



# CREATIVE THEATER

## SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA

### **1. What's your favorite part about your summer camp?**

I love staff training because every year we grow our team and get to fuse the people who have been at camp forever and the people who are new. It's an exciting time to prepare for an amazing experience with our campers!

### **2. What's one of your favorite moments from one of your camps?**

The talent show at the end of each session is ALWAYS a highlight. Seeing the campers get on stage and be courageous and show us their talent is such a rewarding moment. From magic tricks to silly jokes, it's a fantastic time!

### **3. What sets your camp apart from other performing arts camps?**

While our end goal is performance, we focus on the whole child- from values development to skill growth. We try to meet each kid where they are to allow them to succeed. By doing full shows, we are able to explore a piece from start to finish that the kids are excited about and allows them to create scenery and more. Our first and foremost priority is inclusion and making sure we have a cohesive ensemble within the group.

### **4. What do you think makes your camp such a special place for both campers & staff?**

Our staff want to be there. They LOVE camp and look forward to it all year. They talk about their campers throughout the school year and are eager to see who is returning each summer. They have strong bonds among the team and that translates to their care and love for the campers.

### **5. What type of camper would love your camp?**

Any camper! We don't require any campers to go on stage and if they are more interested in the workings of backstage, we accommodate that. We try to offer plenty of ways to participate that meet each camper where they are at.