

Summer scenes @ **SUMMER STAGE** Performing Arts Camp

Director's Corner – Shawn & Ben

Dear Summer Stage Families,

It's hard to believe that we find ourselves at the end of the first week of camp. The group of campers this year is extraordinarily focused, talented and fun. As we roam from class to class observing all of our wonderful teachers we can see how excited and engaged every camper is. We also have very strong and professional counselors. The counselors are proficient in keeping the kids focused and acting as young mentors for the campers while engaging them in fun. As we continue at this pace we are in for a really strong performance of "Mulan Jr." and a very creative Collaborative Arts Festival.



Next Week...

**Master Class with
former Disney animator
Tony Santo**



...with **Julian Rozzell**

First week of Rehearsals for Mulan have ended, and I'm excited about the potential of this show. In preparation for Mulan, we looked at various images of Chinese culture with a focus on the sense of order that is ever-present in Mulan. I'm very interested about playing with the dichotomy of order vs. disorder. What happens when centuries old traditions are broken to preserve family and love. Mulan can also be a tool in opening a dialogue about gender roles, and how those roles can be different in our society. My vision for the set includes creating our theatre into a world full of Chinese lanterns, flowing fabrics, and swashes of color. As a visual artist I would love to totally transform the space into a thing of beauty, mystery, and a sense of foreignism.



Spotlight On ...

Design With Penny Margeotes

I'm delighted to be returning to teach the Design elective for a second year here at Summer Stage. We started our first week by painting each other's faces (and hands and feet and arms and legs...). There's often no better way of getting to know a person than by drawing a third eye on his or her forehead. In the weeks to come, the kids will assist in Mulan costume planning & organizing, as well as participate in set decoration.



Young Crafters With Stacey Natal

I'm so excited to be crafting with the Little Stars this summer! We'll meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Our projects will somehow relate to Mulan. The kids will become familiar with Chinese culture so they will have a better understanding and deeper meaning of the show. Some of their work will be used as decorations in the Y lobby, theater or actually used in the show!

This week we made Chinese paper lanterns usually used as decorations for festive events. We discussed colors used in traditional Chinese culture and the meanings behind them. You can see some of them displayed in the lobby.

- Stacey

Master Class Series...



On Camera
Workshop



What are you looking forward to most at Summer Stage?

Little Stars

The show, because I've never been on stage. I'm excited to be in front of an audience and work with a big cast!

- David



Shooting Stars

Singing, because I want to learn new songs

- Gavin



All Stars

I'm excited for rehearsals and can't wait for the show to come out, because I know it's going to be great!

- Leila



Triple Threat

The production of Mulan, because I like putting on shows with friends. I like everyone working together and supporting each other!

- Sarah



Counselor Connection.....Chelsea Flores

I'm excited to finally put everything I've been learning in school to good use- teaching theater games, encouraging the campers to try new things and step outside of their comfort zones, and finally seeing them having fun as the summer progresses.



To see more photos from the week check out the RRS website and blog at

RiverdaleRisingStars.com

Special Birthday Wishes
Go Out To...

Gavin – 7/2

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