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The Emperor's family shares the stage with dancers during the rehearsal of "The Emperor's New Clothes" at Cutting Hall in Palatine. PHOTOS BY BILL ZARS/bzars@dailyherald.com

## Classic with a twist

Young Actors Studio Chicago to perform musical 'Emperor's New Clothes'

Newly founded children's theater group Young Actors Studio Chicago will take the stage this summer with "The Emperor's New Clothes — The Musical."

With an ensemble of nearly 30 actors from all around the area, this is the story of a spoiled emperor who is too wrapped up in his tasteless wardrobe to rule his kingdom.

Young Actors Studio Chicago's rendition of the musical is set in ancient Japan, a unique twist on the classic story.

"Young Actors Studio Chicago is so excited to be offering the premiere performance of 'The Emperor's New Clothes — The Musical,'" Artistic Director Joni Martin said.

"It's a fabulous story set in ancient Japan, but with a very modern message. We invite audiences of all ages to come see this upbeat, wildly amusing show."

Young actors ages 7 to 17 have been rehearsing every Saturday since the beginning of February. The ensemble has been training in acting, singing and dancing as a part of both their rehearsal schedule for the musical and as part of their education at YASC.

One of the missions of YASC is its commitment to developing its cast to be well-rounded actors who are equally talented in all three art forms.

To even further their education, industry professionals



Above, Emperor Shawa, played by Jake Malinowski, laments his health and is attended to by his doctors, Emily Sandstedt, Haley Stevens and Kaitlin Mitchell. Below, the Emperor's daughters, Tristen Sorrells, Abby Thackray, Zari Scott and Alexa Schneider, sing about going to Paris.

are invited to conduct workshops each semester.

This semester, professional makeup artist Karen Berger-Nolte joined the group for one rehearsal to teach the actors how to apply stage makeup as a part of the elaborate costuming that will be featured in the musical.

The creative young cast has also taken a hands-on approach to promoting their show, from hosting a fundraiser at Yogi's Pizza in Lake Zurich to creating YouTube videos advertising the performance.



Ayako-san, which is played by Kelly Cochran, asks the Emperor for money during "The Emperor's New Clothes" at Cutting Hall in Palatine.

### If you go

**What:** Young Actors Studio Chicago presents "The Emperor's New Clothes — The Musical!"  
**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday, June 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, June 6  
**Where:** Cutting Hall, 150 E. Wood St. in Palatine  
**Tickets:** \$11  
**Details:** yaschicago.com

## Out&About

### Worth checking out

**1 Bicycle Safety Day and Community Picnic:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, June 6, Old School Forest Preserve, 28201 N. St. Mary's Road, Libertyville. Free bicycle safety checks, group bicycle rides on the Old School trails and free hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. The event will be held at Shelter E, rain or shine. Register at Libertyville Cyclery or at glmvjcycees.com. Contact Rebekka Herrington at rherri@artic.edu or visit prodev.meetup.com/46/.

**2 Teen Summer Volunteers:** 1-2 p.m. Monday, June 7, or 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich. Summer volunteering orientation meeting for teens entering eighth grade and up. Teens who volunteered last summer do not need to attend an orientation. To sign up, call (847) 438-3433, e-mail infodesk@eapl.org or visit eapl.org.

**3 Teen Book Club Planning Meeting:** 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich. Teens in grades 6-12 can help plan future Teen Book Club meetings. Bring a current read for a mini book discussion. To register, call (847) 438-3433, e-mail infodesk@eapl.org or visit eapl.org.

**4 Volunteer Book Reviewers Needed:** 5:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, Ela Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich. Teens in seventh grade and up can find out how to become a volunteer book reviewer for the library's teen book review database, "Check It Out!" Register for this orientation at eapl.org.

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