



Ensemble theatre with humor and heart

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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## **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 winter and spring, with the first class beginning on January 22.

Actors' Workshop will be offered Wednesdays for students aged 10 and up from 4:00-5:30. The class will be taught by Jessica O'Hara-Baker, the director of Dreamcatcher's Summer Theatre Conservatory. Her unique creative approach lets students have fun as they learn to build characters and hone their performances by collaborating on their own original script. Through acting exercises and improvisational games, kids will work together to develop and create their own original short play that they will perform at the end of the semester. This class empowers and inspires students to acknowledge their own creative abilities and fosters collaboration and teamwork in a creative setting.

A class presentation at the end of the session on March 28 will allow students to share their work with friends and family. The fee for the ten-week class is \$300; the deadline for registration is January 17.

An Improv Comedy workshop for teens and adults will be offered on Saturday, March 29 from 10am – 12pm. It will be taught by Dave Maulbeck, the director of Dreamcatcher's improv comedy troupe, Multiple Personality Disorder. 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; the deadline for registration is March 24.

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](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org) or contact Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre at Oakes Center, 120 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901, 908-514-9654.

### **About Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre**

Dreamcatcher was founded in 1994 as 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 the 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.

Dreamcatcher's programs are funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation; Dramatist Guild Fund; Summit Area Public Foundation; Manley-Winser Foundation; and many other corporations, foundations and individuals. Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre is a senior member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance.

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