playmakers' work comes to life at the Bright Ideas Festival. Following the Playwriting Intensive, participants are invited into a rehearsal process for their work, alongside a professional creative team of actors and a director. The experience culminates in a fully staged public reading; where the young playmakers get to share their work with an audience for the first time.

The **Bright Ideas Festival** will take place in Prince Edward County in May, 2027. Participants will be invited to join the creative team for in-person rehearsals (virtual participation is also possible).

Create.

Story in Action participants and other young playmakers who are passionate about storytelling can take their work to the next level at our Playwriting Intensive. Over six weeks, up to 8 young creators will participate in virtual group and individual sessions, exploring their craft and technique as they create a brand new 10-minute play.

Our **Playwriting Intensive** is for young creators from across Eastern Ontario, ages 12-18. There is a \$350+HST fee per participant. Scholarships are available by application for students for whom the full fee represents a barrier to participation.

Timeframe: Applications for the intensive are due March 12, 2027. The Intensive consists of four virtual group sessions (90 mins/ea.) and two private virtual coaching sessions (30-45 min) between March 29–May 7, 2027.

Curriculum Connections

Young Playmakers connects to the Ontario School Curriculum at all points of student development. Students are challenged to innovate in the creation of their own work, clearly communicating their intention and ideas.

The intensive portion of the program offers opportunity for self-directed learning as participants engage in the independent creation of their own work.

DRAMA

Helps students to build an understanding of and explore the various facets of multidimensional characters, their motivation, background, speech, actions and relationships through structured guidance on play form and structure, following a 'hero's journey.' Working individually and collaboratively, students are invited to explore issues and feelings as they delve into story creation rooted in character and dialogue. In developing their own work, students are challenged to use established dramatic forms and techniques to present their own ideas and reflect upon how their ideas contribute to a deeper understanding of the communities in which they live.

ENGLISH

Builds confident writers by working with students to develop their own, original ideas as they plan, develop ideas, gather information, organize content and create for their very own text (play) for presentation to a public audience.

During the intensive, students will also learn more fully about the stylistic elements of playwriting; editing and proofreading their work in both independent and collaborative forums as they generate a polished draft. Students will be provided with the opportunity to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement after experiencing their play read publicly in the company of a live audience.



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