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Matrix Theatre Company Creating Opportunities for All



Matrix Theatre Company uses the transformative power of original theatre to change lives, build community and foster social justice.



It creates opportunities for children, youth, adults and elders to become creators, producers and audiences of original theatre.

A glance at reality: An original play, "CAUTION: This Is How It's Caught," will open in **March 2008**. ♦ The play was created to reduce stigma and create an open, safe space to discuss fears and misinformation, and it's for an audience of the playwrights' peers. ♦ The script is based on extensive research and interviews with young people living with HIV/AIDS.

Even though many teens feel uncomfortable discussing it, **Matrix Theatre Company's Young Playwrights** are boldly speaking out about



HIV/AIDS. ♦ The group started work on their original production to raise awareness. ♦ The play is continuing to be fine tuned for its premiere.

Young Playwrights is a class for students ages 14-18. ♦ The class meets **Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** ♦ For more information on the play coming in **March**, or to register with **Matrix**, call **313.967.0999** or visit the Web site **www.matrixtheatre.org**.

Matrix also offers beginning and intermediate acting classes for those between the ages of **5-18**. ♦ Classes will meet after school and on weekends. ♦ Here's a list of things to come for all ages:

• **Now PLAYing:** ages 5-7 on **Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Beginning performers will be introduced to acting by playing out simple scenes from stories and folk tales. ♦ They will learn elementary theatre terms and will experience what it feels like to perform in front of peers and an audience.

• **Being on Stage:** ages 8-11 on **Tues. & Thurs. from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

This class is all about creating characters! ♦ You will explore voice and movement as a means of becoming someone new. ♦ You will also create your character's personal histories and explore their emotions. ♦ You will learn the vocabulary of theatre, fundamental performance skills, and will gain confidence in front of an audience.

• **Acting Is...** : ages 11-14 on **Tues. & Thurs. from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

Acting is all about choices. ♦ Students in this class will explore their character's choices and intentions through performing scripted work and through improvisation. ♦ Students will begin to learn advanced performance skills, delve into more complex character development and relationships, and will grow as artists as they develop their own creativity.

To find out more information regarding these acting/performance classes, which begin in **January 2008**, contact **Andrea Scobie** at **313.967.0999** or **ascobie@matrixtheatre.org**.



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