

Joshua's Stage Offers New Classes for Special Needs Children

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Joshua's Stage launched in the summer of 2016 as a nonprofit organization serving Central Texas with programs benefitting children with special needs. Joshua's Stage offers specialized classes and performances for children ages 3 to 18 in theatre arts, dance, digital photography and filmmaking.

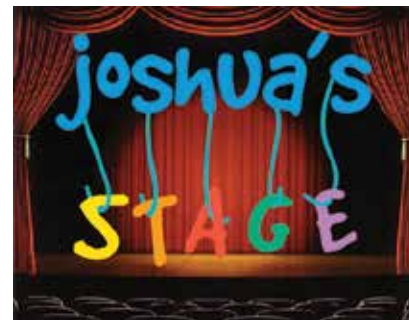
Children enrolled in Joshua's Stage get the opportunity to explore fine arts activities specifically designed for children with special needs. "Students learn to demonstrate creativity, develop self-confidence in the classroom and during performances, gain and maintain high self-esteem and form long-lasting relationships with children and families with similar needs," said Founder and Executive Director Joshua Levy.

Joshua's Stage is staffed by caring and qualified teachers who engage the students in fun activities in a welcoming and accepting environment. During 6-week sessions, boys and girls learn to create and perform their own plays; dance and perform in a variety of genres; experience digital photography and display their photographs in an

exhibit; and produce, direct and act in their own films.

A parent of a child who participated in the theatre arts summer session shared, "Just wanted to tell you that my daughter had a great time at the class today! I was honestly shocked by how chatty and eager she was while there. She has always had a lot of trouble advocating for herself in a group, and today it seemed like almost the opposite extreme - ha! I think that must mean she feels very comfortable with you all and Ms. Maggie. Please let her know we appreciate her leadership today (that's not an easy crowd!) and are really tickled to see our daughter really out of her shell today in terms of participation - that's a really big deal for her. She's looking forward to coming back!"

To learn more about Joshua's Stage, enroll in classes or to volunteer, please visit our website at <https://joshuasstage.org> or contact the Executive Director Joshua Levy at 512-825-2744 or joshua.levy@joshuasstage.org.



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