



EDGE
OF
THE **WOOD**
THEATRE

The Edge of the Wood school at Chicago's Edgebrook Community Church is a complete theatre program where young people, ages 6-18, become versed in acting, improv, speech, movement, and musical theatre skills in a professional atmosphere.

Founded in summer of 2000, Edge of the Wood Theatre began as a four-week summer program for neighborhood youth. It has evolved into a vibrant theatre school featuring three terms of courses for ages 6-18, three full-length musical productions each year, as well as several short showcases for younger students. Edge of the Wood is proud to have served over 700 students over the past decade, many of whom have gone onto careers in the performing arts and arts education.

Everyone gets to play at Edge of the Wood. Our inclusive philosophy means every student is afforded an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Edge of the Wood students learn innovation and creativity, building discipline, self-confidence, leadership, and teamwork skills in a supportive, yet challenging environment.

Edge continues its commitment to fostering arts in the community with the launch of its Resident Theatre program, featuring both students and adults in classic and contemporary plays and musicals.

The inaugural production, *The Secret Garden*, is a family-friendly musical version of the timeless children's story about Mary, an orphan girl who releases the healing magic in a nearly forgotten garden and changes the lives of those around her forever.



The cast of 25 includes three current Edge of the Wood students and also all three of the school's instructors performing alongside child and adult actors from across Chicagoland.

The Secret Garden runs March 8-16. For tickets and information visit edgeofthewood.com.