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Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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Photo: Students prepare for their final performance at the Summer Theatre Conservatory, Summer 2012 (credit: Steve McIntyre)

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## Dreamcatcher Offers Free Preview of its Summer Theatre Conservatory on March 9

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATRE, professional Theatre in Residence at Oakes Center in Summit, is beginning enrollment for its Summer Theatre Conservatory, to be offered from July 8 through August 2, 2013. Students in this varied program will take classes in subjects like acting technique, improv, voice, and dance and will have the opportunity to create and put on a show! The program is open to actors aged 10 to 13 and 14 to 17. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm at Dreamcatcher's summer home at Calvary Episcopal Church at 31 Woodland Avenue in Summit. A final performance is on August 2 at 7:30 pm.

The STC is a fun way for students to explore their interest and deepen their skills in the performing arts during their summer vacation. Emphasis is placed on collaboration, freeing your own creativity, and exploring new skills in a supportive environment. Participants can tailor the program to suit their preferences and their family's schedule, attending the conservatory for one, two, three or all four weeks. Professionals in their field teach all classes, and students receive individual attention, constructive feedback, and the support needed to achieve their personal goals.

Week 1, the Actors' Workshop (July 8 – July 12), provides a strong foundation in the building blocks of acting: vocal and physical preparation, acting technique, improvisation and scene study. Week 2, the Musical Theatre Workshop (July 15 – 19), will include classes in acting technique as well as in musical theatre dance and singing, with the chance to put all three skills together each day. Weeks 3 and 4, Dreamcatcher Junior (July 22 – August 2), will be a combination of skill-building and rehearsal, as the students put together their own show under the guidance of a professional direction staff. Past shows have included a revue of Shel Silverstein's poetry and music entitled *Hippopotamus Sandwich*, a collection of fables and songs called *Legends And Lore* and *A Vaudeville Calamity*, a new-fangled, old-fashioned entertainment. Students from last summer's Summer Theatre Conservatory commented: "This is a great program!" and "I learned a lot of awesome stuff."



Students can see what's in store for them in the Summer Theatre Conservatory at a free Sample Class Day on Saturday, March 9 from 10am – 2pm at Oakes Center at 120 Morris Avenue in Summit. This program is offered as a part of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance's Stages Festival, a statewide celebration of professional theatre. Reservations are required for Sample Class Day, and enrollment is strictly limited. To register, call 908-514-9654 or email [info@dreamcatcherrep.org](mailto:info@dreamcatcherrep.org). The Stages Festival is a co-sponsored project of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional program sponsors are Bank of America, The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey, The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation and Springpoint Senior Living Foundation. Additional program support has been provided by The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, The Hidden Ponds Foundation, The HMS Foundation, Johnson & Johnson, The F. M. Kirby Foundation and Prudential Foundation.

The cost of the Summer Theatre Conservatory is \$275 for one week, \$495 for two weeks, \$700 for three weeks, and \$880 for all four weeks, with limited scholarships available. Discounts are provided for those who register before April 15. Admission is on a first come, first served basis until the program is filled or until the deadline of June 1, and applications for the Summer Theatre Conservatory and more information on the program may be obtained by calling Dreamcatcher's business office at 908-514-9654, emailing [info@dreamcatcherrep.org](mailto:info@dreamcatcherrep.org) or may be downloaded at [www.dreamcatcherrep.org](http://www.dreamcatcherrep.org).

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