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MARIN THEATRE COMPANY’S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES FALL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Running: September - December 2017

MILL VALLEY, CA—This fall, Marin Theatre Company (MTC) offers a lineup of twelve unique educational classes for the curious-minded of all ages: kids, adults, and families! Participating in theatre is a transformative experience, and we are excited to welcome students in grades Pre-K through 12, families and adults to explore the inner workings of theatre and connect with their creative side at MTC. Nothing else offers such an exciting combination of commitment, imagination, teamwork, discipline, creativity and passion, and we encourage students of all skill levels to register.

Our fall classes include a sneak peek into the rehearsal process for MTC’s Shakespeare in Love, family improvisation for all experience levels, and youth classes based on some of the most beloved children’s books (like Where the Wild Things Are).

Additionally, we are thrilled to welcome former Education Program Manager Ashleigh Worley to a new position in the Education department. To kick-off the year, she shares a few words:

“I am thrilled to share that after serving as MTC's Education Program Manager for the last two years, I have transitioned into the role of Director of Education. It has been wonderful getting to know all of the individuals that make up our MTC Education Family and I hope that we can continue to strengthen those ties together.”

Over 10,000 students from over 40 Bay Area schools participate in MTC’s education programs each year, and helmed by Ashleigh’s leadership the organization looks forward to strengthening these relationships throughout the upcoming season.

The Drama Conservatory Classes (Ages 4-18)

The Drama Conservatory provides the best classes, camps, workshops, and performance opportunities for Bay Area children and teens.

PRE-K AND KINDER CLASSES:

4 & 5 Year Old Creative Dramatics: The Stories of Karma Wilson
October 3 – November 7 (6 weeks)
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 26
Tuition: $100
Tuesdays, 3:00pm-3:45pm at Marin Theatre Company
This class allows students to play with their favorite stories and picture books through theatre, crafts, song, and dance. Growing artistically and socially, students are encouraged to let their imaginations go wild and harness their creativity to collaborate with others. We will be using the stories and books of Karma Wilson such as *Hilda Must be Dancing* and *If I Were a Mouse* as our springboard into creative play! There will be a Shareformance at 3:30pm on the last day of class.

**4 & 5 Year Old Creative Dramatics: Dragons Love Tacos**  
October 14 – November 18 (6 weeks)  
**Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 6  
**Tuition:** $100  
Saturdays, 11:00am-11:45am at Marin Theatre Company  
This class allows students to play with their favorite stories and picture books through theatre, crafts, song, and dance. Growing artistically and socially, students are encouraged to let their imaginations go wild and harness their creativity to collaborate with others. We will be using *Dragons Love Tacos* and other stories by Adam Rubin as our inspiration to explore! There will be a Shareformance on the last day of class at 11:30am for friends and family.

**4 & 5 Year Old Creative Dramatics: The Stories of Maurice Sendak**  
October 14 – November 18 (6 weeks)  
**Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 6  
**Tuition:** $100  
Saturdays, 10:00am-10:45am at Marin Theatre Company  
This class allows students to play with their favorite stories and picture books through theatre, crafts, song, and dance. Growing artistically and socially, students are encouraged to let their imaginations go wild and harness their creativity to collaborate with others. We will be using *Where the Wild Things Are, Along Came a Dog*, and other stories by Maurice Sendak as our inspiration to explore! There will be a Shareformance on the last day of class at 10:30am for friends and family.

**FIRST AND SECOND GRADE CLASSES:**

**1st & 2nd Grade: Alice in Wonderland**  
October 3 – December 12 (10 weeks; no class on 11/21)  
**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, September 26  
**Tuition:** $225  
Tuesdays, 4:00pm-5:00pm at Marin Theatre Company  
The beloved story of *Alice in Wonderland* will serve as the springboard into a theatrical adventure, giving students the opportunity to play with basic acting skills while working as a team to bring stories to life! Exercising their natural creativity through movement, vocal work, games and improvisation, students portray beloved characters while gaining confidence and presence on stage. There will be a Shareformance at 4:45pm on the last day of class.
THIRD TO EIGHTH GRADE CLASSES:

3rd-8th Grade Homeschool Acting Class  
September 18 – November 27 (10 weeks; no class 11/20)  
**Registration Deadline:** Monday, September 11  
**Tuition:** $300  
Mondays, 10:00am – 11:30am at Marin Theatre Company  
Over the course of the class, students will begin learning what it really takes to be an actor! Students will learn theatre etiquette, character development, voice and diction, objectives and obstacles, and develop a working knowledge of basic acting theory and terminology. The class will culminate in a final sharing of the material the students have been working on in the course.

4th-8th Grade Musical Theatre  
October 2 – December 11 (10 weeks; no class 11/20)  
**Registration Deadline:** Monday, September 25  
**Tuition:** $350  
Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:30pm at Marin Theatre Company  
What does it take to be a triple threat on Broadway? This class will focus on developing singing, dancing, and acting skills. Students will learn what it takes to be part of a musical through choreography and music! There will be a Shareformance at 5:00pm on the last day of class.

3rd-5th Grade Acting  
October 4 – December 13 (10 weeks; no class 11/22)  
**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, September 27  
**Tuition:** $300  
Wednesdays, 4:00pm-5:30pm at Marin Theatre Company  
Over the course of the 8 weeks, students will begin learning what it really takes to be an actor! Students will learn theatre etiquette, character development, voice and diction, objectives and obstacles, and develop a working knowledge of basic acting theory and terminology. The class will culminate in a Shareformance of the material the students have been working on in the course at 5pm on the last day of class.

Middle School Conservatory (Grades 6-8)  
October 5 – December 14 (10 weeks; no class 11/23)  
**Registration Deadline:** Thursday, September 28  
**Tuition:** $300  
Thursdays, 4:00pm-5:30pm at Marin Theatre Company  
Students will learn and use acting techniques from the great acting teachers such as Stanislavski and Meisner to perform scenes and monologues. Through these exercises,
students will begin to develop theatrical pieces throughout the class. Middle School
conservatory will culminate in a Shareformance of the material students have been working
on in the course at 5pm on the last day of class.

**Day Camp: Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Grades 3-6)**
November 10 (Veterans Day Observed)
**Registration Deadline:** Friday, November 3
**Tuition:** $115
Friday, 9:00am – 3:00pm
School is out in Mill Valley and we would like to invite you to join us at MTC! Spend your day
at the theatre as we use creative dramatics, improvisation, and specialty skills (stage
combat, makeup, etc.) to explore the theme for the day!

**Family and Adult Classes**

**Family Improvisation Class**
Back by popular demand! Start a new family tradition and join us in this six-week course
designed to bring families together in a fun, artistic endeavor in which basic improvisational
rules will be taught and skills developed in a friendly and creative atmosphere! Learn to think
quickly on your feet and create full and interesting scenes to entertain guests. Onstage and off,
improvisation is a skill that will help you learn to think on your feet and problem solve
effectively… and often, humorously!

_This class is recommended for young people ages 10+ and their families._
October 10 – November 14 (6 weeks)
Tuesdays, 6:00pm-7:30pm
**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, October 3
**Tuition:** $325 (for 2), $115 for each additional family member

**Shakespeare in Love: A Peek into the Process**
Have you ever wondered what goes into taking one of the most beloved movies of all time and
bringing it to the stage? Be a fly on the wall through the process for our Bay Area premiere of _Shakespeare in Love_, directed by MTC’s Artistic Director Jasson Minadakis. In this class,
participants will observe the artistic progression from the first Design Presentation and
Read-through to Opening Night. Watch Jasson and the actors at work during rehearsal, witness
our production staff facilitate the execution of the technical needs of the show, and much more!
There will be time during each class to debrief on the session with a member of our artistic staff.

_Due to the nature of the process, some of the class times are subject to change._
First Rehearsal, October 24 | 11am-1:30pm
Rehearsal, November 1 | 3pm-4:30pm (approx.)
Designer Run, November 12 | 11:30am-2pm (approx.)
Technical Rehearsal, November 19 | 2pm-3:30pm (approx.)
Producer’s Preview, November 22 | 7pm-10pm
Opening Night, November 28 | 7pm-10pm
Wrap Up, November 29 | 5:30pm-7pm

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, October 17  
**Tuition:** $275

**Adult Improvisation Mini-Session**  
Experience the power of play, and the fun of improvisational comedy in a fun and safe environment with MTC’s improv class. This class is an introduction for anyone to learn the fundamentals of improvisation; the basic tools, rules, and philosophy through games, drills, and simple scenes. No experience necessary—the only prerequisite is a desire to have fun!

November 13 – December 11 (4 weeks)  
Mondays, 7pm-9pm  
**Registration Deadline:** Monday, November 6  
**Tuition:** $175

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**CALENDAR LISTINGS**

**Education | Performing Arts**

**WHAT**
Fall Education Classes

**WHEN**
Running (Various Lengths) September - December, 2017

**WHERE**
Marin Theatre Company | 397 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

**HOW TO REGISTER**
marintheatre.org | (415) 388-5208 | boxoffice@marintheatre.org

**ACCESS**
Regarding classroom accessibility: MTC provides handicap accessible classrooms and our teaching artists are experienced at working with a wide spectrum of differently abled students. For more information on how we might work to accommodate your specific needs, please contact our Director of Education, Ashleigh Worley, ashleighw@marintheatre.org.

Regarding student performances: For visually impaired patrons, Large Print playbills are available with one week’s advance notice. To request a Large Print playbill, call MTC’s Box Office, (415) 388-5208, or use the California Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing “711.” For hearing impaired patrons, amplified sound Assistive Listening Devices are available. Our system will also work with personal assistive hearing devices equipped with a T-coil.

**ABOUT MTC**
Marin Theatre Company is the Bay Area’s premier mid-sized theater and the leading professional theater in the North Bay. We produce a six-show season focused on new American
plays. We are committed to the development and production of new plays, with a comprehensive New Play Program that includes productions of world premieres, two nationally recognized annual playwriting awards and readings and workshops by the nation’s best emerging and established playwrights. Our numerous education programs serve more than 10,000 students from over 40 Bay Area schools each year. MTC strives to create intimate, powerful and emotional experiences that engage audiences to discuss new ideas and adopt a broader point of view. We believe in taking risks and inspiring people to participate in live theater, regardless of personal means. MTC celebrates the intellectual curiosity of our community, and we believe that theater is an important tool to help build empathy. MTC was founded in 1966 and is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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