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THE LATEST SCOOP ON UPCOMING CLASSES SPONSORED BY THE MAJESTIC THEATRE



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Greetings from the Educational Programs Assistant

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Hello, Majestic community! As summer winds down into fall and the days grow shorter, wetter, and colder and there are fewer outdoor activities that seem worth doing while damp, why not take shelter indoors and learn some cool stuff here at the theatre? We have so many amazing classes on offer this fall, from returning favorites like Kelsea Ashenbrenner's Youth Acting classes and Linda Burden-Williams' ProStar Acting workshops to brand-new opportunities to hone your skills with Jocelyn Eisenlohr's seminar on Textual Comprehension or Mishele Mennet's Broadway Dance courses. There's sure to be something for everyone!



INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: KELSEA ASHENBRENNER

Accomplished Actress and Enthusiastic Teacher

Kelsea Ashenbrenner is an OSU graduate with a degree in Theatre Arts. She's currently a professional actor in Portland with Portland Actors Ensemble and Original Practice Shakespeare Festival. She's taught acting workshops in the area, as well as youth acting classes in Portland. She's studied acting and voice at Shakespeare & Co. in Lenox, MA and is excited to share her love of acting with students in Corvallis. You may have seen her recently in the Majestic Reader's Theatre Company productions of *Boy* and *Shakespeare in Love* and on the Main Stage in *The Comedy of Errors*. She's currently in a contemporary acting program with Portland Experimental Theatre Ensemble and is excited to share her continued knowledge of acting with students this Fall.

What made you decide to start teaching youth acting classes?

"I've always loved working with kids. They are so free and unashamed. They still use their imaginations freely and are still willing to play. I also took a Drama For The Classroom course in College that really inspired me."

What do you think children get out of learning to act?

"They get confidence and learn how to use their voices! They also learn to walk a day in another person's shoes, so they gain perspective on the world and how others live. They gain this experience all while being free to explore their imaginations and create worlds they want to exist."

Kelsea's Fall Classes

YOUTH ACTING: PLAY! (GRADES K-3) (click here to register) ActiveNet #33162: Thursdays, September 12 through October 31 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm Cost: \$157 In City - \$196 Out of City

YOUTH ACTING: ON STAGE! (GRADES 4-6) (click here to register) ActiveNet #33161: Thursdays, September 12 through October 31 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm Cost: \$157 In City - \$196 Out of City



INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: SABINA MONN



Musician and Dance Instructor Extraordinaire

Sabina Monn studied music and movement education at a College of the Arts in Switzerland and has taught a variety of subjects (to all ages from toddlers to adults), including music, rhythmics, dance/movement, drama, musical, choir, children's orchestra, group percussion, piano, cello, voice, and art. She has taught at different schools, churches, and community centers, as well as offering private lessons. She specializes in combining improvisation and play.

How does the art of clowning help actors connect to their deeper emotions?

"In my clowning class, there is a focus on listening and connecting to ourselves and each other, which helps to become more aware of our own inner feelings, thoughts, and expressive habits by observing our physical actions and reactions, by mimicking and amplifying other actor's movements and tone. Reducing the words we use intensifies the core messages of the clowns, their true feelings in a simple way, from heart to heart, from actors to audience, allowing us to smile and wonder..."

How do dance and play help children grow?

"Children naturally move in their own flow before they are taught by school and society to sit still. I see that dancing to music can rekindle the natural impulses to express our perceptions in a creative way. When dancing and playing with peers to music, children are open to learn emotionally, physically, and musically. I enjoy giving the kids a chance to use music and movement to depict and verbalize new experiences. I perceive playing as a way of creatively learning."



Sabina's Fall Classes

CREATE YOUR OWN PHYSICAL

COMEDY CHARACTER (AGES 18+) (click here to register) ActiveNet #33174: Thursdays, September 12 through November 14 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm Cost: \$151 In City - \$188 Out of City

DANCE AND PLAY WITH YOUR PRESCHOOLER (AGES 3-5 + ONE ADULT GUARDIAN) (click here to register) ActiveNet #33173: Thursdays, September 12 through November 14 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm Cost: \$151 In City - \$188 Out of City

Upcoming Classes at The Majestic

FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE (CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS)

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CREATE YOUR OWN PHYSICAL COMEDY CHARACTER (AGES 18+)

Thursdays, September 12 through November 14 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm BEGINNING TAP DANCE

(AGES 5-8): Mondays, September 16 through December 9 from 4:15pm to 5:00pm (AGES 9-12): Mondays, September 16 through December 9 from 3:30pm to 5:00pm BROADWAY MOVES: MUSICAL THEATRE DANCE

(AGES 14-18): Mondays, September 23 through December 16 from 4:15pm to 5:30pm (AGES 18+): Wednesdays, September 25 through December 18 from 6:45pm to 8:00pm THE WRITERS' READY ROOM AT CORL HOUSE - FALL (AGES 16+)

Afternoon: Tuesdays, September 24 through November 19 from 1:00pm to 4:30 pm Evening: Tuesdays, September 24 through November 19 from 6:00pm to 9:30 pm PROSTAR FILM ACTING (AGES 8+)

Session 1: Wednesdays, October 2 through October 30 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm Session 2: Wednesdays, November 6 through December 11 from 5:00pm to 6:30pm MODERN DANCE I - FALL (AGES 8-11)

Thursdays, October 3 through December 5 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm MODERN DANCE II INTERMEDIATE - FALL (AGES 11-15)

Wednesdays, October 2 through December 4 from 4:15pm to 5:45pm VIDEO EDITING WORKSHOP (AGES 16+)

Tuesday, October 8 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

CREATIVE PLAY FOR GROWN-UPS (AGES 18+)

Mondays, October 14 through November 18 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm WHAT AM I ACTUALLY SAYING?: TOOLS FOR ACTOR COMPREHENSION (AGES 14+) Tuesdays, November 5 through November 26 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm



AND DON'T FORGET: SCHOOL'S OUT, THEATRE'S IN! – FALL 2019 (AGES 7–13)

Wednesday, October 30 from 8:00am to 3:00pm There is no school in Corvallis on Wednesday, October 30th. Looking for something fun to do? Majestic Education is offering three exciting workshops for children ages 7 to 13 from 8am to 3pm. Specific workshop topics TBA.

Click here to see full class listings and registration links.