

Press Release



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Bell Tower Theater Announces *Kids Take the Stage* Youth Theater Classes For Fall 2010

The Bell Tower Theater is pleased to announce the continuation of our award-winning *Kids Take the Stage* Youth Theater classes this fall. Kids from Kindergarten through 8th grade can get into the act with all new activities. Artistic Director Sue Riedel will be joined by music teacher and director Sue Flogel, award-winning actress Chrissy Hogue and comedian and teacher Steve Couch to teach six different classes and workshops. Aspiring actors and actresses (or kids who just want to have fun) are invited to enter the magical world of theater. This program is supported in part by grants from Dubuque Downtown Kiwanis, McKesson & Dubuque Morning Optimists.

Let's Pretend

Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Mondays from 4 – 5 pm or 5:15 – 6:15 pm, October 4 to November 15, 2010

Take a trip to the world of make believe where anything is possible. This class uses kids' imagination and self-expression while building concentration, confidence and communication skills. Each class is a different adventure, and the goal is to have fun discovering the world of theater! Space is limited to 20 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Riedel Cost: \$55 per child.

Creative Theatrics

2nd & 3rd Grades

Wednesdays from 4 – 5 pm or 5:15 – 6:15 pm, October 6 to November 17, 2010

Let's hit the stage! This class uses beginning acting techniques and cultivates skills that help kids to be confident and comfortable on stage using stories and short plays as a foundation. Each day

we will focus on creating believable characters using props, costumes, pantomime and dialogue. Space is limited to 20 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Riedel. Cost: \$55 per child

Acting

4th, 5th & 6th Grades

Thursdays from 4 – 5 pm or 5:15 – 6:15 pm, October 7 to November 18, 2010

Get into the act! This class focuses on acting skills and how to create believable characters. Kids will explore improvisation, stage movement and pantomime. We will use skits and short plays to work on mastering the skills needed in acting on stage. Space is limited to 20 kids per class.

Teacher: Sue Riedel. Cost: \$55 per child.

Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Gotta Act!

4th, 5th & 6th Grades

Fridays from 4:30 – 6 pm, October 8 to November 19, 2010

Learn how to put your best foot forward in a musical production. This fun-filled class focuses on singing techniques, staying in character during songs and simple choreography. Space is limited to 25 kids per class. Teacher: Sue Flogel. Cost: \$75

Advanced Acting

6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Tuesdays from 4 – 5 pm or 5:15 – 6:15 pm, October 5 to November 16, 2010

Advanced Acting gives experienced performers the chance to grow and explore their acting tools and to fine tune their skills. This class uses improvisation, mime, script reading, characterization, vocal techniques, ensemble work and much more. Space is limited to 10 kids per class. Teacher: Chrissy Hogue. Cost: \$55 per child.

Comedy for Kids—Be a Stand-Up Star on Stage

2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 3:15 – 4:15 pm

Musical funny man Steve Couch teaches comedy fundamentals that will help kids better understand comedy and stagecraft. Participants will learn what it is like to be a stand-up comedian as they practice joke telling on stage in front of an audience using a live microphone!

Space is limited to 30 kids. Teacher: Steve Couch. Cost: \$20

Classes are held in the classroom and on the stage at the Bell Tower Theater, 2728 Asbury Road in Dubuque's West End. A limited number of financial assistance scholarships are available for qualified families. Deadline for enrollment is September 27, 2010. For information or to sign up, call 563-588-3377, visit www.belltowertheater.net or stop by the Bell Tower Theater, Monday thorough Friday 11 am to 6 pm..

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