

Walden Theatre Outreach E-Newsletter

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The Mission of Walden Theatre's Outreach Education Program is to introduce theatre arts to students in Kentuckiana

The Walden Theatre Outreach Program has workshops and residencies for students in fourth through twelfth grade, as well as touring productions, and student matinee performances. Recent studies have shown a direct correlation between arts education and gains in reading comprehension, self-confidence, and team building skills. To schedule Walden Theatre to come to your school contact the Outreach Department at (502) 589-0084.

This newsletter is a service of Walden Theatre's Outreach Department to better inform educators about arts programming. Please forward this newsletter to those you feel would be interested.

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Students from Southern Pulaski Co Middle School



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10th Annual Young American Shakespeare Festival

All performances at Actors Theatre of Louisville CALL 584-1205 for tickets

THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

directed by Alec Volz

In one of William Shakespeare's most famous comedies, Petruchio engages Katherina in a battle of wits in order to tame her.

Performance Dates

May 8, 10, 12, 15 @ 7:30 pm/May 17 @ 2 pm

The Merchant of Venice

directed by J. Barrett Cooper

A story of love, wealth, revenge, and the healing power of mercy.

Performance Dates

May 9, 11, 14, 17 @ 7:30 pm/May 18 @ 2 pm

The Winters Tale

directed by Charlie Sexton

A fairy tale-like story of friendship, loyalty, and the consequences of erroneous certainty.

Performance Dates

May 13, 16, 18 @ 7:30 pm/May 10, 11 @ 2 pm

Walden Theatre 2008 –09 Student Matinee Series

CALL 589-0084 for reservations

ROMEO AND JULIET

by William Shakespeare

directed by J. Barrett Cooper

The tragic story of an ancient feud between two families of Verona – the Montagues and the Capulets

October 23, 28, 29

9 am & 11:30 am

The Clifton Center, located at 2117 Payne St
middle and high school

FEAST OF FOOLS

A Commedia del' Arte style production

Feast of Fools is a crazy, wacky, high energy, ensemble generated piece in the style of the great masters of Commedia del' Arte.

December 5

10 am

MeX Theatre at The Kentucky Center
middle and high School

OUR TOWN

by Thornton Wilder

directed by Charlie Sexton

The classic American play about the pleasant lives of the Gibbs family, Webb family and their neighbors in Grover's Corners, New Hampshire in the early 20th Century.

February 13 and 19

10 am

Walden Theatre, located at 1123 Payne St
middle and high school

Celebrate Black History Month with Walden Theatre

JOURNEY

A Trip on the Underground Railroad
written and directed by Dan Welch

NATION IN CRISIS

A Civil Rights Story
by Keith McGill and Dan Welch

February 24, 25, 26, 27

10 am

Walden Theatre, located at 1123 Payne St
elementary, middle, and high school

FAST FACTS

- Tickets are \$7 per student
- One FREE adult ticket for every ten students
- Balance due two weeks prior to the performance

Spotlight Programs for 2008 – 2009 School Year

4th and 5th Grade

Exploring Drama through History

Using themes students are currently studying in social studies, this program introduces skills necessary to create and perform short plays. Students will learn theater terminology, improvisational skills, and character exploration. Students perform their plays on the final session that allows them an opportunity to share with classmates the results of their creativity and hard work.

Workshop Length: eight one-hour sessions
Workshop Cost: \$760 per classroom

Introducing the Elements of Drama - Assembly & Classroom Review

This unique program gives students an introduction to KERA's Elements of Drama. Walden Theatre introduces the three elements of drama, incorporating demonstration and hands on experience to give students a better understanding of what theater is.

Assembly Length: forty minutes
Assembly Cost: \$140
Classroom Review Length: two one-hour sessions
Classroom Review Cost: \$190 per classroom

4th - 12th Grade

Acting Essentials

Students will become familiar with the dramatic elements through terminology, performance and creative dramatics. This workshop will focus on such drama skills as voice, movement, character, staging, monologues, scenes, production design and more. In addition, students will learn and apply the basic tools of the actor: mind, body and voice.

Workshop Length: varies
Workshop Cost: \$95 per one-hour session

6th – 12th Grade

Discover the Mysteries of Greek Theatre

This workshop explores how theatre had an impact on Greek society and how that society was represented on stage through the "Chorus". During the second half of the program, students perform a chorus scene from either Oedipus the King or Antigone as well as discuss how plays written in Ancient Greece still resonate with today's audience.

Workshop Length: one-hour session
Workshop Cost: \$95 per classroom

Early Bird DISCOUNT on Outreach Programs

Schools can receive a 10% discount on outreach programs if they schedule a workshop or touring production for the 2008 – 09 school year by May 24. For information e-mail danwelch@waldentheatre.org.

JOURNEY

A Trip on the Underground Railroad

Walden Theatre will premiere its newest touring production *JOURNEY – A Trip on the Underground Railroad* by Dan Welch in February 2009 in conjunction with *NATION IN CRISIS* as part of the 2008-09 Student Matinee Series.

JOURNEY is the story of one escape slave as she travels on the Underground Railroad to Canada. Starting with her life of a slave in Tennessee, the character "Mary" describes how she decided to run away from the plantation and the recounts the people she met and the dangers she incurred along the way.

Students will learn how songs were used as code as JOURNEY blends song and storytelling together. For more information or to reserve tickets to the student matinee February 24 – 27, call Dan Welch at (502) 589-0084 or e-mail danwelch@waldentheatre.org.



**Stay tuned for Funding
Opportunities in the 2008 fall
edition of Walden Theatre
Outreach E-Newsletter!**

Walden Theatre Programs for Summer 2008

Improv Intensive

"Creating a 'Second City Style' Improv Review"
Students will use basic improv exercises and scene work in learning how to write and create an original comedy show. This will culminate in a free 'Second City' or 'Saturday Night Live' type of review performed by the class members on the night of the 22nd. The class meets daily from 10-1pm and is for students 12 - 18.

Ages: 12-18

Dates: June 9 - June 20, 2008

Duration: 2 Weeks

Class Times: Weekdays: 10 - 1 pm

Cost: \$325

Playwriting

In this two-week class, students will learn the craft of playwriting. The goal of the course is to write an original short work. Enrolled participants will learn basics of dramatic structure with an emphasis on finding each writer's original voice in a theatrical medium. The two weeks will culminate in a reading of each student's play with invited guests. The class meets from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday - Friday, and is limited to 16.

Ages: Recommended for students over age 12 (some previous theatre experience recommended.)

Dates: June 18 - July 7, 2008

Duration: 2 Weeks

Class Times: 10 am to Noon, Monday - Friday

Cost: \$325

Scene and Song Study

This class explores the triple discipline of musical theatre: acting, singing, and dancing. Students will train in all three areas as they work together on scenes and songs musical theatre. Students will break down text; gain skills in vocal production, movement, dance, physical attack, and character development. This class is a blast, and all levels of experience are welcome. (limited to 25 students)

Ages: 9 - 17

Dates: August 4 - August 8, 2008

Duration: 1 Week

Class Times: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$175.00 per week

Audition Skills/Audition Package

This class is for anyone who has thought about auditioning for a play or musical or for anyone who has an upcoming audition and wants to be PREPARED! Students will learn/improve the process of selecting, studying, and performing a monologue, learn how to approach "cold readings" from a script, and even navigate their way through a 16-bar musical piece and a dance break. Time will be given to help create an audition package of two song cuttings (one up-tempo, one ballad) and a monologue. (limited to 20 students)

Ages: 9 - 17 (All levels of experience welcome.)

Dates: July 28 - August 1, 2008

Duration: 1 Week

Class Times: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$175.00 per week

Art and Shadow Puppets I and II

In this class students will create shadow puppets and art using a variety of materials including found objects, poster board, wire, wood, markers and paint. They will use drawing, painting and building skills to make puppets, scenery and other original art. Meets daily at Walden Theatre from 9:30 to noon for one week and is limited to 12 students. All materials are provided. A \$50 deposit will reserve your place. The balance is due the first day of camp.

Session I~

Ages: 7-10

Dates: June 9 - June 13, 2008

Duration: 1 Week

Class Times: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$150.00 per week

Session II~

Ages: 11-14

Dates: June 16 - June 20, 2008

Duration: 1 Week

Class Times: Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$150.00 per week

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