

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

## Director's Corner – Shawn & Ben

Dear Summer Stage Families,

Week 2 has come and gone so fast. The rehearsals and studios are really moving and shaking. The campers are really pulling together as an ensemble and supporting one another. Certain campers who were very shy in their first week have really started to come out of their shell and feel more confident both as actors and as people. We were very privileged to have Tony Santo work with the campers this week doing animation work. Tony was part of Disney's team that created the original Mulan. He'll be back next Friday as well! The buzz and enthusiasm of camp continues to grow - we all get more and more excited every week!



## Next Week...

**Wave Hill Trip – 7/18**

**Master Class with  
Tony Santo – Animation  
Drawing**



...with Jessica Lavery

This week, the campers dove into learning choreography for Mulan, starting with "Honor to Us All," one of the big numbers in the show. The campers demonstrated their focus and skill as they learned new movements inspired by Asian culture. For this show especially, we are working on performing the choreography with dignity and sharpness. As a choreographer, I love experiencing each camper taking the movements and making it their own. Another highlight is witnessing the satisfaction of a camper when they finally grasp the step they have been struggling with. As camp continues, I look forward to teaching the choreography for the remaining numbers of the show and know the kids will keep up the good work!



## Spotlight On ...

### Dance With Pam Lenker

We're having a great time in dance classes this summer! Classes are learning choreography to music from the hit Broadway musical "**Matilda**", and they're working out the challenges of executing complex choreography and singing simultaneously. In hip-hop, older dancers and younger dancers are learning to work together in a piece entitled "Cinderella" by The Cheetah Girls.

The three oldest groups this summer are getting some tap technique under their belts! It's been fun to watch kids introduced to tap for the first time side by side with the tap veterans, who are pushing themselves to learn new technique. The Little Stars are getting an introduction to acrobatics, and are working on somersaults, balance tricks, bridges, and donkey kicks (preps for handstands). All the groups are doing a wonderful job so far! Awesome focus and talented movers!



## Master Class Series...



## Acting For Animation



# What is your favorite activity at Summer Stage?

## Little Stars

I like Karate with Rennie because I also work with him in KidSpace

- Toby



## Shooting Stars

I like learning new songs in rehearsal.

- Isabel



## All Stars

I like Design because I get to draw on my friends and swimming because I like to do flips.

- Olivia



## Triple Threat

I like Acting with Mr. J because I find it fun because I love to act.

- Chris



Counselor Connection.....Abigail Tercek

I like the ensemble building activities. I enjoy seeing the campers become a team and figure out ways to put together the best production they can.



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

[RiverdaleRisingStars.com](http://RiverdaleRisingStars.com)

**Reminder:**

Wave Hill Trip  
Thursday July 18th

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