

# TAPROOT THEATRE



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## ADD SOME DRAMA TO YOUR PLAY DATES

### Fun and silliness abound in class from Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio

SEATTLE – January 31, 2011 – Schedule a weekly play date with Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio this spring. Featuring drama games, music, storytelling and creative play, Drama with Your Mama engages and enriches toddlers and their parents or caregivers. Designed to activate and encourage children's imaginations while helping them bond with their caregivers, this class nurtures children's social, physical and vocal awareness and teaches them to work with others. Parents and caregivers will learn to cultivate their children's creativity with fun, exciting games and activities they can also incorporate into playtime at home.

Drama with Your Mama takes place on Thursdays, from March 10 through April 14, 10-10:45 a.m., in Seattle at a location to be announced. The six-week sessions are \$75, or classes are available on a drop-in basis for \$15.

Spring quarter at Taproot's Acting Studio also features classes for kids and adults of all ages and experience levels, including Spring Break Camps and the brand-new Acting 101 for adults. Registration is now available online, along with class descriptions, at [www.taproottheatre.org](http://www.taproottheatre.org), or contact Taproot's Acting Studio at (206) 529-3668 or [studio@taproottheatre.org](mailto:studio@taproottheatre.org).

### About Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio offers year-round classes for youth and adults taught by local theatre professionals. Budding thespians will find classes to help them develop their acting skills, while more seasoned actors can build on their knowledge and learn new techniques. Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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## SPRING 2011 FACT SHEET

### Youth Classes

#### **Drama with Your Mama**

Come experience the class everyone's talking about! Drama with Your Mama pairs toddlers and their parents or caregivers in an engaging and enriching class designed to activate and encourage children's imaginations while helping them bond with their caregivers. Incorporating drama games, music, storytelling and creative play, this class nurtures children's social, physical and vocal awareness and teaches them to work with others. Parents and caregivers will learn to cultivate their children's creativity with fun, exciting games and activities they can also incorporate into playtime at home. "a great parent-toddler activity... a really wonderful program" – Q13 FOX News Ages 1-3

\$75 per session or drop in for \$15 per class

Thursdays, March 10-April 14, 6 weeks 10-10:45 am

Location: TBA

#### **Dramatic Adventures**

Acting is a tall order, with many skills required to create believable characters and situations, but this class breaks it all down for young actors, helping them learn each of the components of acting-words, emotions, thoughts, expressions and movement-in a fun and exciting way. With sessions for various age groups, ranging from Pre-K through third grade, each session is designed with lessons specifically targeted for your child's age. Children will be encouraged to use their imaginations as they work together to create their own play, which they'll perform for friends and family during the final class.

Grades: Pre-K-3rd

Mondays, April 4-May 16th (no classes the week of April 18-22)

4-5:30 pm

6 weeks

\$195

Location: Timberlake Church-Ballard

#### **Scene Study**

Young actors who wish to deepen their understanding of the craft of acting will bring their performance to new heights in this scene study class taught by an accomplished teaching artist. This class will guide students through the scene study process as they explore character, subtext, relationship and environment. Students will explore a variety of genres and stretch their range of emotions and characterization.

Grades: 4th-12th

Tuesdays, April 5-May 17 (no classes the week of April 18-22)

6 pm-8 pm

6 weeks

\$235

Location: Timberlake Church-Ballard

## **Spring Break Camps**

Send your child or young teen on a weeklong adventure they'll never forget as they explore the world of acting in our Spring Break Day Camps. Their journey begins the moment they step inside the classroom doors, taking them on a well-rounded tour through a variety of skills and genres. Each age-based session is packed with exercises, drama games and activities designed to build students' skills and encourage their creativity. Students share their adventures with family and friends during a performance on the final day of camp.

### ***Session 1: Grades: 2nd-8th***

Monday-Friday, April 18-22

10 am–4 pm

1 week

\$265

Location: Taproot Theatre Company

Performance: Friday, April 22, 3 pm at Taproot Theatre Company

### ***Session 2: Grades: Pre-K-1st***

Monday-Friday, April 18-22

10 am-2 pm

1 week

\$175

Location: Timberlake Church-Ballard

Performance: Friday, April 22, 1 pm

## **Adult Classes**

### **Adult Scene Study**

The road to mastering your acting skills is paved with practice, practice, practice, so make every opportunity count. Polish your existing skills while learning new ones in this challenging class for adult actors who wish to deepen their understanding of the craft of acting. Using scene work and a variety of genres, we will explore character, subtext, relationship, and environment as we intensify our exploration of the actor's process.

Mondays, April 4-May 16 (No class April 18-22)

7–10 pm

6 weeks

\$265

Location: Timberlake Church-Ballard

### **Acting 101 – BRAND NEW!**

Always wanted to try acting? Come explore the craft in a fun, no pressure environment. Students will learn the building blocks of acting through theatre games and scene work. This class is for the beginning actor.

Tuesdays, April 5-May 17 (no class April 18-22)

6:30-8:30 pm

6 weeks

\$185

Location: Timberlake Church-Ballard