

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2011-2012 Season

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BPA Theatre School Expands Class Offerings and Grows Educational Department

For **Pre-K through Kindergarten** students at BPA this fall, it's "story time gone wild" with **Imagination Station!** Responding to popular demand, BPA has expanded the Pre-K/K opportunities by adding a second (morning) class to the schedule. 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. or on September 27 – November 15, on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Tuition is \$100.

BPA's 2011-2012 season is full of exciting surprises, vibrant performances, and new beginnings, and the Theatre School is no exception. BPA recently welcomed Interim Director of Education **Victoria Whitlow**, who immediately launched an incisive route through the education department's programming and development needs. Cleverly tying the 1st – 8th grade fall offerings to BPA's Mainstage production of *CATS*, Victoria added her original work *The Great Kitten Caper* to the lineup for BPA's 1st – 4th Grade students and brought in her adaptation of *The Clever Adventures of Puss 'N Boots* for BPA's 5th – 8th Grade students. Offerings for BPA's older students are emerging at a rapid pace as well, with Audition, Improv, and Acting workshops arriving online now.

To meet the ever-expanding programming needs, Victoria fortified BPA's teaching staff with three talented instructors. **Aaron Tuttle** is a professional director, film maker and teacher whose work has taken him all over the country. **Zandi Carlson** has taught with Taproot Theatre, Seattle Shakespeare and is currently a Teaching Artist Apprentice at Seattle Children's Theatre. Newly graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in drama and a minor in music, **Rebecca Lane** taught at Sing Out Seattle this summer and is thrilled to be starting at Bainbridge Performing Arts.

Embrace the magic of live theatre...at BPA Theatre School this fall. Registration is now underway for Pre-K/K through adult classes. All BPA Theatre School classes are held at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge

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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 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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