

Florida Studio Theatre

SCHOOL

1241 N. Palm Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236



Pictured top: Sarah Stockton; Bottom L to R: Kenajuan Bentley and Steve Turrisi

2009-2010

ADULT SEASON OF CLASSES

Located in the Heart of Downtown Sarasota

Florida Studio



I am pleased to introduce you to Florida Studio Theatre's Adult Education offerings for the 2009 – 2010 season of classes. Our staff has been working hard over the last year to develop the rein-troduction of this exciting program.

Our acting and improvisation classes provide a safe, supportive environment in which beginners can explore their abilities, and experienced actors can hone their craft. Our new TrueSpeak class will provide both beginners and seasoned actors with the tools to write and perform the stories of their lives.

Also new this year, for anyone who loves theatre, our Behind the Scenes at FST class offers the opportunity to experience first hand some of the key elements in producing a show, and the Play Reading Club takes play analysis to a fun, vibrant new level.

One unique aspect of our classes is that they are performance-based; each student will have multiple opportunities to appear on stage, which we feel is a key element in the training of a performer.

Whether you are a beginner wishing to build confidence, or a seasoned actor seeking to further develop your skills, you will find an exciting array of opportunities here. So welcome, we look forward to working with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Hopkins". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box with a thin black border.

Richard Hopkins
Artistic Director

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Theatre School



THEATRE APPRECIATION

Behind the Scenes at FST

Join the professionals for a behind-the-scenes exploration of play creation. This program allows you to follow the visiting professional artists and FST staff from initial concept through the final performance. Throughout the Mainstage Season you will be invited to a series of readings, rehearsals and discussions. Join the professionals for:

- **Script Analysis**
- **Design Concept Meeting**
- **First Read Through**
(with the actors & designers)
- **Play Panel Discussion**
- **First Run Through**
(first time actors run through show in rehearsal)
- **Tech Rehearsal**
- **Dress Rehearsal**

8 Classes throughout Winter Mainstage Season
Fee: \$59
Dates TBA

Space is limited to the first 75 applicants.

Play Reading Club

Just like a book club, but with a focus on plays, Play Reading Club is for anyone with an interest in the theatre. We will meet weekly to read and analyze scripts. Participants will have reading assignments outside of class, and will discuss plays with an eye toward production and performance values. Subject matter will range from classic to new plays. Each class will be a mix of lively discussion and exploration. Maximum enrollment is limited to 25 participants per class.

Tuesdays 2 PM - 4 PM
Fee: \$79 per 8 week session
4 Sessions: \$239 Save \$77

Session I - Begins Week of Sept. 28
Session II - Begins Week of Nov. 30
Session III - Begins Week of Feb. 1
Session IV - Begins Week of Apr. 5



Pictured L to R: Annie Fitzpatrick, Doreen Hall and Ryan Flanagan

ADULT ACTING CLASSES

Buy 3 Get 1 FREE!

Adult Acting Level I and Level II

Start your training by building a solid foundation. Learn the building blocks of a professional acting technique, from being comfortable in front of an audience to utilizing your mind, voice, and body to communicate truth on stage. This class is designed for full group participation, as well as one-on-one work. Students will be challenged with new material during each 8 week session. Meets once per week.

Mondays 7 PM - 9 PM
or Saturdays 1 PM - 3 PM
Fee: \$199 per 8 week session
4 Sessions: \$597 Save \$199

Session I - Begins Week of Sept. 28
Session II - Begins Week of Nov. 30
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Session IV - Begins Week of Apr. 5

Adult Acting Scene & Play Performance

Strengthen your professional acting technique, through the exploration of contemporary scenes and short plays. Students will utilize objectives, text analysis, listening, physicality and focus to bring their work to life. Using in-class exercises, we will also focus on concentration, emotional connection and specificity, self-awareness, and self-confidence. Performance opportunities such as open classes and recitals will occur throughout the year. Students signing up for all four sessions will be challenged with an eye towards performing a one act play. Meets once per week.

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Pictured L to R: Michelle Ditmar, Christian Kohn and Amy Lynn Stewart

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TrueSpeak (Stories of Our Lives)

Storytelling is exploding into a thriving genre all its own. Develop and perform your own true narratives in a friendly and supportive environment. Share your experiences to connect, teach, and entertain. Inspired by storytelling series, such as *The Moth*, and *StoryCorp* (as heard on NPR), TrueSpeak teaches skills needed to communicate truthfully and authentically. Performance opportunities such as open classes and recitals will occur throughout the year. Students signing up for all four sessions will be challenged to develop new stories in each session. Meets once per week.

Wednesdays 7 PM - 9 PM
or Saturdays 11 AM - 1 PM
Fee: \$199 per 8 week session
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Pictured L to R: Bruce Sabatini and Robert Gomes



Pictured L to R: Kevin Allen, Zac Chase and Rachel Moses

ADULT IMPROV CLASSES

Buy 3 Get 1 FREE!

Introduction to Improvisation

Discover the freedom of spontaneity! Introduction to Improvisation is the launching ground for developing one's skills as an improv performer. Students are given the opportunity to explore creativity, hone presentation skills, and build self confidence through team work.

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Improvisation

Students are placed into an ensemble and continue to build the fundamentals of improvisation while advancing scenic and character skills. Students will discover their strengths while exploring different forms and styles of improvisation. This class is intended for those who have an immediate working knowledge of the rules and styles adhered to by FST Improv. Admission to this class is by instructor recommendation only.

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Pictured L to R:
Jim Prosser, Adam Ratner, Christine Alexander, Rebecca Langford and Tim Beasley

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Pictured L to R: Angel M. Parker, Steve Turrisi and Andrew Bailes

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Improvisation for Performance

An in-depth class designed to develop and refine the individual's ability to work in an ensemble. Structured around performance, students perform regularly in the FST Cabaret. Special attention is paid to the individual performer's ability to create believable, emotionally based characters that have the ability to drive a scene forward through character modification and change. Admission to this class is by instructor recommendation only.

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Sketch Comedy

Master the skills of writing sketch comedy. Learn basic scene structure, character development, establish action, and styles and genres of comedy. Weekly writing assignments and in-class exercises generate material and establish regular writing schedules. Class builds towards working with actors and other writers to create scenes for an ensemble sketch show.

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Pictured L to R: Patrick Frankfort, Jamie Day and Stephen Hope

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Pictured L to R: George Pochos, Lynn Means and Paula Morrissey

SENIOR ACTING CLASSES

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Acting

Build a solid foundation of a professional acting technique, from being comfortable in front of an audience to utilizing your mind, voice, and body to communicate truth on stage. Meets once per week.

Thursdays 2 PM - 4 PM
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Show Choir

Love to sing? Join an ensemble that will give you an opportunity to express emotion through singing and movement. The choir will meet weekly to learn, practice, and perform a variety of songs selected from popular music and showtunes.

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Improvisation

Learn the fundamentals of improvisation while exploring character development and scene structure. A great introduction to improvisation and performance.

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Pictured L to R: Dan Patrick Brady, Jamie Day, Patrick Frankfort and Rainbow Dickerson

FST MASTER CLASSES

Acting

Strengthen your professional acting technique by participating in a series of master classes taught by visiting professionals working on FST's three stages and anchored by resident artists. Master professionals will offer an in-depth knowledge of their techniques, providing participants the chance to explore different methods from an intimate point of view.

Saturdays 2:30 PM - 4 PM
8 Classes throughout Winter
Mainstage Season
Fee: \$299
Dates TBA

Classes will alternate between lecture demonstrations and hands-on workshops exploring various acting techniques and methods.

Directing

Participants will learn a detailed overview of the mechanics and art of directing for the stage. Learn from the knowledge and experience of visiting professionals working on FST's three stages and anchored by resident artists in guiding productions from the printed page to full production.

Thursdays 7 PM - 9 PM
8 Classes throughout Winter
Mainstage Season
Fee: \$299
Dates TBA

Classes will alternate between lecture demonstrations and hands-on workshops exploring various directing techniques and methods.

Scholarships...

Florida Studio Theatre is happy to provide community outreach programs and scholarships. Each year FST, as part of its mission point to make theatre affordable and accessible to as many people as possible, awards adults and children the opportunity to participate in education classes they otherwise would not be able to afford. For an application or more information contact Pam Smith at 941.366.1350.

To make a gift to the scholarship program, please contact Adam Martens, Director of Philanthropy at 366-9017 ext. 316. or enclose with your registration.

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SELECTION OF CLASSES

Theatre Appreciation

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|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ■ Behind the Scenes at FST | 8 classes | \$59 |
| (During Mainstage Season) | | |
| ■ Play Reading Club | 8 week session | \$79 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$239 | | Save \$77 |

Adult Acting Classes

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| ■ Acting Level I & Level II | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |
| ■ Scene & Play Performance | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |
| ■ TrueSpeak (Stories of Our Lives) | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |

Adult Improv Classes

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| ■ Intro to Improv | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |
| ■ Improvisation | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |
| ■ Improv Performance | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |
| ■ Sketch Comedy | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |

Senior Acting Classes

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| ■ Show Choir | 8 week session | \$79 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$239 | | Save \$77 |
| ■ Acting | 8 week session | \$199 |
| Sign up for 4 sessions for \$597 | | Save \$199 |
| ■ Improvisation | 8 week session | \$199 |
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FST Master Classes

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| ■ Acting (During Mainstage Season) | 8 classes | \$299 |
| ■ Directing (During Mainstage Season) | 8 classes | \$299 |

Scholarships Available!

For full and partial scholarship information, contact Pam Smith in the Education Department 941.366.1350

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Fall & Winter Registration Form

**Sign Up Today! Register by Mail
Or Online at FloridaStudioTheatre.org**

Registration for:

Name: _____

Class:

Amount:

_____ \$ _____

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Total \$ _____

Registration for:

Name: _____

Class:

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Total \$ _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Enclosed is a check for my \$75.00 non-refundable deposit per session.

Please charge my \$75.00 non-refundable deposit per session to my

Credit card: American Express Visa

Mastercard Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Billing address _____

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