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COMMUNITY
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OF HOWELL



**2010
SUMMER
THEATRE
CAMP**

July 19 thru 30, 2010

Directed by: Scott Usher

Produced by: Mary Jo Del Vero

Return Service Requested

COMMUNITY THEATRE OF HOWELL
Mid Michigan Fine Arts Association
P.O. Box 533
Howell, MI 48844

General Info

Ages 6 - 18
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday

The Community Theatre of Howell's Summer Theatre Camp will be held during the last two full weeks of July 2010 (July 19 thru July 30). This fun and educational opportunity for children focuses on theatre's Triple Threat. Participants will enhance their skills in the areas of singing, acting and theatrical movement in a fun, safe, and enjoyable setting.

Our instructors use a variety of methods to teach the skills of the Triple Threat. Students will participate in activities which include theatre games, improvisation, cold readings, dance and production movement, vocal warm-up, vocal skill building, and individual as well as group work. (NOTE: No previous theatre experience is required.)

Age Groupings: (Grade you will enter Fall 2010)

- 1st Graders
- 2nd and 3rd Graders
- 4th and 5th Graders
- 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders
- 9th through 12th Graders

Note: Participants are initially placed with their age group. Any changes in placement will be determined by the Director within the first few days of camp.

Instructors are provided with Assistant Instructors when class sizes are large to ensure campers receive sufficient individual attention during camp.

Theatre can empower individuals and communities. Theatre is a force that can unite, uplift, teach, build communities, inspire, and heal.

Curriculum

Through participation in the variety of activities facilitated by the instructors, students will have opportunities to learn the following:

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| characterization | stage movement |
| vocal technique | improvisation |
| theatre vocabulary | oral expression |
| memorization skills | theatre appreciation |
| auditioning skills | performance etiquette |
| cooperation | performance skills |
| projection | basic dance steps |

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. the final day of camp, the children will participate in a performance experience where they will showcase the skills they have been working on throughout the camp for an audience of family and friends. There is no charge for audience members to attend this 1.5 to 2 hour event.

Parent Involvement

- The first night of camp, we ask that parents stay with their children for a brief 20 minute camp introduction.
- We do ask that each parent of each camper volunteer for a minimum of 2 hours during the two weeks to help set up snacks (provided by CTH) and assist our camp staff to ensure safety is our number one priority.
- On the final night of camp, there will be a 1.5 to 2 hour performance experience (free to the public) where friends and family of camp participants can come and see the culmination of skills developed through the two week camp.

For answers to questions regarding your child's theatre camp experience, please feel free to contact Scott Usher at susher@gmail.com or 517-540-1365.

Lead Instructors

Scott Usher (Director/9th thru 12th Graders) has been the director of the CTH Summer Theatre Camp for the past six years. He received his BS, MA and Teaching certificate from MSU and has been working in the education arena for the past 17 years. He spent seven years as a teacher of Math and Computers in grades 7-12 and the past 10 years have been spent as the Director of Technology for Hartland Consolidated Schools. In the theatre, Scott has performed on stage during a number of CTH shows, was the assistant director for *Arse-nic and Old Lace* and directed the 2005 CTH version of *Oliver!*, and the 2007 version of the *Wizard of Oz*. He will also be directing *Annie* this fall.

Sarah Kinnison (6th thru 8th Graders) is a graduate from EMU with a degree in children's theatre. In college, Sarah helped create and took part in two school shows that toured: *The Bully Show* and *Real Friends*. Sarah has also directed or been the Assistant Director for shows such as *The Yellow Boat*, *Rats, Knights, A Year With Frog and Toad*, and most recently, *The Box-car Children*. During the past eight years, Sarah has also been teaching theatrical skills to children. She developed her own theatre program and taught at a summer camp in MN. She has taught theatre classes in Fowlerville's Junior High, and is currently teaching theatre at Charyl Stockwell Academy. Sarah has been an instructor in CTH's Summer Theatre Camp for the past six years.

Mary Jo Del Vero (Producer, 4th and 5th Graders) is a certified teacher with a BA in psychology and marketing from U of M, a BS in Children's Literature, Theatre and Drama with a minor in history from EMU, and a K-6 Teacher's Certification with a concentration in Language Arts, Social Studies, and Children's Theatre. Mary Jo has been involved with the CTH theatre camp for a number of years, first assisting and for the past six years as an instructor. Mary Jo has also been a youth workshop instructor teaching basic theatre techniques for CTH's education program.

Theresia Rogers (1st Graders) returns to theatre camp this year, for her third year in a row. Theresia has a

degree in elementary education from EMU with a early education certification and a Master's Degree in education from Marygrove College. She currently teaches 3rd grade in the Hartland Consolidated School District. Theresia has been involved with CTH for several years now working mostly behind the scenes but has recently been seen onstage during *It's A Wonderful Life, The Musical*. She is looking forward to working with our CTH youth at theatre camp again this year.

Sally Mikat (Vocals) is very excited to spend her second summer with CTH's Youth Theatre Camp as this year's vocal director. Sally was last involved with CTH as the vocal director for the musical production of *The Music Man*, in May of 2010. She is herself an accomplished vocalist, having studied at Brigham Young University and the U of M. Sally currently teaches private voice lessons to both adults and children. Sally is really excited to be working with the children of CTH and the camp program. She loves sharing her knowledge with children and watching them learn and grow as singers.

Maria Usher (Dance/Theatre Movement) has been teaching dance since 1986 and is the director of Maria's School of Dance in Fowlerville. She has danced at numerous schools including Glenn's, Cheryl's, Tina Marie's, and Roxy and Co. She has also studied at studios in New York, L.A., and Chicago including Steps, Broadway Dance Center, The Edge, Debbie Reynolds and Giordano's. Maria has choreographed 11 shows for CTH including most recently *The Music Man, It's a Wonderful Life - The Musical, Carousel, Oliver!, 42nd Street, The Sound of Music* and the *King and I*. In the spring of 2003, she not only choreographed *Honk!*, but she was also the co-director.

Amber Walker (2nd and 3rd Graders) has been heavily involved with CTH for a number of years in both on-stage and back-stage roles. She was in the tap chorus for *42nd Street* and played the Pied Piper in *RATS!* Backstage, she assisted with the children's chorus in *Oliver*, was assistant director/choreographer for *Tom Sawyer* and has been a past camper and instructor assistant at summer camp. In addition to her CTH experiences, Amber had the opportunity to play Millie in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* during her senior year in high school. Amber has been an instructor for the past four years.



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Name of Participant _____

Name of Parent (s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

Email Address _____ What grade will camper be attending in Fall? _____

Any additional information that the instructors or producer should be aware of (allergies, etc.)

Emergency Contact _____

Relationship _____ Phone () _____

Please indicate the participant's T-Shirt Size YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL (Each participant receives a camp t-shirt to wear on the final day and then take home.)

CUT AND RETURN THIS PORTION

PLEASE COMPLETE

Dance Experience:

Theatre Experience:

Vocal Experience:

Method of Payment

- CHECK (Make checks payable to CTH)
- VISA
- MASTERCARD

Fees:
Member \$130
Non-Member \$160

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

DEADLINE

July 9, 2010

** There is a \$20 cancellation fee up to two weeks prior to the camp date. All fees are forfeited after the two-week deadline. (You may send a substitute.)

Send form with payment to:

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