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A FLURRY OF WINTER CLASSES AT BERKELEY REP'S SCHOOL OF THEATRE

Nonprofit's education arm welcomes students of all ages for a variety of theatre classes

November 17, 2014 – Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre is excited to announce a new slate of classes for its 2014-15 winter session. January 5 marks the beginning of a new session featuring **over 40 engaging classes for students of all ages and skill levels**, all taught by the School's professional theatre artists. Prospective students can try a unique selection of classes from the winter line-up for free at **Sunday Sampler** on **December 14, 2014 from 1:00-3:00pm** at the School of Theatre.

"We're delighted to again offer programming that inspires and challenges our student body. Their enthusiasm pushes us to be as innovative as we can, and this session presents another exciting range of classes which cross various theatre disciplines and experience levels," remarks **Rachel Fink**, director of the School of Theatre.

The winter session includes an array of classes for every age level from beginners to professionals. Adults can explore their acting range or express their creativity through screen or playwriting. Those looking to strengthen their craft can take advanced performance-based classes for actors, directors, and voice artists. In classes from sword wielding to musical theatre, youth and teens will discover their inner artists while collaborating with peers.

The **10-week winter session**, which begins January 5 and runs through March, features the following activities:

- **Classes for kids** (grades K-8) include Norse Mythology, Performance Workshop: Potter Plays, Performance Workshop: *Lord of the Rings*, Afterschool Circus, Improvisation, and Musical Theatre Scene Study: *Annie*.
- **Classes for teens** (grades 9-12) include Sketch Comedy, Performance Lab: *Macbeth*, Acting Violence: Broadsword – *Game of Thrones*, as well as private voice lessons.
- **Performance classes for adults** include Acting (beginning through advanced), Script Analysis, Theatre of the Oppressed, Advanced Theatre of the Oppressed, Acting: Downton (beginning to intermediate), Acting Shakespeare (beginning to intermediate), On-Camera Acting (beginning to advanced), Voice-Over Acting (beginning to advanced), and Acting: Sam Shepard (intermediate to advanced). The School also offers a range of improvisation classes for adults: Beginning to Advanced, a Performance Lab, and Creating Story.
- **Movement and physical theatre classes for adults** include Feldenkrais Method: Access Your Creativity and Acting Violence: Broadsword – *Game of Thrones*.

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- **Other classes for adults** include Staging for Directors, Beginning Voice for Performers, Beyond Iambic: Playing Shakespeare's Patterns, Playwriting, and Beginning Screenwriting. One-on-one audition coaching and private voice lessons are available as well.

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, or visit berkeleyrep.org/school. The School is also on social media – visit twitter.com/berkrepschool or follow @BerkRepSchool. Courses in the winter 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 – from beginners to professionals
WHAT: **Free Sunday Sampler** – try out our classes for free!
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre, 2071 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA
WHEN: Sunday, December 14, 2014, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
HOW MUCH: Free!
INFO: (510) 647-2972 / berkeleyrep.org/sundaysampler / school@berkeleyrep.org

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WHAT: **Winter session** featuring over 40 classes for youth, teens, and adults
WHERE: Berkeley Rep's School of Theatre, 2071 Addison Street @ Shattuck, Berkeley, CA
WHEN: Starting January 5, 2015
HOW MUCH: Varies by class; financial aid and payment plans available
INFO: (510) 647-2972 / berkeleyrep.org/classes / school@berkeleyrep.org

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