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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL AT BERKELEY REP WITH CLASSES FOR KIDS & ADULTS
Fall session at the School of Theatre features 20 fun classes – including two on improv!

WHO: Theatre lovers of all ages and all levels
WHAT: Fall classes at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre
WHEN: Starting September 24, 2007
WHERE: 2071 Addison St @ Shattuck, Downtown Berkeley, CA 94704
HOW MUCH: Varies by class; scholarships available for youth
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AUGUST 23, 2007 – This fall, it's back to school at Berkeley Repertory Theatre – where kids, teens, and adults can throw away their pencils and books and dive into theatre. With 20 classes starting on September 24, the upcoming session offers something fun and challenging for **students of all ages and all levels**, from beginners to professionals. All activities are held next door to the Theatre in the Nevo Education Center at 2071 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley.

"We have classes for youth and for adults," remarks **Rachel Fink**, the director of the School of Theatre. "Whether you're an enthusiastic beginner, an emerging artist, or a theatre professional, there's something for you. This session, we're particularly excited to expand our improv training with two workshops taught by experts in the field: a beginning class with **Rebecca Stockley** and an intermediate class led by **Diane Rachel**."

Now in its sixth year, the **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** offers 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. All classes meet weekly for two to three hours with instructors who are nationally recognized teaching artists and theatre professionals. Topics for the fall sessions are as follows:

- **Classes for youth** (preschool through grade 8) include Acting Up, Musical Theatre (beginning and advanced), and Stories from Around the World – as well as Performance Ensemble, an in-depth class for committed middle-school students that provides six months of personalized training with **Jon Burnett** and **Gendell Hernández**.
- **Classes for teens** include Acting Shakespeare, a Teen Performance Lab of *The Crucible*, and a special Stage Combat Intensive taught on three consecutive weekends by **Dave Maier**, who designed the hand-to-hand fights for Berkeley Rep's production of *The Pillowman* and the unforgettable swordplay in *Culture Clash's Zorro in Hell*.
- **Classes for adults** include Acting (beginning and intermediate), Acting Shakespeare and Chekov, an Audition Intensive, Clowning as Physical Theatre, Combat for Couples, Improv (beginning and intermediate), Laban Movement for Actors, Playwriting, the Stage Combat Intensive, and Voice for Working and Emerging Actors. This session also includes a weekly Performance Workshop for Actors and Directors taught by two prominent artists from the California Shakespeare Theater: **Jonathan Moscone** and **Stephen Barker Turner**.

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“And we can always arrange **personal audition coaches** for adults and **private voice teachers** for kids and teens,” Fink adds.

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 on the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre – including schedules, faculty bios, course descriptions, and registration information – call **510.647.2972** or visit berkeleyrep.org.

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