

East Bay Singing and Theatrical Programs
Lamorinda Arts Council
June 2025

The following is a summary of some of the independent programs available to young people in the East Bay.

Lamorinda Idol

Lamorinda Idol is a singing program of the Lamorinda Arts Council open to students in kindergarten through 12th grade who attend school or reside in Lamorinda. Singers may enter as soloists or in groups. Participants have multiple singing opportunities, the opportunity for coaching workshops, and they ultimately compete before judges for cash prizes.

For more information, go to <https://lamorindaarts.org/idol-2>.

Peter Pan Foundation

Peter Pan Foundation offers singing and acting opportunities for performers of all ages. There's a major musical production in May, concerts throughout the year, cabaret nights for youth performers, and a summer camp in June for elementary and middle school students. What makes PPF unique is that those involved also have the opportunity to be involved charitable work, including fulfilling wishes for young patients at Children's Hospital of Oakland by dressing up as fairies and super-heroes and entertaining them.

To find out more about Peter Pan Foundation, go to PeterPanFoundation.org.

Performing Academy

Performing Academy has several opportunities for young performers.

Its Performing Ensemble activity is a musical theatre training and performing program for students aged 9-15. Students work with professional directors, choreographers, musical directors and vocal coaches over a four-month period to prepare a showcase of solos, duets, and group numbers. The ensemble and artistic staff work together to create a polished and professional product to "take on the road" and perform at events throughout the Bay Area.

In addition, June 9-13 there are summer camps for rising 1st through 4th grade and 5th through 8th grade performers, culminating in a final performance at the Lafayette Reservoir.

For more information, go to PerformingAcademy.com.

Town Hall Theatre

Town Hall Education is the education department at Town Hall Theatre Company in Lafayette, and offers classes, camps, and theatrical productions for young people.

For more information, go to townhalltheatre.com.

The Ballet School

The Ballet School offers dance, music, and theatre programs for ages 2 to adult in downtown Walnut Creek.

For more information, go to <https://theballetschool.org>, (925) 934-2133.

Bradley School of Music

Bradley School of Music offers both vocal and instrumental lessons, and is somewhat unique in that they have informal performance sessions in which all students are invited to participate.

For more information, go to bradleyschoolofmusic@gmail.com, 925 639-4043.

Poison Apple

Poison Apple is a Martinez based company that offers classes, summer camps, and musical productions for young people.

For more information, call (925) 957-0773.

I Can Do That! Performing Arts Center

I Can Do That! Performing Arts Center in Danville offers classes, summer camps, and musical productions for young people.

For more information, go to icandothatpac.org.

Modern Tone

Modern Tone, based in Lafayette, offers instrumental and vocal instruction, along with a state of art recording studio.

For more information, call (925) 297-5336.

Berkeley Playhouse

Berkeley Playhouse has programs and produces musicals involving young people.

For more information, go to berkeleyplayhouse.org.

Korsa Musical Theatre

Korsa Musical Theatre, located in Berkeley, has programs and produces musicals involving young people.

For more information go to korsamt.org.

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The staff of Modern Tone, (925) 297-5336.

The staff of Bradley School of Music, 925 639-4043.

The staff of ALMA, (925) 254-5056.