

ROYAL MANITOBA THEATRE CENTRE 26/27

YOUTH PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATION

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

Backstage Pass: Theatre Exploration (Grade 11 and 12 students)

Discover and explore how artists and craftspeople create the theatre magic you see onstage. Join this engaging series of eye-opening workshops led by theatre professionals to go behind-the-scenes, then see Mainstage productions for free. Learn about topics like design, movement, acting, playwriting, and so much more! No experience is necessary – just curiosity, and a willingness to learn and have fun!

Backstage Pass happens during the school day, so you are responsible for getting permission to miss classes and other activities. Arrival is at 9:30 am. Lunch is provided. The end of day will depend on how long the show is, but sessions are anticipated to finish by 4:15 pm or earlier. A detailed schedule will be sent before each session.

Backstage Pass Dates: Wednesdays October 21, December 9, January 20, March 3, April 7, May 19, + Gratitude Day.

Young Expressions: Theatre Conversations and Appreciation (Grade 10, 11, and 12 students)

Everyone has an opinion – consider and develop yours! As a Young Expressions participant, you'll get a free VIP ticket to see select performances. Broaden your mind, strengthen your observational skills, and connect. At our last session you'll create a written or visual piece to share your opinions and experiences, which will be collected in a zine!

Sessions will begin at 6:00 pm and include dinner, discussion, and time with a special guest: a professional theatre artist, analyst, or reviewer. Afterwards, the participants will watch a performance, followed by a 15-minute post-show thought-gathering session, writing out gut reactions. The end of day will depend on how long the show is, but we expect evenings will end between 9:30 and 10:30. A detailed schedule will be sent before each session.

Young Expressions Dates: Thursdays October 22, November 5, November 26, December 17, January 21 (Family Day), February 18 (Zine making), + Gratitude Day.

Student Shadow Day (Grade 10, 11, and 12 students)

Do you wonder what it's like to work at Royal MTC? Students will take a private facility tour, have the opportunity to ask questions of Production and Artistic staff, and experience a rehearsal or show environment. A limited number are available throughout the season (late October – mid May) on some Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Dates are mostly based on Royal MTC's schedule and staff availability. If there are any dates that you know you will be unavailable (out of town, school play, etc) please mention them in your application! We will follow up with chosen students about scheduling.

Please discuss the areas of theatre that interest you in your introduction letter. We cannot promise a bespoke day but will try to have an activity or visit that ties to your particular interests.

What is Gratitude Day? All participants are invited to a final gathering to connect across cohorts and celebrate the year together! We'll discuss why theatre is important to us, and write messages for the donors and sponsors who make these free programs possible. Gratitude Day will be on March 11 OR 18 from approximately 6:00 to 7:30 (date and time will be confirmed in the new year). Attendance is highly appreciated.

Applying is as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) Complete the application form. You can apply for more than one program by ranking your choices in order. (The form starts on the next page!)
- 2) Write a letter introducing yourself and highlighting your interest in participating in a program – why do you want to join us this year? What are your interests? This is not an audition; we want to get to know you and understand why you want to participate. If this step is a barrier and you'd like to introduce yourself in a different format, contact Ksenia (info below).
- 3) Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher outlining your enthusiasm, commitment, ability to collaborate, strengths and challenges.

Application Deadline: Monday, October 5, 2026 (11:59 pm)

Email (preferred): kbrodamilian@royalmtc.ca - type into the Word doc or fillable pdf, save the file, and attach to an email; or print out an application, write on it, and scan or photograph the pages to attach.

Fax: 204 947 3741

Mail: Education & Enrichment Manager, 174 Market Avenue, Winnipeg MB, R3B 0P8. Applications must **arrive** by the deadline to be considered, so **mail them early!**

Questions? Email Ksenia Broda-Milian, Education and Enrichment Manager, at kbrodamilian@royalmtc.ca or call 204-956-1340 ext 221. Decisions will be communicated to students, teachers, and families by Oct 9.

Photography and Video Release: This section is voluntary. Royal MTC appreciates your consideration.

I hereby grant to the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and/or video of me, or in which I may be included, for theatre publications, electronic reproductions (websites) and/or promotional materials or any other purpose and in any manner or medium. In addition, I grant my permission to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same. I hereby release the photographer, videographer, graphic designers and the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre from all claims and liability relating to said captures.

I give permission for (please check all that apply):

Photography

General Videography, eg of participating in a workshop or discussion

Video interviews or other solo, specific filming (to be communicated to participant and caregiver in advance)

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____
(If under 18, please have signed by Parent or Guardian)

Street Address: _____

City/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone (if you have): _____

Email: This is how we communicate, so please check regularly! _____

School: _____ Grade: 10 11 12

**There is a limit on total spots available. Our desire for participation from many schools may result in a cap on the number of students from any one school.*

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Year Month Day

Check off the program you are applying to. You can apply to multiple (if so, mark 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice).

- Backstage Pass Program** (Gr. 11 & 12) is my _____ choice.
- Young Expressions Program** (Gr. 10-12) is my _____ choice.
- Student Shadow Day** (Gr. 10-12) is my _____ choice.

Have you participated in a Royal MTC youth program before? Yes / No If yes, which? _____

Do you have any **medical conditions and food allergies** that we should be aware of? This will be confidential:

An **access need** is something a person needs to communicate, learn, and/or take part in an activity. Do you have any access needs you'd like to share, or anything else that you think we should know about? This will be confidential:

**Information about a Parent/Guardian/Caregiver:
This person will be emailed about results and schedules.**

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

If this student is accepted, I give permission for this caregiver email address above to be distributed to other caregivers for the purpose of communicating about carpooling, etc. Yes / No (choose one)

In case of emergency, the first person we call should be: ___ caregiver above ___ this contact below:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone number 1: _____ Phone number 2: _____

In case of emergency, the next person we call should be: ___ caregiver above ___ this contact below:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone number 1: _____ Phone number 2: _____

Information about your teacher reference:

If you're applying for Backstage Pass or a Shadow Day, we prefer that this is a teacher from your school to show that you are supported in participating in sessions during the school day, but for any program an outside-of-school adult teacher/mentor who knows you well is also acceptable.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Declaration:

This section must be completed by all Youth Program Applicants.

- I understand that by applying I am not guaranteed a spot this year.
- If selected, I agree to **attend all the scheduled dates** for the youth program(s) I've applied to unless I am ill.
- I have included a **reference letter from a teacher**.
- I have included a **letter outlining why I want to participate** (or link to a video/voice memo message).
- I am under 18 years of age, and I have received my parent(s)/guardian(s)/caregiver(s) permission to attend **all** scheduled sessions **OR** I am over 18 years of age and do not need permission to participate.
- If selected, I understand I am **expected to attend all sessions** of the program, including Gratitude Day, but I will contact the Education & Enrichment Manager **before** a session if I cannot make it.
- If selected, I understand that I am responsible for my transportation to and from Royal MTC (174 Market Ave, Winnipeg). Limited bus tickets are available on request.
- I have listed all my food allergies and medical conditions.
- I confirm that the statements on the above contact form are true.

Student Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____
(if participant is under 18 years of age)

For more info, contact: Ksenia Broda-Milian, Education & Enrichment Manager at 204-956-1340 ext 221 or kbroadamilian@royalmtc.ca