

High School Cabaret & Musical Ensembles (by audition only)

If you're a musical theater student **grades 9–12** with previous acting and singing experience, our ensemble program is a great opportunity to hone your artistry with focused and eager peers in a rigorous and professional setting.

During weekly **Saturday** rehearsals from **September to May**, our **Cabaret Ensemble** and **Musical Ensemble** develop a number of musical pieces in various styles for performances in The Garret, the intimate, fifth-floor performance space at A.C.T.'s Geary Theater. The 2018–19 Season will consist of a Fall, Winter, and Spring program, and a ***Best of the Best*** performance featuring both High School ensembles and the Middle School Cabaret Ensemble at A.C.T.'s Strand Theater in June 2019.

The 2018–19 programs will include new musicals in development, as well as the traditional themed programs that focus on a particular style, composer, or concept. In addition to the rehearsals and weekend cabaret performances, members serve as musical ambassadors for the Young Conservatory, performing at events sponsored by A.C.T. and other organizations throughout the year. Recent events and opportunities include A.C.T.'s annual *A Dickens of a Holiday* fundraiser at Macy's, the Union Square Tree Lighting, a Q&A with Will Roland (original Broadway cast member of *Dear Evan Hansen*), and a featured solo onstage with award-winning Broadway actresses Laura Osnes, Susan Egan, and Courtney Reed at Feinstein's at the Nikko.

Only serious students who are committed to the guidelines and goals of the YC Cabaret and Ensemble Program should audition. Any questions can be emailed to YoungConservatory@act-sf.org.

High School Cabaret Ensemble Faculty

Director: Jill MacLean, Young Conservatory Director

Vocal Director: Krista Wigle

Accompanist: Thaddeus Pinkston

High School Musical Ensemble Faculty

Director/Vocal Director: Kimberly Braun

Accompanist: Thaddeus Pinkston

Tuition

High School Cabaret Ensemble Tuition (Sep–Jun): \$1100*

High School Musical Ensemble Tuition (Sep–Jun): \$1100*

* Scholarships are available, and applications can be requested at YoungConservatory@act-sf.org.

Auditions

Auditions: Saturday, August 25, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. at A.C.T.'s 30 Grant Avenue studios
Tuesday, August 28, 4–7 p.m. at A.C.T.'s 30 Grant Avenue studios

Directors of both groups will be present during auditions. Students should be prepared to sing a full song from the musical theater canon and bring sheet music in their key. A live accompanist will be provided.

To request an audition slot, ask questions about the audition process, or if you are unable to locate sheet music, please email YoungConservatory@act-sf.org.

Rehearsals

High School Musical Ensemble Rehearsals: Saturdays, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

High School Cabaret Ensemble Rehearsals: Saturdays, 1:30–4 p.m.

Performances

Fall Performances: Thursday, November 1–Sunday, November 4

Winter Performances: Thursday, March 7–Sunday, March 10

Spring Performances: Thursday, May 9–Sunday, May 12

Best of the Best Performance: Saturday, June 8