The Young American Workshop Registration
July 9 - July 13

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: ____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Phone(s): _____

Student's Age: ____ Gender ____ Grade: ____ School: _____

T-Shirt Size ____ Youth Small ____ Youth Medium ____ Youth Large ____ Adult Small ____ Adult Medium

____ Adult Large ____ Adult X-Large ____ Adult XX Large

We would like to host two or more of the members of the touring group at our home from **Sunday, July 8 through Saturday morning, July 14.**

____ YES ____ NO

Name: _____ Contact Number/s: _____

Special Event Friday Night

Tribute to: Jerry Mitchell

Jerry Mitchell is an accomplished dancer, choreographer and director in New York City. It is our honor to pay special tribute to Jerry for his accomplishments and contribution in the performing arts industry. We are excited that he will be able to attend the Friday evening performance.

Jerry was born and raised in Paw Paw, Michigan. He later moved to St. Louis where he pursued his acting, dancing and directing career in theatre. He graduated from the Fine Arts College and Webster University in St. Louis. His early Broadway credits were as a dancer in the Will Roger Follies and revivals of Brigadoon and On Your Toes. Jerry's first production as sole choreographer was the 1999 revival of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, which he followed with the Full Monty. In addition to the theatre, he has choreographed for films such as Camp, In and Out and Drop Dead Gorgeous. He received an Emmy Award nomination for his work on the Drew Carey Show. In 2005, Jerry won a Tony Award for Best Choreography and a Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Choreography for La Cage aux Folles. He served as both director and choreographer for Legally Blonde and served as a mentor on Bravo's reality competition Step It Up and Dance.

His stage work includes:

Brigadoon
Three Men on a Horse
Grease
Jekyl and Hyde
The Rocky Horror Show
The Full Monty
Hairspray
Imaginary Friends
You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
On Your Toes
Gypsy
Never Gonna Dance
La Cage aux Folles
Legally Blonde
Peepshow
Catch Me If You Can
Love Never Dies
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

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THE YOUNG AMERICANS

DAY CAMP - GRADES 2-12
JULY 9 - 13, 2012

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THE YOUNG AMERICANS WHO ARE THEY?

The Young Americans teach music, dance and performance to young people throughout the world. The organization was founded in 1962 and is a non-profit organization. The touring group consists of talented and exceptional young people ranging from 18-23 years of age.

In 2002, The Young Americans launched a private college for its members now known as the Young Americans College of Performing Arts. Students from all over the world join The Young Americans to attend college-level classes for one year prior to becoming teachers in the workshops as part of the Music Outreach Tours, uniquely combining college courses with real life experiences for its students. The Young Americans now average over 250 performances in 180 cities, 15 countries and 5 continents throughout the world annually.

WHAT DOES THE WORKSHOP OFFER?

The main purpose of The Young American workshop is to provide schools an opportunity to bring music into a community and open doors of discovery for the musical talents of young people. The workshop is aimed at providing an experience that brings every student enjoyment and benefit. The participants learn over 50 songs and dances, taking classes in voice, dance, performance, improvisation, choral singing and much more. Beyond the students' enjoyment and a life-lasting experience, they will learn in an environment that instills respect for others, self-esteem, teamwork, and discovery of their own potential. Students learn to create and perform a live musical concert that incorporates an array of music and dance styles, lighting, staging, costumes and props. The workshop days are filled with classes, staging and rehearsal exercises (the students are placed into grade groups for ease in teaching and learning at appropriate levels). On the last day, the students perform with the Young Americans in the evening on stage in a concert for the community, featuring the students and their personalities, talents, and newly discovered abilities in the following areas:

- **VOICE**
  Solo performance with emphasis on breathing, caring for the voice and lyric interpretation
- **CHORAL SINGING**
  Vocal ensemble material with emphasis on blending and team work to produce quality sounds.
- **DANCE**
  All styles and all levels - Hip, Hop, Jazz, Lyrical and Classical Ballet.
- **ACTING IMPROVISATION**
  The application of theatre games to develop characterization and reaction techniques.
- **MUSICAL THEATRE**
  Performance pieces that combine vocal and dance performance with focus on communicating a story.
- **PERFORMANCE TECHNIQUES**
  How to have a strong stage presence and connect with the audience.
- **AUDITION TECHNIQUES**
  How to best display individual talents and personality.
- **SOUND TECHNIQUES**
  The use of the microphone and other aspects of sound reproduction.

DAY CAMP SCHEDULE

July 9 - July 13, 2012

Paw Paw Performing Arts Center

- Monday - July 9
  2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - July 10, 11 12
  8:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday - July 13
  8:30 - 5:00 p.m.
  Dinner 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
  Final Performance 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. ($12 Adults/$8 Students)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND COST

Camp will be held July 9 - 13 at the Paw Paw Performing Arts Center. Students in grades 2-12 are eligible to participate in this great experience. Registration fee **includes a T-shirt.**

Registration Cost before May 15

$120

Registration Cost after May 15

$130

Please fill out the registration form on the other side of the brochure and send it along with your check made payable to VBISD to Jana Serbenski at the address below:

Van Buren Intermediate School District
490 South Paw Paw Street
Lawrence, MI 49064

For cash payments you may drop your registration off at the Conference Center at the address listed above. If you have any questions please e-mail Jana at jserbenski@vbisd.org

HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITY

One way The Young Americans keep their cost down making it possible to provide workshops to many schools is to stay with host families during the time they are here. Please consider opening your home from July 8 through July 14 for two or more members of the touring group. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Staying in the homes of families associated with the workshop is really one of the most rewarding aspects of the workshop for the students and their families. If you are interested in being a host family, please indicate that on the registration form and someone will contact you.

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