



The Skillman Foundation Presents

# YAKTIVITIES FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

## Matrix Theatre Company

### Acting, Puppetry, Playwriting & More

Since 1991, Matrix Theatre Company has been using the power of original theater 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 theater. This year, classes begin Monday, Sept. 29 and end Friday, Dec. 5. Listed below are some of what's in store for kids ages 5-18:

### Acting/Playwriting Classes:

#### Now PLAYING (Ages 5-7)

DAYS: Saturdays

TIMES: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LOCATION: Matrix Theatre

Children will be introduced to acting, movement and memorization. They will gain self-confidence while they work toward a final performance.

#### Being on Stage... (Ages 8-11)

DAYS: Tuesdays & Thursdays

TIMES: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION: TBA

Youth will learn the basics of acting, improvisation and creating a production based on familiar stories and fairy tales.



#### Acting Is... (Ages 11-14)

DAYS: Tuesdays & Thursdays

TIMES: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION: TBA

Young artists will develop advanced performance skills in acting, movement and improvisation as they create their own short production.

#### Young Directors (Ages 14-18)

DAYS: Mondays & Wednesdays

TIMES: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Matrix Theatre

Workshop (2nd Floor)

Teens will learn how to tour the original Matrix production *Caution: This is How It's Caught* with professional touring artist. They will create a touring version of the show, and take it to schools and other after school programs. There is no fee for this class; students receive stipends.

### Puppetry Classes:

#### Self-Portrait Rod Puppet Class (Ages 12-14)

DAYS: Tuesdays & Thursdays

TIMES: 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

DATES: October 7 - December 16

LOCATION: Matrix Theatre Workshop

Participants will explore self-discovery through collage work and journaling. Each participant will build a self-portrait rod puppet which will be presented to the group as a brief monologue using material created through the journaling process.

#### Holiday Mask-Making (Ages 8-11)

DAYS: Wednesdays

TIMES: 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

DATES: October 8 - December 16

LOCATION: Matrix Theatre Workshop

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For more information, call 313-967-0999.

[www.matrixtheatre.org](http://www.matrixtheatre.org)

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Some classes may not be listed above.

### Payment vs. Service

Matrix Theatre Company offers multiple forms of payment for our youth classes. When paying the entire fee becomes a challenge for parents, other options may be available. Please call our office to discuss what works for your family.



## THINK ABOUT THEATRE

The skills you need to put on a play will help you in other ways in life. The skill of speaking clearly, and with confidence, will help in many jobs or activities. So will the skill of working as a team with others to reach a goal. With family or friends, talk about skills you could learn by being in a play. Which skills do you think would help you the most?

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