

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2011-2012 Season

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NOW REGISTERING: BPA Theatre School Fall Classes for Pre-K/K and 1st - 8th Grade

Embrace the magic of live theatre...at BPA Theatre School. Fall registration is now underway for Pre-K/K, 1st – 4th Grade, and 5th – 8th Grade classes.

For **Pre-K through Kindergarten** students, it's story time gone wild, with **Imagination Station!** BPA's youngest actors will experience drama through imaginative play and interactive storytelling. The class will focus on strengthening cognitive skills in speech and comprehension, social skills, and body awareness. Classes meet September 20 – November 8, on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Tuition is \$100.

BPA's middle students are encouraged to join the fall "feline fun" and help set the stage for the BPA Production **CATS**, coming this October. In **The Great Kitten Caper: The Mystery of the Missing Mittens** BPA's **1st – 4th Grade** students will join the adventurous kittens Alley, Tom, and Calico as they search for their stolen mittens and encounter some fun and familiar characters along the way. Class will be packed with fun activities that will give students an idea of how a play comes together from the staging to costume design to performance. Classes meet September 13 – November 10, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:00 – 5:45 p.m. Tuition is \$250.

In **The Clever Adventures of Puss 'N Boots**, BPA's **5th – 8th Grade** students will join forces with a clever cat who uses an empty sack, a hat, and a pair of boots to turn his master from a poor miller's son into a rich marquis. He wins the hearts of several characters, including the King and his beautiful daughters, along the way. This class combines acting class and play production into one and wraps up with a live performance in BPA's 245-seat theatre, Hodges Hall. Classes meet September 13 – November 10, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Tuition is \$325.

All BPA Theatre School classes are held at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Sign up for fall classes today by visiting online and downloading the registration forms at

www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org/Education/TheatreSchool.html. Contact BPA's Interim Director of

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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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