



Ensemble theatre with humor and heart

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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Photo: Jessica O'Hara-Baker works with students on a scene from *Beauty and the Beast*
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Fall Acting and Improv Classes Enrolling at Dreamcatcher

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre, professional Theatre in Residence at Oakes Center in Summit, will offer Acting and Improv Comedy classes for kids, teens and adults this fall beginning October 14 and concluding with a class showcase on December 13.

Actors' Workshop will be offered Mondays for students aged 10-12 from 4:00-5:30, and for students 13 and up on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30. It will be taught by Jessica O'Hara-Baker, the director of Dreamcatcher's Summer Theatre Conservatory. In addition to studying acting technique and script analysis, the students will collaborate to develop and create their own original short play, which they will perform at the end of the semester. The program will empower and inspire students to acknowledge their own creative abilities, and to encourage collaboration and teamwork in a creative setting.

Improv Comedy will be offered Tuesdays for students aged 10-12 from 4:00-5:30 and for students aged 13 and up on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30. It will be taught by Dave Maulbeck, the director of Dreamcatcher's improv comedy troupe Multiple Personality Disorder. From day one, students will be onstage exploring the basics of improvisation through exercises and games. Prepare to amaze yourself with your own wit and the outrageously fun choices you will find yourself making and then put your new skills into practice at the class show.

A class presentation at the end of the session on December 13 will allow students from all classes to share their work with friends and family. The fee for any of the eight-week classes is \$240, and the deadline for registration is October 6.



In addition, Dreamcatcher will offer an adult improv workshop on Saturday, November 9 from 10:00 – 12:00. Why should the kids have all the fun? Get in touch with your creative side as you play improv games, unleash your spontaneity and just plain enjoy yourself. The cost for this workshop is \$40, and the deadline for registration is November 1.

Classes will be held at Oakes Center, located at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. Parking is available in the lot behind the theatre on Ashwood Avenue and at the Summit Recreation Center on Morris Avenue. The facility is wheelchair accessible. To register for the classes or for information on any of Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre's programs, visit www.dreamcatcherrep.org or contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at Oakes Center, 120 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-514-9654.

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About Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre:

Founded in 1994, Dreamcatcher is a non-profit professional ensemble of actors who build community with the audience by sharing life-affirming stories in an intimate environment. We seek to expose theatregoers to ideas

and lives like and unlike their own, to awaken their imaginations and create empathy for others. The company focuses on deepening the experience of our patrons by supplementing performances with personal contact through receptions, talkbacks and interactive programs.

Dreamcatcher's core company of professional local actors performs contemporary work that entertains and challenges, and has at its heart a belief in the essential goodness of people. The company's activities include mainstage productions, improvisational comedy and cabarets, new play readings and a variety of educational and senior outreach programs.

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