

## Standing Ovation

Top kids' theater arts programs

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**M**ama Rose I most assuredly am not. But I did do my share of vetting local acting programs while raising my today 20-something musical theater actress who—can we kvell?—recently made her Off-Broadway debut. So if you, too, share your address and/or DNA with a young thespian or diva-in-the-making, check out the following training programs.

### RANDOM FARMS KIDS THEATER

77 Executive Blvd, Elmsford (914) 740-1010; randomfarms.com

In 1995, then 16-year-old Anya Wallach took the old “Let’s put on a show!” spirit to heart and founded a small theater group for kids in her Chappaqua neighborhood. Today, it’s a thriving actor’s training program and the resident children’s theater of Tarrytown Music Hall Classes: Jellybeans (grades K-2), Workshops (grades 3-8), The Edge (a teen production company (grades 9-college); all classes involve vocal technique, dance technique, stage presence, projection, and improvisation skills. Ages: 5-College. Season: School year + summer. Prices: \$350-\$525, depending on program; scholarships available.