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**AT BERKELEY REP, SUMMER SCHOOL SIZZLES WITH *MISER'S* SERRAND**  
**Classes for kids and adults include workshop with Jeune Lune's artistic director**

MAY 24, 2006 – Today Berkeley Repertory Theatre announced the summer schedule at its School of Theatre with **ten theatre classes for adults and three for youth**. The highlight of this session is a special one-day workshop entitled Living Legends led by **Dominique Serrand**, director of Berkeley Rep's acclaimed production of *The Miser* and artistic director of Theatre de la Jeune Lune, which won the 2005 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre.

"I'm thrilled that we can share the world-class artists who work on our stage with the aspiring artists in our community," says **Rachel Fink**, the school's director. "Participants in this unique class will use music, movement, their bodies, and their minds to facilitate development of the actor and author inside. Come ready to engage and improvise with a master of physical theatre!"

All classes at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre meet weekly for two to three hours with instructors who are nationally recognized teaching artists and theatre professionals. Activities are held next door to the Theatre in the Nevo Education Center at 2071 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. The summer session offers something for students of **all ages and all levels**, from beginners to professionals:

- **For grades K-2:** Paper Caper Circus with **Nancy Gold**, an interactive class where kids make masks and puppets, try their hands at being jugglers or mimes, and more!
- **For grades 3-5:** Acting Adventures with **Joanne Seelig**, a workshop where students bring a book to life through improvisation, movement, and storytelling techniques
- **For grades 5 and up:** Dueling Duos with **Michael Storm**, a private stage combat class in which pairs of youth learn to create realistic and exciting fights that are completely safe
- **Acting for adults:** Beginning Acting with **Dave Maier**, Intermediate Acting with **Marvin Greene**, Acting Shakespeare with **Andy Murray**, a Master Class for Professional Actors with **Roni Dengel**, and Preparing to be Surprised: Practical Techniques for Advanced Actors with **Anthony Fusco**.
- **Physical theatre classes for adults:** Combat for Couples with **Michael Storm**, Movement for Gazelles & Elephants with **Betsy Kagan**, and What's So Funny? – a special class on comic acting taught by **Joan Mankin**
- **Other classes for adults:** Speak & Be Heard, a voice class with **Deborah Eubanks**, and Playwriting with **Gary Graves**

**Dominique Serrand** studied at the National Circus School and the Ecole Jacques Lecoq in Paris, where he met many of his future Jeune Lune collaborators. He has acted in, conceived, directed,

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or designed most of the company's productions for more than 25 years, concentrating primarily on directing. In the latter role, his credits include *Amerika, or the Disappearance*; *The Bourgeois Gentleman*; *Children of Paradise: Shooting a Dream*; *Gulliver*; *The Kitchen*; *The Little Prince*; *Lulu*; *The Miser*; *Red Noses*; *The Pursuit of Happiness*; *Queen Elizabeth*; *Romeo and Juliet*; *The Seagull*; *1789*; *Tartuffe*; and *The Three Musketeers*. He has also directed several operas including *Carmen*, *Così fan tutte*, *Don Juan Giovanni*, *Figaro*, *Maria de Buenos Aires*, *The Magic Flute*, and *Mefistofele*. In addition to Berkeley Rep, Serrand has staged work at numerous regional theatres, such as Actors Theatre of Louisville, American Repertory Theatre, the Children's Theatre Company, the Guthrie Theater, La Jolla Playhouse, and Yale Repertory Theatre.

The **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** provides a wide array of programming for individuals of all ages. In addition to classes for youth and adults, the School offers Target © Story Builders, a drama workshop for elementary-school classrooms; the Student Matinee Series for middle- and high-school students; the Playmaking Project for high-school students and incarcerated youth; in-school residencies; teacher training; and a variety of outreach activities that encourage lifelong learning. The School also hosts the Teen Council, which allows youth to participate in all aspects of the dramatic process: on stage, backstage, and in front of the stage. Housed in the Nevo Education Center, the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre is supported by the Mosse Foundation for Arts and Education.

For complete details – including schedules, faculty bios, course descriptions, and registration information – call **510.647.2972** or visit [www.berkeleyrep.org/school](http://www.berkeleyrep.org/school).

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### ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS:

- WHO: Theatre lovers of all ages and all levels
- WHAT: Summer classes at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre
- WHERE: Berkeley Rep School of Theatre  
2071 Addison St @ Shattuck, Downtown Berkeley, CA 94704
- WHEN: Saturday, 6/17, 11 AM - 4 PM: Living Legends with Dominique Serrand (beg/int), \$125  
Sunday, 6/18, 11 AM - 4 PM: Living Legends with Dominique Serrand (adv/pro), \$125  
Wednesdays, 7/5 - 8/9, 7 - 10 PM: Intermediate Acting, \$260  
Wednesdays, 7/5 - 8/9, 7 - 9 PM: Speak & Be Heard, \$170  
Saturdays, 7/8 - 8/5, 9 - 11 AM: Acting Adventures (Grades 3-5), \$130  
Saturdays, 7/8 - 8/12, 9:30 - 11 AM: Paper Caper Circus (Grades K-2), \$140  
Saturdays, 7/8 - 8/12, 10 AM - 2 PM: Playwriting, \$425  
Saturdays, 7/8 - 8/12, 11 AM - 2 PM: Preparing to be Surprised, \$260  
Mondays, 7/10 - 8/7, 6 - 9 PM: Master Class for Professional Actors, \$250  
Mondays, 7/10 - 8/14, 7 - 10 PM: Acting Shakespeare, \$260  
Mondays, , 7/10 - 8/14, 7 - 10 PM: Physical Theatre – What's So Funny? \$260  
Tuesdays, 7/11 - 8/15, 7 - 9 PM: Beginning Acting, \$170  
Tuesdays, 7/11 - 8/15, 7 - 9 PM: Movement for Gazelles & Elephants, \$170  
By appointment: Combat for Couples (for adults), \$80/hour  
By appointment: Dueling Duos – Private Stage Combat for Two (Grades 5+), \$80/hour
- HOW MUCH: Varies by class (see above); scholarships available for youth
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