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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****TAKE THE SUMMER PLUNGE WITH A CLASS****AT BERKELEY REP'S SCHOOL OF THEATRE****Classes available for beginners and professionals of all ages**

**JUNE 19, 2014** – As Berkeley Repertory Theatre's 46th season comes to a close with Tony Kushner's *The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures* and the special presentation of *Hershey Felder as Leonard Bernstein in Maestro*, its School of Theatre begins its summer session. The School's list of summer session class offerings includes something for everyone. Beginning June 30, theatre buffs of all ages can participate in a rich selection of performance workshops, theatre and film intensives for youth, and classes, ranging from classical acting to theatrical combatant certification to script analysis.

The summer session includes a variety of classes where **youth, teens, and adults** can expand their creative potential and acquire valuable training. Youth can bring Kathryn Otoshi's award-winning book *One* to life in **Performance Workshop: The Book Transformers** or enter a magical world inspired by Harry Potter in **Performance Workshop: Potter Plays - The Series Continues**. Teens can try their hand at **Improvisation** or immerse themselves in the **Summer Film Intensive**, a two-week workshop culminating in a screening of students' work. Adult playwrights interested in an intensive six-week developmental process, followed by a staged reading of their work, are offered a **Summer Playwriting Workshop**. Adults can also look forward to a vast assortment of classes in acting, movement/voice, playwriting, and more.

**The six-week summer session, which begins June 30, offers the following classes:**

- **Classes for youth** (grades K-5) include Performance Workshop: The Book Transformers, and Performance Workshop: Potter Plays - The Series Continues.
- **Classes for middle and high school students** (grades 6-12) include Improvisation, Acting Violence: Theatrical Combatant Certification – Level 1 Rapier/Dagger, and Summer Film Intensive. Prospective students can also arrange private voice lessons or one-on-one audition coaching.
- **Acting classes for adults** include Acting (beginning through advanced), Acting Shakespeare, Auditioning: A New Roadmap, as well as both On-Camera and Voice-over. The School also offers a range of improvisation classes for adults from beginning to advanced.
- **Movement/Voice classes for adults** include Feldenkrais Method: Access Your Creativity, Alexander Technique and Linklater Voice, Voice for Professionals, British Dialects, and Acting Violence: Theatrical Combatant Certification – Level 1 Single Rapier.
- **Playwriting classes for adults** include Summer Playwriting Workshop and Script Analysis.

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- **Additional classes for adults** include Performance of Non-Fiction and Theatre of the Oppressed.

In addition to theatre training for individuals, the **Berkeley Rep School of Theatre** is committed to working with local schools and community members to reinforce arts education as a community value. By providing access and opportunities for participation in the arts, Berkeley Rep uses theatre as a means to challenge, thrill, and galvanize what is best in the human spirit. Major support for the School of Theatre's education programs is provided by Target and The Woodlawn Foundation.

**For more information** about classes at Berkeley Rep – or affordable outreach programs for local schools – call (510) 647-2972, e-mail [school@berkeleyrep.org](mailto:school@berkeleyrep.org), or visit [berkeleyrep.org/school](http://berkeleyrep.org/school). The School is also on social media – visit [twitter.com/berkrepschool](https://twitter.com/berkrepschool) or follow @BerkRepSchool. Courses in the summer session are offered at Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre, next door to the Thrust Stage, at 2071 Addison Street in downtown Berkeley. Financial aid is available for youth and teens under 18.

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### ATTENTION, CALENDAR EDITORS

WHO: Theatre lovers of all ages and skill levels  
WHAT: **Summer session** – featuring over 20 classes for youth, teens, and adults  
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre, 2071 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA  
WHEN: Starting June 30, 2014  
HOW MUCH: Varies by class; financial aid available  
INFO: (510) 647-2972 / [berkeleyrep.org/classes](http://berkeleyrep.org/classes) / [school@berkeleyrep.org](mailto:school@berkeleyrep.org)

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