



# Welcome to Keen Teens!

[Keen Teens](#) is a **FREE** performance opportunity for high school students, created by the Drama Desk and Obie Award winning [Keen Theater Company!](#) Teens work with professional playwrights, directors, designers, and technicians to rehearse and premiere three new one-act plays Off-Broadway. The program auditions students from all five boroughs of NYC and accepts 30+ each year!

## JOIN THE PROGRAM

Auditions are open to all high school students in the NYC area in grades 9-12. This program is perfect for all teens who are interested in learning more about theater, no experience necessary. Rehearsals will begin February 8, 2024 and culminate in the Keen Teens Festival of New Work on May 17-19, 2024. All auditions, rehearsals, and performances will take place at Theatre Row on 42nd Street & 9th Avenue in midtown Manhattan.

## ABOUT AUDITIONS

When: Auditions will take place January 24th-26th, 2024. Teens will sign-up for one of the following slots: Weds Jan 24 at 4:15pm, or Weds Jan 24 at 5:45pm, or Thur Jan 25 at 4:15pm, or Thur Jan 25 at 5:45pm, or Fri Jan 26 at 4:15pm, or Fri Jan 26 at 5:45pm.

Where: Theater Row Studios, 411 W. 41st Street, between 9th and Dyer, in midtown Manhattan.

What: Keen will provide you with a few short speeches, and you'll choose the one you'd like to use as your audition piece. The speeches will be available ahead of time and do not need to be memorized. At the audition, you'll be guided through games, warm-ups, and audition techniques in a small group. Then everyone will perform their speeches individually in a relaxed low-key environment. *(It will be fun!)*

How: Go to [keencompany.org/keenteensauditions](https://keencompany.org/keenteensauditions) to schedule an audition slot and learn more about the audition process.

## IMPORTANT PROGRAM DATES

Weekly Rehearsals: Teens will rehearse once a week beginning **February 8**. Rehearsals are either **Tuesdays, or Wednesdays, or Thursdays from 4:30-7pm**, depending on which show you are cast in.

Saturday Rehearsals: Added Saturday rehearsals are **April 13, 20, and May 4** from 11am-2pm.

Final Week: Students will also rehearse every day after school on **May 13-17**, as this is the final week of the program leading-up to performances.

*\* A serious time commitment is required as this is a collaborative experience. Please make sure you are available for the rehearsal process as well as the full week of performances.*

## INFORMATION SESSION

A virtual information session with Keen Teen Education Director Carrie Ellman-Larsen will take place on Thursday January 18th at 7pm. Sign-up at [keencompany.org/keenteensauditions](https://keencompany.org/keenteensauditions) to receive a Zoom link. The session will be recorded and shared later.

## QUESTIONS

*Want to participate but can't make the auditions? Interested in directing, designing, stage managing, or house managing? Curious about the content of the plays? What's an audition?*

Email your questions to [carrie@keencompany.org](mailto:carrie@keencompany.org), call or text the Keen Teens Hotline at 646-535-0266, or find more info at [www.keencompany.org/teens](https://www.keencompany.org/teens).