

Educational Programs

Young Actors School (YAS)

The Young Actors School teaches the fundamentals of acting, stage movement and voice direction to young aspiring actors, ages 5-20. This program is taught by award-winning drama instructors, and prepares the students for a bright future on our own stage, and in playhouses worldwide.

Young Apprentice Program (YAP)

Behind every great production is an amazing technical crew, and at DHT, we recognize this important part of any show. Our technical and lighting directors have participated in thousands of productions around the nation, and provide expert guidance to young students who want to work behind the scenes in lighting, set construction, sound, stage management and more.

Scriptwriters Club

We instruct aspiring writers on the various aspects that make up a good script. From writing entertaining characters, to constructing scene; from plotting drama, to mastering the structure of a script, we have professional writers and educators who will instruct our students on writing stories that matter. Training for both screenwriting for film and for plays.

And many more, like

- Costume Classes
- Make-Up for stage and film
- Music Lessons

Sponsor Our Initiatives

Our facility has housed almost a million hours of volunteer and professional service, and is in need of updates and repairs. We humbly approach you with the request to help us continue to provide an excellent, safe venue for cultural growth. There are several initiatives for which we are raising funds now:

ADA Accessibility

The building was originally constructed in 1937, and has been through several updates, however, there is still a need to improve the accessibility of the facility for wheelchair and disability access. Improvements need to be made in the auditorium, bathrooms and backstage, to provide safe and easy access for all of our community members.

Improve the Facility for Children and Families

DHT was originally a movie house. Our dressing rooms and stage, as well as the surrounding grounds, were adapted to be used for plays. There are significant improvements that would make the facility more family-friendly and continue to provide a safe and fun environment for children and adults alike.

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A True Community Treasure

With its current slate of upcoming shows, the theater is set to impact the Utah arts community in a real way.

15,000 people impacted

The average cast and crew of a show at DHT ranges between 50-80 participants, including actors, dancers, singers, costumers, set builders, tech crew, administrative and support staff, and **all of them are 100% volunteers.**

Combine that with the 700-800 people who watch each show, and when all is said and done, the beautiful historic playhouse impacts more than 15,000 people in a positive way every year.

12,000 hours donated

In addition, the venue serves as an important opportunity for community service. There are over **12,000 hours** of time donated by members of the community. The impact of our wonderful little theater is truly momentous.

A Teaching Theater

The Draper Historic Theater was built in 1937. Since that time, it has served as a first-run movie house, a playhouse featuring wonderful musical performances and amazing plays, as well as acts from nationally recognized performers.

It currently serves the entire Wasatch Front in Utah as one of the most fun and inviting venues for live performances in the state. Our philosophy has always been one of open participation. If you want to be in a show here, you can.

With an exciting new emphasis on community educational programs, DHT will continue to serve the community and provide opportunities for acting, singing, dancing and technical education to all members of the Utah community.

