



CMT San Jose - fostering a love of theater since 1968

MISSION STATEMENT

CMT San Jose trains and educates today's youth through musical theater to set and achieve high artistic and personal goals, and to inspire them to become exemplary artists, patrons and citizens of tomorrow.

Changing the lives of youth in our community for 58 years.



CMT serves as both the journey of a lifetime and the premier destination for performers and audiences of all ages.

- World-class theater featuring talented local youth, casting all who wish to participate
- Nationally-acclaimed theater organization, supported for more than 15 years by the National Endowment for the Arts for Artistic Excellence
- Longest-thriving arts organization in the South Bay and an integral part of cultural life in Silicon Valley
- Leading provider of musical theater training and production opportunities in the Bay Area
- Led by an artistic vision that depends on both inclusivity and excellence



“CMT has always been a family to me. Finding your passion and what truly gives you the most joy can be really hard to find as a child. Like many performers here, CMT provided me with the best support system I could have asked for and I am thankful every single day for that. I was encouraged to step outside my comfort zone and learned how to work with people as a team. All of these learning experiences helped shape who I am today.”

-Isabella Esler, *Beetlejuice* on Broadway



Giving the youth in our community the chance to develop their creative selves.



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What CMT Does

- Produce 11 full-scale Broadway-style productions annually at the historic Montgomery Theater in downtown San Jose, touching the lives of nearly 40,000 youth and their families each year.
- Cast every child who wishes to participate in Junior Talents (ages 7-10), Rising Stars (ages 8-15) and Mainstage (ages 14-20) productions, regardless of skill level, financial or physical limitations, often resulting in cast sizes of 100+.
- Offer two (2) Marquee productions each year featuring CMT alumni from across the country and emerging Bay Area talent in a professional production of the highest caliber.
- Create a variety of educational opportunities which include production workshops, skill-based training classes, after-school studio classes, and summer camp.
- Offer a robust scholarship program ensuring that all who wish to participate are welcome in production workshops, studio classes, and camps (Nearly \$50,000 per year)
- Provide a positive, family-friendly, nurturing community, encouraging parent volunteers in all aspects of productions.
- Foster individual growth and success that is well-rounded as evidenced by SAT scores, academic achievement and college acceptance rates.
- Empower youth with life skills to help them succeed both on and offstage throughout their lives.



Research indicates that involvement in the arts increases student engagement and encourages consistent attendance, and that dropout rates correlate with student levels of arts participation. In addition to building social and communication aptitude overall, drama courses and performances have been shown to improve students' self-esteem as well as confidence in their academic abilities and life skills.



"I can confidently say that without CMT I would not be where I am today. Onstage, the lessons I've learned are countless, from the level of self-confidence I now try to take with me everywhere, but also the life lessons learned offstage - the premium that's put on collaboration... That everybody is working together toward a common purpose, that whether you continue as a performer or not, you will be valued. There's no place that I learned that more than at CMT."

-Ryan Vasquez, *The Notebook on Broadway*