



## 2009-2010 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

(all classes will have a mid-semester performance for family and friends during the week of December 14<sup>th</sup> and end of year showcase the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>)

### STAGE ACTING CLASSES

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**Creative Dramatics (ages 3-5)** – This young acting class teaches early acting skills, communication, listening, reacting, and working with a group through creative dramatics and movement games and activities. Children will create characters through creative play.

**Little Stars Acting (ages 5-7)** – Young actors explore basic acting skills, communication, listening and reacting and working with a group through movement, pantomime, improvisation, creative dramatics games and story book theatre using props to encourage creativity and imagination.

**Applause Acting (ages 7-11)** – This elementary level acting class includes basic stage acting skills including placement, vocal usage, and characterization and will practice acting skills through scene work from plays with others of similar skill levels. Students will perform ensemble scenes at the December Showcase and duet acting scenes at the May Showcase.

**Advanced Applause Acting (ages 7-11)** – This advanced acting class includes advanced stage acting skills including characterisation and script analysis through improvisation theatre games and script work. Students will memorize and work on monologues and small group scenes. (prerequisite – Applause Acting)

**Encore Acting (ages 11-14)** – These middle school students will learn basic and intermediate acting skills including characterization and play analysis. Students will practice acting skills through rehearsing and performing scene work from plays.

**Ovation Acting (ages 14-18)** - These high school students will learn basic and intermediate acting skills including characterization and play analysis. Students will practice acting skills through rehearsing and performing scene work from plays.

**Adult Acting (ages 18 and up)** – Adult students will learn basic and intermediate acting skills including characterization and play analysis. Students will practice acting skills through rehearsing and performing scenes from plays.

**Family Acting (adults and children from the same family, ages 7 and up)** – Families will work together to develop and rehearse scenes while learning basic acting skills together and increasing communication, cooperation, respect and appreciation of each family member!

**Comedy Improvisation (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** – Creativity, quick-thinking and comedic timing are developed through high-energy and fun acting and improvisation games such as those on “Whose Line is it Anyway” guaranteed to entertain and enlighten!

**Homeschooler’s Drama Club** – This group will work together to create theatre while practicing acting activities and games in a casual environment. With parent participation, this group may choose to put on a play or musical.

## ON-CAMERA ACTING CLASSES

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**On Camera Acting (ages 6-9)** – Learn how to audition and act for a camera, including commercials, TV and movies!

**On Camera Acting (ages 10 & up)** – Learn how to audition and act for a camera, including commercials, TV and movies!

**Advanced On Camera Acting (ages 10 & up)** – Learn advanced techniques for on-camera acting work including improvisation, advanced characterization and getting jobs through relationship building.

## MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES

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**Song and Dance (ages 3-6)** – Young actors will enjoy this movement and singing class where they will learn about rhythm, tempo, music types and our voices!

**Applause Musical Theatre (ages 7-11)** – Sing, dance and act in this high energy musical theatre scene class! Students will take on characters and develop scenes from musical theatre complete with vocal and physical warm-ups in addition to some music theory and sight reading.

**Encore Musical Theatre (ages 11-14)** - Sing, dance and act in this high energy musical theatre scene class! Students will take on characters and develop scenes from musical theatre complete with vocal and physical warm-ups in addition to some music theory and sight reading.

**Ovation Musical Theatre (ages 14-18)** - Sing, dance and act in this high energy musical theatre scene class! Students will take on characters and develop scenes from musical theatre complete with vocal and physical warm-ups in addition to some music theory and sight reading.

**Adult Musical Theatre (ages 18 and up)** - Sing, dance and act in this high energy musical theatre scene class! Students will take on characters and develop scenes from musical theatre complete with vocal and physical warm-ups in addition to some music theory and sight reading.

## VOCAL CLASSES

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**Young Vocal Performance (ages 5-9)** – This young vocal class teaches the basics of proper vocal usage including breathing, rhythm, relaxation, harmony, basic sight reading and music theory. Learning to sing and harmonize within the safety of a group encourages team work, concentration, listening skills and musical awareness. This class also incorporates some basic choreography.

**Young HAPS (Holistic Approach to Practical Singing)/Vocal Performance (ages 6-9) LEVEL 1** – This younger technical singing class is perfect for individuals with little or no singing experience. Learning to sing and harmonize within the safety of a group encourages team work, concentration, listening skills and musical awareness. HAPS™ is so much more than just singing – you will learn to sing with your mind, body and soul. Activities include: Basic singing skills, warm-ups, scales and arpeggios, rhythm, breathing and relaxation, harmony singing, intonation and resonance.

**HAPS (Holistic Approach to Practical Singing)/Vocal Performance (ages 10 and up) LEVEL 1** – This technical singing class is perfect for individuals with little or no singing experience. Learning to sing and harmonize within the safety of a group encourages team work, concentration, listening skills and musical awareness. HAPS™ is so much more than just singing – you will learn to sing with your mind, body and soul. Activities include: Basic singing skills, warm-ups, scales and arpeggios, rhythm, breathing and relaxation, harmony singing, intonation and resonance.

**HAPS (Holistic Approach to Practical Singing)/Vocal Performance (ages 10 and up) LEVEL 2** – This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> step in a technical singing class is perfect for individuals with Level 1 HAPS under their belt. Students in Level 2 will work on solo and small group numbers.

## DANCE CLASSES

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**Song and Dance (ages 3-6)** – Young actors will enjoy this movement and singing class where they will learn about rhythm, tempo, music types and our voices!

**Tap & Stage Movement (ages 5-9)** – This dance and movement class will teach about movement in musical theatre while teaching basic dance steps mandatory for stage performance.

**Dance for the Actor (ages 10 and up)** – Learn the basics of dance and stage movement in this must-take class for all actors!

**Ballroom Dance (ages 18 and up)** – Singles and couples welcome to learn the basics of ballroom dance.

## PRODUCTION CLASSES

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**Play Production Group** – This on-going production class will read plays and choose multiple ones to perform! There is no audition required to join this group but each play that is chosen will have a small audition in class. There may be additional mandatory rehearsals during performance week. Performances TBD once a show is chosen.

**Musical Theatre Production** – Audition for the fall class is Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and callbacks will be held on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Performances will be the weekend of November 7<sup>th</sup>. There may be additional mandatory rehearsals added the week before production. Students chosen for this audition-only class will be involved in a musical theatre production, TBA.

**Puppetry Club** – This group will make puppets from scratch, write and rehearse puppet shows, and perform them for the public!

## WORKSHOPS/SPECIAL CLASSES

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**Audition Workshop (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)** – Designed specifically for children auditioning for an arts school, this class will prepare students for their audition, from choosing audition pieces to performance. Students will “act” as adjudicators as they help each other and learn from each other’s mock auditions.

**Playwriting (ages 10 and up)** – Learn the structure of a play and write your own. Benefit from group readings of your “work in progress” and professional input. Professional play reading of your play at the end of the semester!

**Stage Combat (ages 7 and up)** – Learn how to fight safely, like the pros. Taught by a nationally board certified combat instructor, students will learn moves to make combat scenes look realistic.

**Comedy Improvisation (ages 10 and up)** – Creativity and quick-thinking are developed through high-energy and fun acting and improvisation games such as those on “Whose Line is it Anyway.”

**Homeschooler’s Drama Club** – This group will work together to create theatre while practicing acting activities and games in a casual environment. The group may choose to put on a play or musical, depending on participant make-up.