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MAKE A DRAMATIC RESOLUTION AT BERKELEY REP'S SCHOOL OF THEATRE
Winter session starts January 8 with 28 classes for kids, teens, and adults

NOVEMBER 21, 2006 – Berkeley Repertory Theatre urges you to make a dramatic New Year's resolution by signing up for winter classes at its School of Theatre. A new session of **classes for all ages and all levels** starts on January 8. All activities are held next door to the Theatre in the Nevo Education Center at 2071 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley.

"For six years, the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre has offered an interactive environment where students immerse themselves in all aspects of the craft and artistry of theatre, learning the commitment and technique necessary for artistic excellence," says **Rachel Fink**, the School's director. "I'm proud that the winter session offers something for everyone – working professionals, emerging artists, and theatre enthusiasts."

All classes meet weekly for two to three hours with instructors who are nationally recognized as artists and teachers. Topics for the winter session are as follows:

- **Classes for youth** (preschool through grade 8) include Acting Adventures, Dueling Duos: Stage Combat for Two, Funny Bone Circus, Imagine Me & You: A Dancing Exploration for Parent & Child, Musical Theatre, Stories from Around the World, and The Actor's Toolbox, a new intensive workshop for grades 6-8 taught by local actor **Clive Worsley**.
- **Classes for teens** include Acting Shakespeare, the Emerging Artist Series, Preparing for Your College Audition, Stage Combat: Unarmed, and a Directing Seminar led by director **Elizabeth Williamson**.
- **Classes for adults** include Acting (beginning through advanced), Acting Chekov, Acting Shakespeare, Acting Techniques for Confidence in Corporate and Courtroom Worlds, Cabaret, the Emerging Artist Series, Laban Movement for Actors, Play Creation, Playwriting, Professional Audition Techniques, Stage Combat: Unarmed, and Voice for Performing Artists. There will also be an Audition Intensive with Berkeley Rep's casting director **Amy Potozkin**, and a Directing Seminar with **Jonathan Moscone**, artistic director of California Shakespeare Theater. The School also schedules one-on-one audition coaches for adults.

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 berkeleyrep.org.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR EDITORS:

WHO: Theatre lovers of all ages and all levels

WHAT: Winter classes at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre

WHEN: Starting January 8, 2007

WHERE: 2071 Addison St @ Shattuck, Downtown Berkeley, CA 94704

HOW MUCH: Varies by class; scholarships available for youth

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