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BERKELEY REP'S MONTHLY THEATRE CLASSES ARE FREE FOR ALL

Target ® Family Series means monthly fun for kids of all ages

WHO: Toddlers, school kids, teens, parents, and grandparents
WHAT: **Target ® Family Series**, monthly theatre workshops for the entire family
WHERE: **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre**
The Nevo Education Center, 2071 Addison St @ Shattuck, Downtown Berkeley
WHEN: **Saturday 9/9 & Sundays 10/1, 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6 & 6/3**
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
HOW MUCH: **Free!** (Suggested donation: bring a book for the library at John Muir Elementary)
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AUGUST 28, 2006 – Parents looking for affordable family activities received good news today: Berkeley Repertory Theatre announced another season of its Target ® Family Series. Once every month, local families can enjoy a free, interactive theatre workshop from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. This year's dates are Saturday, September 9 and Sundays, October 1, November 5, December 3, January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3. This program is only possible due to Target ® Corporation's generous support of the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre.

"I'm pleased to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our partnership with Target," remarked **Susan Medak**, managing director of Berkeley Rep. "Target's ongoing generosity ensures that our Family Series can continue providing enjoyable activities for folks of all ages – and keeps the program free for everyone!"

The **Target ® Family Series** gives families an opportunity to play together. Every month there's a theme, such as clowning, circus skills, or storytelling. Toddlers, school kids, teens, parents, and grandparents all can participate in these free workshops. There is **no cost** to attend; Berkeley Rep suggests instead that each family bring a book as a donation for the library at the nearby John Muir Elementary School.

Target ® has been an ongoing supporter of Berkeley Rep's educational programs since 1986. "We are proud to support organizations like Berkeley Rep that make our communities a better place to live and work," said **Bernard Boudreaux**, senior manager of community relations.

The **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** provides a wide array of programming for individuals of all ages. In addition to the Target ® Family Series, the School offers theatre classes for youth and adults; 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 more information, call 510.647.2972, e-mail school@berkeleyrep.org, or click berkeleyrep.org.

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