# CHILDREN'S -THEATRE

Season and Classes

Fall 2010

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



At the Palo Alto Children's Theatre the purpose of every thing we do is to have a positive impact on the emotional, intellectual and social development of young people who attend or partake in our many programs. For more than seventy years we have allowed children and youth to experience the transporting power of theatre that entertains, engages and educates. Designed to stimulate the imagination, enlighten the mind and entertain the spirit we are committed to presenting thought-provoking, extraordinary theatre, which we hope will play a crucial role in the development of life-long learners.

The Children's Theatre continues to be a leader in offering young people not only fun but also growth and empowerment. Through exposure-attending plays and immersion-taking classes, being in a production, our interest-based arts education classes in music, dance, and theatre offer a safe and creative place where children and youth can develop theatre and social skills. Through a flexible scholarship program we attempt to remove all barriers to participation in our classes, camps and productions. And we seek to be partners with parents, caregivers and schools in offering arts education that is connected to theatre practiced at the highest levels.

With an exciting line up of productions including classics from children's literature, new works, commissions, regional and world premieres we invite you to join us for our 79th Season. Enroll and purchase your tickets today!

Judge Luckey, Artistic Director

#### Arts Education is Invaluable!

While some parents may fear that participation in theatre may hinder their child's academic progress, a UCLA study concluded that students involved in the arts tend to have higher academic performance and better standardized test scores---nearly 100 points better on the SAT, according to a separate study conducted by The College Board.

Academic gains are not the only benefits. Theatre brings about improved self-confidence, better public speaking skills as well as the ability to work with an ensemble in cooperative ventures. Theatre also enhances a child's ability to work through consensus, and to work around differences or obstacles, to achieve a goal. Studying theatre can be a great starting point for careers in law, teaching, and politics. And the ability to speak confidently in front of a group is an asset in any career.

#### Get Involved!

Palo Alto Children's Theatre teaches the skills which benefit education and development in five general areas: physical development/kinesthetic skills; artistic development/drama and theatre skills; mental development/thinking skills; personal development/intra-personal skills; and social development/interpersonal skills. With more than seventy-five years of experience, Palo Alto Children's Theatre is a great place for kids to develop life-long skills.

# MAIN STAGE SEASON 2010-2011

# **CINDERELLA** Recommended for all ages

Anybody who is anybody is going to the Royal Ball! Anybody, that is, except Cinderella, whose unusually sized feet have no shoes to fit them. But with the help of a fairy godmother, a little sword fighting, and some sensible footwear, a happy ending is certainly in sight!

Auditions (ages 8 and older): September 7 or 8 at 3:45pm

Performances: November 3 – 13

# MADELINE'S CHRISTMAS Recommended for all ages

A charming musical based on the popular *Madeline* book series by Ludwig Bemelmans. This holiday season will be unlike any other for Madeline and her friends, as they encounter merchants, mischief, and a touch of magic! A holiday treat for the entire family.

Auditions (ages 8 and older): September 21 or 22 at 3:45pm

Performances: December 7 – 19

# FERDINAND THE BULL Recommended for all ages

Ferdy is an easy-going, flower-loving kind of bull, whose best friend, the star-struck pig Cochina, takes him to Madrid. Ferdy meets the unhappy Danilo, a boy torn between his own dreams and his father's desires. Their dramatic encounter has a happy ending that reveals the importance of being true to one's self.

Performances: January 25 – February 13

# METAMORPHOSIS Recommended for 12 and older

Acclaimed local author Betsy Franco is teaming up with the Palo Alto Children's Theatre to develop her striking Young Adult debut, *Metamorphosis: Junior Year*, into a new intimate stage adaptation which delves deep into one intriguing teen's imagination.

Auditions (ages 12 and older): January 11 or 12 at 5:00pm

Performances: March 3 – 12

# CHARLOTTE'S WEB Recommended for all ages

Wilbur has a problem: how to avoid winding up as pork chops! Charlotte, a fine writer and true friend, weaves a solution which not only makes Wilbur a prize pig, but ensures his place on the farm forever.

Auditions (ages 8 and older): February 8 or 9 at 3:45pm

Performances: Mar 31 – Apr 9

# LORD OF THE FLIES Recommended for ages 12 and older

A plane crashes on a deserted island and the only survivors are a group of school boys. A bright island adventure deepens into a maddening struggle for survival as nighttime falls and the boys' dreams are inhabited by a terrifying beast.

Auditions (ages 12 and older): March 15 or 16 at 3:45pm

Performances: May 19 – 28

Tickets: Child \$8, Adult \$12

All titles and dates are subject to change. All auditions consist of a one minute memorized monologue or prose. Musical auditions require 16 bars of a song. Shows are performed at the Palo Alto Children's Theatre.

Registration: www.cityofpaloalto.org/recreation/enjoy

# PRE-SCHOOL

#### Creative Play: Imagine • 8 classes

Through a mixture of song, movement and storytelling, children learn to explore and express their inner world. Participants discover the magic of play and parents interact creatively with their child.

3 – 5 years	Tuesday 9/21 – 11/9	2pm – 2:45pm
3 – 5 years	Tuesday 9/21 – 11/9	3pm – 3:45pm

#### Story Acting • 8 classes

A traditional nursery rhyme, short poem, or familiar story will be the basis for creating a different story to act out each session. Using improvisation, creative movement and theatre games, children learn to problem solve, create characters and tell a story.

4 – 5 years	Saturday 9/25 – 11/13	10am – 10:45am
5 – 6 years	Saturday 9/25 – 11/13	11am - 11:45am
4 – 5 years	Tuesday 9/21 – 11/9	11am - 11:45am
5 – 6 years	Tuesday 9/21 – 11/9	3pm – 3:45pm

# KIDS

#### Creative Dramatics • 8 classes

An introduction to theatre, this class facilitates exploration of the imagination through creative storytelling. Students learn the basics of performance – how to use their body, voice, expressions and imagination – using children's stories, legends and folktales.

6 – 8 years	Saturday 9/25 – 11/13	11am – 12pm
6 – 8 years	Tuesday 9/21 – 11/9	4pm – 5pm



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# **KIDS**

#### Acting • 10 classes

For the beginning actor, this class explores acting technique through scene study, improvisation and character development. Students learn skills to create believable characters through voice and movement.

8 – 12 years	Saturday 9/25 – 12/4	2pm – 3pm	(No class 11/27)
8-12 years	Wednesday 9/22 - 12/1	2pm – 3pm	(No class 11/24)

#### Intermediate Acting • 10 classes

For those looking to strengthen their acting technique. This class will explore scene study, improvisation and character development. Students learn to broaden skills and create believable characters by utilizing voice and movement.

8 – 12 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 3pm – 4pm (No class 11/27)

#### Musical Theatre Skills • 10 classes

Students are taught vocal and physical warm-ups to develop the skills needed for acting through song. The course includes skills in singing and performing.

8 – 12 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 12pm – 1pm (No class 11/24)

#### Audition Class • 1 class

This class will cover a wide variety of audition elements. Participants will learn about and practice basic audition skills, cold readings, choreography, and picking and presenting a song and monologue.

8 – 12 years Saturday 9/18 2pm – 3:30pm 8 – 12 years Wednesday 9/15 2pm – 3:30pm

# Introduction to Light Design • 4 classes

This interactive class will teach the foundations of lighting design for the stage. Learn basics in color theory, creating light plots and cueing. Students will have the opportunity to work in a real theatre with a lab-type environment for hands-on experience.

10 – 18 years Saturday 9/18 – 10/9 10am – 12pm

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# **KIDS**

#### Tap - Beginning • 10 classes

Introduction to the fundamentals of tap and the foundation of rhythm. The focus is on basic technique and terminology. Students develop body awareness and the ability to express themselves through movement.

6 – 12 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 12pm – 1pm (No class on 11/27)

#### Tap - Intermediate • 10 classes

Students continue to work on the fundamentals of tap and the foundation of rhythm. A continued focus on basic technique and terminology helps students further develop body awareness and the ability to express themselves through movement. Those looking to broaden their skills will focus on tap combinations.

6 – 12 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 1pm – 2pm (No class on 11/27)

#### NEW! Hungarian Folk Dance • 10 classes

Hungarian folk dancing is one of the world's most complicated, complex and developed folk dances. Boys and girls dance in chains, circles and in couple forms. Come learn these beautiful dances and have fun with a master dancer.

8 – 12 years Tuesday 9/21 – 11/23 4pm – 5pm

#### Hip Hop - Beginning • 10 classes

Pop, lock and drop while developing your own sense of style. Learn hip hop moves to today's hottest music. Challenge yourself with this highenergy class!

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# KIDS

#### Dance for Boys • 10 classes

A dance class just for boys! For the beginning dancer, this all boys class is a comfortable, fun, exciting way to learn the fundamentals of tap, ballet and jazz dance to all types of music.

7 – 12 years Wednesday 9/22 – 12/1 2pm – 3pm (No class 11/24)



#### **TEENS**

#### Acting - Teen • 10 classes

Explore acting technique through scene study, improvisation and character development. Students learn skills to create believable characters by utilizing voice and movement.

13 – 18 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 12pm – 1pm (No class 11/27) 13 – 18 years Wednesday 9/22 – 12/1 4pm – 5pm (No class 11/24)

## Acting – Intermediate - Teen • 10 classes

For those looking to strengthen their acting technique, this class explores scene study, monologues, improvisation and character development. Students learn to broaden skills and create believable characters by utilizing voice and movement.

13 - 18 years Saturday 9/25 - 12/4 1pm - 2pm (No class 11/27)

#### Audition Class - Teen • 1 class

This workshop covers a wide variety of audition elements. Participants learn and practice basic audition tips, cold readings, choreography and picking and presenting a song and monologue. For newcomers and for those who would like to brush up on their auditioning skills.

13 – 18 years Saturday 9/18 4pm – 5:30pm 13 – 18 years Wednesday 9/15 4pm – 5:30pm

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# Auditioning For Film and Television • 10 classes

For those interested in acting in film and television, this interactive class allows participants to explore auditioning on camera. Taught by an industry professional, this class covers resumes, photographs, unions, film, television and commercial auditioning.

13 – 18 years Wednesday 9/22 – 12/1 3pm – 4pm (No class 11/24)

#### Improvisation • 10 classes

Improvisation is an art form in which students express themselves through movement, environments and dialogue they create on the spot.

13 – 18 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 4pm – 5pm (No class 11/27) 13 – 18 years Thursday 9/23 – 12/9 4pm – 5pm (No class 11/11 & 25)

#### Musical Theatre Skills - Teens • 10 classes

Students are taught vocal and physical warm-ups to develop the skills needed for acting through song. The course includes skills in singing and performing.

13 – 18 years Saturday 9/25 – 12/4 1pm – 2pm (No class 11/27)

#### Movement for the Actor • 10 classes

A dance class for actors, this class is a comfortable, fun, exciting way to learn the fundamentals of moeyement. A must for actors.

13 - 18 years Wednesday 9/22 - 12/1 5pm - 6pm (No class 11/24)

#### NEW! Hungarian Folk Dance • 10 classes

Hungarian folk dancing is one of the world's most developed folk dances. Come learn these beautiful dances and have fun with a master dancer and teacher from Hungary, Gabor Simon.

13 – 18 years Tuesday 9/21 – 11/23 5pm – 6pm



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# Playwriting • 10 classes

Using writing exercises, personal experiences and your imagination, learn the basic elements of playwriting: develop a character, create dialogue, build a scene and tell your story. Discover different sources of inspiration, explore unspoken action, and begin to shape personal voice and style.

13 – 18 vears

Monday 9/20 - 11/29

4pm – 5pm

(No class 10/11)

## Private Vocal Coaching • 10 classes

Singers ages 12-18 can benefit enormously from this one-on-one instruction time with trained opera singer Cole Grissom. Learn techniques for everything from classical to musical theatre to contemporary pop singing. Ideal for students preparing for an audition, perfecting songs for a performance, or for those just wishing to strengthen their singing voice.

13 - 18 years

Saturday (Private sessions totaling 10 Hours)

#### Voice & Diction • 10 classes

This course explores the theory of vocal production. Students work on incorporating breath awareness, the relationship between naturally produced sound, and the ability of sound to carry emotion and meaning. The theories and practices of Berry, Linklater and Skinner will be utilized. The course goal is vocal awareness and improved vocal production.

13 - 18 years

Monday 9/20 - 11/29

4pm – 5pm

(No class 10/11)

#### Preparation for College Auditions • 10 classes

High School counselors can help you through the application process to any college, but they may not know how to help you decide which university or conservatory to attend, what the audition requirements mean or how to select material for the audition. PACT provides personalized instruction and preparation for college theatre training programs. Our professional staff has a proven record of preparing students for competitive university and conservatory program auditions and interviews. Students with limited experience have gone on to be accepted into top acting

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programs and conservatories. Personalized sessions include: a college guide to the performing arts, selection and preparation of material for the college and scholarship audition, audition preparation, and interviewing skills.

16 – 18 years Call to schedule an appointment

#### Teen Ballroom Dancing • 10 classes

Learn the art of leading and following. Designed for teens and taught by an international ballroom specialist, this eight-week class will help you develop partnership dance skills and techniques required for all your formal dance occasions. Smooth and rhythm dance genres will be covered including Waltz, Salsa and Swing.

13 - 18 years Thursday 9/23 - 12/9 3:30 - 4:30pm (No class 11/11 & 25)

#### Teen Hip Hop Dance • 10 classes

Pop, lock, and drop while developing your own sense of style. Learn hip hop moves to today's hottest music. Challenge yourself with this high energy class.

13 - 18 years Thursday 9/23 - 12/9 4:30 - 5:30pm (No class 11/11 & 25)

# TEEN EVENTS

# Battle of the Bands Time and place TBA



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## SATURDAY PLAYHOUSE SEASON 2010 - 2011

All dates and times are subject to change.

Suitable for: 3 to 6 year olds & parents Playing Time: Approximately 45 minutes Individual Tickets: Child \$5, Adult \$10

Showtimes: 10am & 12pm

Jack & the Beanstalk

Rapunzel

Emperor's New Clothes

Snow White

Goldilocks & the Three Bears

Beauty & the Beast

Bremen Town Musicians

Princess & the Pea

September 18

October 9

November 13

January 15

February 26

March 26

April 30

May 21

# SCHOOL YEAR SEASON 2010 - 2011

In the elementary school residency outreach program children experience theatre hands-on in their own school. Open to 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at this year's participating elementary schools, performing on the following dates:

#### **Juana Briones**

October 21, 4:30pm • October 22, 7pm • October 23, 2pm

#### **Walter Hays**

October 28, 4:30pm • October 29, 7pm • October 30, 2pm

#### **Fairmeadow**

November 18, 4:30pm • November 19, 7pm • November 20, 2pm

#### Duveneck

March 17, 4:30pm • March 18, 7pm • March 19, 2pm

#### Palo Verde

March 31, 4:30pm • April 1, 7pm • April 2, 2pm

#### **Ohlone**

April 28, 4:30pm • April 29, 7pm • April 30, 2pm

• Tickets: Child \$8, Adult \$12 •





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Sunday – Monday

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