



Ensemble theatre with humor and heart

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre

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Photo: Students in the Summer Theatre Conservatory at Dreamcatcher prepare for the 2012 performance of Dreamcatcher Junior (credit: Steve McIntyre)

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## Summer Theatre Conservatory Continuing Enrollment at Dreamcatcher

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATRE, professional Theatre in Residence at the Oakes Center in Summit, is wrapping up 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 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm (with a special performance August 2 at 7:30 pm) at Dreamcatcher's summer home at Calvary Episcopal Church at 31 Woodland Avenue in Summit.

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."

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. Admission is on a first come, first served basis until the program is filled, 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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## 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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