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TODDLERS AND PARENTS BOND IN 'DRAMA WITH YOUR MAMA'

Popular class for toddlers and their caregivers offered in Ballard and Shoreline this fall

SEATTLE – August 24, 2010 – Come experience the class everyone's talking about! Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio offers its popular Drama with Your Mama class in two locations this fall. Drama with Your Mama pairs toddlers ages 1 to 3 years 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, 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.

Drama with Your Mama takes place in Seattle and Shoreline. The Seattle session takes place on Thursdays, from September 9 through October 14, at Timberlake Church-Ballard, located at 1460 NW 73rd Street. Shoreline classes take place on Fridays, from September 10 through October 15. The six-week sessions are \$75, or are available on a drop-in basis for \$15.

Fall quarter at Taproot's Acting Studio also features classes for kids and adults of all ages and experience levels, including the brand-new Professional Actor Conservatory class for adults. Registration is open now. 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.

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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FALL 2010 FACT SHEET

YOUTH CLASSES

Drama with Your Mama

It's never too early to introduce children to the world of theatre! This class will engage you and your young one with creative play, movement and theatre games. The focus is on social, physical and vocal awareness, in a warm, nurturing and FUN environment! Your little one will build confidence and explore their imagination. This class is perfect for the 1-3 year-old and their caregiver. Dressing up and silliness is welcome!

Ages 1-3 | Tuition: \$75 per session or drop in for \$15 per class

Seattle: Thursdays, Sept 9-Oct 14, 6 weeks 10-10:45 am | Location: TCB

Shoreline: Fridays, Sept 10–October 15, 6 weeks 11-11:45 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.

2 Sessions: Grades Pre-K & K | Grades 1st -3rd

Mondays, Oct 4-Nov 8 | 4-5:30 pm | 6 weeks

Tuition: \$195 | Location: TTC

Youth Actors' Workout

Just like playing a sport or speaking a second language, acting requires training and practice. Whether your child or teen is a beginning or advanced actor, Youth Actors' Workout will provide students with the experience they need to keep their skills sharp. Using improvisational exercises and scene work, Taproot's teachers will coach students in the techniques needed for acting, along with polishing each student's performance.

Grades: 4th-12th

Tuesdays, Oct 5–Nov 16 | 4-5:30 pm | 7 weeks

Tuition: \$235 | Location: TTC

Christmas Showcase

Think your kid or teen has what it takes to light up the stage? Give them a taste of the professional acting experience, from first rehearsal to final production, by signing them up for Christmas Showcase. Students will learn acting techniques during each class and put them into practice as they work together to put on a holiday production for friends and family. All levels welcomed; beginning students will learn the building blocks of acting while advanced students will be encouraged to stretch their acting skills and explore their range of characterization.

Grades: 4th-12th

Tuesdays, Oct 19-Dec 7 | 6–8 pm | 8 weeks

Tuition: \$235 | Location: TCB

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, Dec 5, 6-8 pm at TTC

Performance: Monday, Dec 6, 7 pm at TTC

ADULT CLASSES

Adult Showcase

You're never too old to develop your acting skills. After all, you do it all the time, whether you realize it or not, in interviews, presentations, and telling stories. Whether you're already an actor or you've never set foot on stage, embrace this opportunity to learn new techniques and develop your skills under professional tutelage tailored to your individual experience. You'll put it all together while participating in the rehearsal process and performance of a one-act play to be presented on Taproot's stage. A great option for first-timers and people with amateur experience!

Tuesdays, Oct 5-Nov 22 | 7–10 pm | 8 weeks

Tuition: \$360 | Location: TCB

Dress Rehearsal: Sunday, Nov 21, 7–10 pm at TTC

Performance: Monday, Nov 22, 7 pm at TTC

PROFESSIONAL CLASSES

Professional Actor Conservatory:

Going Deeper with the Basics

The magic key to acting is knowing what a character wants. This key leads to an exciting terrain of actions. For 5 weeks, practice these basics of wants, obstacles and actions as we approach them from different angles that will deepen your storytelling skills and give you the ease and confidence that you desire. This is a scene work class.

Mondays, Oct 25-Nov 22 | 7–10 pm | 5 weeks

Tuition: \$200 | Location: TCB