



Bard Youth Fest 2023

Open to all Columbia College students!

[Bard Youth Fest](#) is back for Fall 2023! Join the Columbia College Troupe to practice your creativity and make Shakespeare your own!

What is Bard Youth Fest?

A professional theatre artist from Bard will introduce the troupe to a variety of Shakespeare's language, characters, and stories. This Bard coach will help the troupe **prepare a 20-minute creative Shakespeare performance piece** which will then be performed at the Bard Youth Fest finale in November 2023 on the Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre.

What does this opportunity include?

- **A Bard Coach:** Our coach is a professional theatre artist who will offer advice, support and coaching to the troupe through regular rehearsal sessions from September to November.
- **Script support** for the troupe's 20-minute creative piece
- **The Bard Youth Fest finale at BMO Theatre Centre** in Olympic Village
- **Complimentary tickets** for each troupe member to see a performance at Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival

About Our Bard Coach

Mike Stack

Mike is a theatre educator, adjudicator, performer, and director. He has over 35 years of professional experience and has toured throughout North America and overseas. Currently, Mike is one of the directors and writers for Mortal Coil Performance Society and the Ghost Train in Stanley Park.

Where will it happen?

- **Rehearsals:** At school on the Columbia College Main Campus. Room TBD.
- **Stage Rehearsal & Bard Youth Fest Finale:** [Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre](#)
- **Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival:** [Festival site at Seákw/Vanier Park](#) in Vancouver

What does it cost?

~~\$300 per person~~ **FREE** to participate! Thanks to generous Bard sponsors. Students still need to cover their own stage costumes/props, and transportation to the stage rehearsal, finale and Festival production.

Fall 2023 Timeline

- **Now Until September 12:** Sign up!
- **September to late November:** Rehearse with your Bard Coach!
- **Friday, November 24, 2023:** Attend a stage/dress rehearsal at the [BMO Theatre Centre](#). Exact times TBD.
- **Saturday, November 25, 2023:** All troupes gather for the finale! Troupes will share their pieces and celebrate each other's work in this showcase on the [Newmont Stage at the BMO Theatre Centre](#). Exact times TBD.

Week	Day	Date	Timeline
3	Tue	Sep 19, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 1 (2 hrs)
4	Tue	Sep 26, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 2 (2 hrs)
5	Tue	Oct 3, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 3 (2 hrs)
6	Thu*	Oct 12, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 4 (2 hrs)
7	Tue	Oct 16, 4:30-6:30 PM	Midterms (Self-guided rehearsals)
8	Tue	Oct 23, 4:30-6:30 PM	Midterms (Self-guided rehearsals)
9	Tue	Oct 30, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 5 (2 hrs)
10	Tue	Nov 6, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 6 (2 hrs)
11	Tue	Nov 13, 4:30-6:30 PM	Rehearsal 7 (2 hrs)
12	Tue Fri Sat	Nov 20, 4:30-6:30 PM Nov 24, Exact time TBD. Nov 25, Exact time TBD.	Rehearsal 8 (2 hrs) Stage Rehearsal (2 hrs) Finale

**Week 6 rehearsal is on Thursday as the College is closed on Tuesday for Thanksgiving.*

About the troupe's 20-minute creative piece

Bard Youth Fest is about the synergy of young people's creativity and Shakespeare's language. We celebrate Shakespeare's language as a catalyst for new ideas, new approaches and new interpretations, centering the troupe's agency as they express themselves through Shakespeare.