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STAY LOCAL THIS SUMMER WITH SUMMER CAMPS AT TAPROOT THEATRE'S ACTING STUDIO

18 different camps & dozens of performance opportunities for kids & teens

SEATTLE – March 31, 2009 – Families choosing to stay local this summer have exciting opportunities for their kids and teens with Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio summer camps. When the final bell of the school year rings and students file home, summer camps at Taproot's Acting Studio keep them learning—though they'll be having so much fun they may not even realize it. Plus, they'll be engaged with their peers while they're entertained. Summer quarter—with camps for ages 4-17—runs from June 22 through September 3. Registration is open now.

With 18 different summer camps, Taproot's Acting Studio has something for all theatrical tastes, including musical theatre, the art of comedy, Shakespeare, acting for the camera, improv and more! New this summer, Creative Dramatics Daycamp and Creative Dramatics Jr. Daycamp will be offered weekly (excluding the weeks of June 29 and August 31), with varying themes, so kids can take them multiple times. Some camps even give kids experience in the audition process as they're cast in a production by Taproot's Acting Studio.

Classes are held at Taproot Theatre (204 N 85th St.) and Ballard Church (1460 NW 73rd St.) in Seattle. Registration forms and class descriptions are available online at www.taproottheatre.org, or contact Taproot's Acting Studio at (206) 529-3668 or studio@taproottheatre.org.

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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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SUMMER 2009 FACT SHEET

Creative Dramatics Daycamp - Class Code: 09-SUCDD

This class offers your young performer a wonderful introduction to the art of acting. This camp culminates in a final production of an original play created by the class.

Ages 6-8 | Offered weekly through the summer, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (excluding weeks of June 29 and August 31) | \$175 per week

Performance: Last Friday of camp, 1 p.m.

Creative Dramatics Jr. Daycamp - Class Code: 09-SUCDJR

This class offers your young one a great introduction to drama and is a guaranteed imagination builder, culminating in a final presentation by the class.

Ages 4-6 | Offered weekly through the summer, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (excluding weeks of June 29 and August 31) | \$175 per week

Performance: Last Friday of camp, 1 p.m.

Musical Theatre Review - Class Code: 09-SUMTR

A perfect introduction to musical theater! Your young actor will sing, dance and act during this week of fun and friendship. Students will perform what they've learned on the final day of camp.

Ages 9-17 | Monday-Friday, June 22-26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$300

Performance: June 26, 3 p.m.

Mini Camp 1 - Class Code: 09-SUMIN1

Wondering what to do with your talented kids during this short holiday week? Mini Camp will delight and entertain--your student will sample skills such as improv, stage combat, Shakespeare and more!!!

Ages 4-17 (students will be broken up into age-appropriate groups) | Monday-Thursday, June 29-July 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | \$200

Musical Theatre Daycamp - Class Code: 09-SUMTD

A week of singing, dancing, friendship and fun, culminating in a live performance for family and friends! It's a summer alternative of dramatic proportions for your gifted child.

Ages 9-17 | Monday-Friday, July 6-July 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$300

Performance: July 6, 3 p.m.

The Art of Comedy - For Teens - Class Code: 09-SUCOT

Make 'em laugh!! This camp explores the basics of comedic acting, from improv to slapstick and pratfalls. This rousing one-week camp will help develop your teenage actor's comedic timing! Family and friends are invited for a showcase of their talents on the final class.

Ages 12-17 | Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$300

Shakespeare Daycamp - Class Code: 09-SUSD

This camp is an excellent introduction to Shakespeare and his plays. Our students will perform a shortened version of one of Shakespeare's great comedies.

Ages 9-17 | Monday-Friday, July 13-17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$275

Performance: July 17, 3 p.m.

Acting for the Camera - For Teens - Class Code: 09-SUACT

This camp will teach your teenage star the basics of acting in front of a camera! They will use their existing acting skills to explore the wide world of TV and film acting. **Pre-requisite: Previous acting experience.**

Ages 12-17 | Monday-Friday, July 13-17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$300

Youth Summer Showcase - Class Code: 09-SUYSS

Students will work together to put on a play in one week in this challenging camp!

Ages 7-11 | Monday-Friday, July 20-24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$275

Performance: July 24, 3 p.m.

Musical Theatre Supercamp - Class Code: 09-SUMTSC

This two-week intensive will dive deeply into the singing, dancing and acting techniques needed for musical theatre performance. Not for the faint of heart, this class will be a challenge to even the most experienced young actors.

Each student will experience the audition process during the camp and be cast in an amazing Broadway musical they will never forget! **Pre-requisite: TTC Showcase class or an audition.**

Ages 9-17 | Monday-Friday, July 20-31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$500

Invited Dress: July 30, 3 p.m.; performance: July 31, 3 p.m.

Shakespeare Supercamp - Class Code: 09-SUSSC

Brush up your Shakespeare...this class will challenge even the most experienced young actors! Culminating in a shortened version of one of Shakespeare's great plays, this two-week-long intensive will dive even more deeply into the voice, movement and acting techniques needed for Shakespearean performance. **Pre-requisite: TTC Showcase or Daycamp.**

Ages 9-17 | Monday-Friday, July 27-August 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$465

Invited Dress: August 6, 3 p.m.; performance: August 7, 3 p.m.

Acting for the Camera - For Youth - Class Code: 09-SUACY

This camp will teach your young star the basics of acting in front of a camera! They will use their existing acting skills to explore the wide world of TV and film acting. **Pre-requisite: Previous acting experience.**

Ages 7-11 | Monday-Friday, August 3-7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$300

The Art of Comedy - For Youth - Class Code: 09-SUCOY

Make 'em laugh!! This camp explores the basics of comedic acting, from improv to slapstick and pratfalls. This rousing one-week camp will help develop your young actor's comedic timing! Family and friends are invited for a showcase of their talents on the final class.

Ages 7-11 | Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$300

Teen Summer Showcase - Class Code: 09-SUTSS

All the fun of putting on a play in one week, with a play chosen specifically for teens.

Ages 12-17 | Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$275

Performance: August 14, 3 p.m.

Summer Showcase - Class Code: 09-SUSH

Students of all ages will work together to put on a play in one week in this challenging camp! This class will focus specifically on the acting aspect of theatre and working together.

Ages 7-17 | Monday-Friday, August 17-21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$275

Performance: August 21, 3 p.m.

Advanced Musical Theatre Supercamp - Class Code: 09-SUAMT

Aimed at young actors who want a taste of the professional world of musical theatre, this class is for the serious returning Acting Studio artist who wishes to take their performance to a new level. Each student will audition for a place in camp. Those who are accepted will audition for a role and be cast in a challenging Broadway musical. **Pre-requisite: two TTC Musical Theatre Daycamps and audition with camp instructor.**

Ages 10-17 | Monday-Friday, August 17-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$525

Invited Dress: August 27, 3 p.m.; performance: August 28, 3 p.m.

Theatre Bonanza - Class Code: 09-SUTB

Students will sample a buffet of acting skills such as improv, stage combat, Shakespeare and musical theatre in this one-week adventure!

Ages 7-17 | Monday-Friday, August 24-28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$275

Mini Camp 2 - Class Code: 09-SUMIN2

Wondering what to do with your talented kids during this short week before school starts? Mini Camp will delight and entertain--your student will sample skills such as improv, stage combat, Shakespeare and more!!!

Ages 4-17 (students will be broken up into age-appropriate groups) | Monday-Thursday, August 31-September 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | \$200