

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2011-2012 Season

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**Aberown Studio presents BPA Theatre School
Now Registering: Winter Classes for Ages 4 – Adult
Give experiences instead of stuff for the holidays!**

BPA Theatre School is pleased to offer an exciting array of classes and workshops for students ages four through adult this winter. Theatre school classes make the perfect holiday gift. Come join the fun, give your loved one a gift that keeps on giving, and see why BPA Theatre School was voted a favorite in Parent Map's 2011 "Best for Families and Kids" survey of Puget Sound businesses.

Our offerings this winter include the following classes. In **Imagination Station**, our youngest (Pre-K/K) actors will experience drama through imaginative play and interactive storytelling. When school lets out early this winter, 1st – 6th graders are encouraged to come to BPA **Theatre School Clubhouse** where they'll see their Theatre School friends and teachers for lunch plus enjoy a three-hour workshop focusing on specialized theatre skills and topics.

For ages six to eight, there's **Beginning Broadway**, an introduction to the joy of musical theatre through popular Broadway songs, dances, and theatre activities that build skills and confidence. For 2nd – 5th grade and 5th – 8th grade students, there's **Bainbridge to Broadway I & II**, age-appropriate classes that will explore scenes, songs, and production numbers from some of the best musicals of all time! Students from all three classes will combine their talents for **Bainbridge to Broadway Showcase** performances on February 28 and March 1.

New this winter is **Dance for Theatre**, an essential dance class for every actor that targets 5th – 8th grade students. BPA Theatre School's 8th – 12th grade students will explore the particular challenges associated with acting in plays by William Shakespeare in **Acting Out Shakespeare**. This eight-week workshop will prepare students for **Advanced Shakespeare**, a production-based class slated for spring 2012.

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Additionally, we're offering **Scene Study Classes** for both high school students and adults. Participants in these two workshops will collaborate with other students, explore scenes on their feet, and be coached to create a meaningful final product.

All BPA Theatre School classes are held at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Sign up for winter classes today or give the gift of acting by visiting online and downloading the registration forms at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org/Education/TheatreSchool.html. Contact BPA's Director of Education **Victoria Whitlow** for additional information at vwhitlow@bainbridgeperformingarts.org or 206.842.4560.

Bainbridge Performing Arts is able to provide need-based scholarships thanks to the generous contributions of donors to the Theatre School. Letters of request for tuition assistance may be submitted to the BPA Office.

Download BPA's Scholarship Application Form at

<http://www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org/Education/Scholarships.html>.

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Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on "Join Mailing List" to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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