

From the Artistic Director

SUMMER WITH STAGEBRIDGE CITY!

Yes, folks! Summer's just around the corner, and we'd like to spread the good word about our summer Performing Arts Camp for Adults (50+, that is). So many of you have talked about doing the summer camp or bringing a friend...the time is now! Don't miss our summer camp theme of travel: **Bright Lights, Big City!**

You want to act out your favorite sleazy producer, egomaniacal actor, or dictatorial director? Then sign up for my acting class all about "La La Land" or "Tinsel Town." Want to share and/or re-live your times in New York City? Sign up for **Jeanne Haynes** Storytelling Class focusing on stories about "The Big Apple." Share a bite of the apple!

Want to take Vegas, baby? Then learn some card shark moves from magician Fred Casto (back by popular demand). Toss the dice: take a chance on combining storytelling, improvisation and acting in Playback Theater, an introduction, taught by **Martin Holtz**.

Stomp out your urban frustrations and turn them into music with **Greacian Goeke's** Soundscape of the City STOMP!: make some noise! Those of you who think you know improvisation without having experienced **Barbara Scott** are just dead wrong! She'll also be teaching about the two main schools of improv: Chicago based and West Coast based.

Join **Bruce Bierman**, our beloved Musical Theater choreographer/director and longtime collaborator, the amazing singer, music director **Ellen Robinson**, with selections from the musical *Chicago*. New toe-tapper **Sam Weber** joins us, along with acclaimed storytellers **Michael Katz** and our very own **Kirk Waller** (with the Parisian art of Mime).

Special Guests will include: playwright **Joan Holden** and director **Sharon Lockwood** along with actress **Joan Mankin** to discuss the Stagebridge world premiere *Counter Intelligence: the Waitress Play*. The play will, open in February 2012 at the Ashby Stage in Berkeley. And there's T'ai Chi every morning, BINGO!, and special guests will be announced on the first day of camp.

Want the details of each class and more about these fantastic teachers? Check our website at www.stagebridge.org. Then sign up online. Want the personal touch? Pick up a registration form in the office or e-mail Jim Jenkins at info@stagebridge.org. We keep the classes small so you get lots of attention, so register early and join the fun.

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From the Marketing Desk

Buzz, buzz – Everyone's "atwitter" about social media this year and Stagebridge is no exception. We have joined the Facebook world stream of sharing information. Give us a thumbs up and become a friend.

Twice a week all the backstage and onstage news, information, pictures, announcements and a few surprises will be posted. And, we look forward to your comments and connections.

Stagebridge was one of 20 Bay Area performing arts groups selected by Theatre Bay Area to participate in a sixth month workshop, "Leveraging Social Media," which began May 4. As a project, Stagebridge chose to develop a Facebook site to raise awareness of who we are and what we do, build new relationships, share ideas and connect people to our website.

Website Re-do

The Stagebridge website is on a parallel six month development trajectory thanks to a Taproot Foundation service grant. Taproot and Stagebridge teams had their kickoff session April 28. The goal is to have a new Stagebridge website up and running by October 1.

The new website will be more user friendly, more interactive and more informational and, of course, more "socially" connected.

Keep checking in for updates.

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