

STAGEBRIDGE

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Build your Creativity with Fall Classes!



Happy Campers from PAC 2014

[Studies have shown that creative activities actually improve our health as we age.](#) All

of our classes at Stagebridge boost creativity and give participants positive benefits. But did you know that Stagebridge has an in-house **creativity expert**? That's right!

Instructor and Master Storyteller **Clara Kamunde has a Master of Science in Creativity Studies** and is an experienced facilitator who has developed and led creativity workshops for a variety of organizations including **The Children's Creativity Museum of San Francisco, Cal Shakes Summer Conservatory, Performing Arts Workshop, Reading Partners, Mission Learning Center** and the **San Francisco Department of Children and Youth**. For our fall session, Clara is teaching **The Goof Off Project: Explore Creative Writing and Storytelling Through Play**.

This course meets Wednesdays from 1-3PM and is a great way to build skills you didn't even know you needed -[structured play has been](#)

[shown to give a sense of social well-being, maintain memory and thinking skills, and support engagement with other work.](#)

Want to read more? [Click here for a fall schedule with course description.](#) Want to sign up? [Click here to register online,](#) or call us at 510-444-4755 or email info@stagebridge.org.

**Yes And... Climate
Change Ensemble End-
of-Class Showcase**

StoryCorps Comes to Stagebridge



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CLIMATE CHANGE FOLLIES

A small group of Stagebridgers have spent the last month using **Playback Theatre forms and improvisational techniques to explore climate change.** As a culminating part of this class, the group will perform an original piece. **This ensemble created performance collage addresses the inconvenient truth affecting our planet.** Expressed with humor, thoughtfulness and urgency! This piece will be presented on **Wednesday, August 31, 5:30-6:30pm** (doors at 5pm). The free show will take place in the Basement room at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St.



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StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world... and they're coming back to Stagebridge! On **Tuesday, September 27th at 12pm**, as part of the E.P.I.C. Storytelling Program, StoryCorps will come to Stagebridge and share what they do and how they do it! This presentation is **free and open to all Stagebridge students.**

On **Tuesday, October 18th** StoryCorps will be at Stagebridge all day to record personal stories. This program is only for E.P.I.C. storytelling participants, but let us know if you're interested - we'll put your name on a wait-list and let you know if and when we have future story recording opportunities. One copy of the story recordings is given to participants and one copy is given to the Library of Congress as living history.

[Visit Storycorp's website HERE.](#) For more information on the E.P.I.C. Storytelling Program, contact Kirk Waller at kirk@stagebridge.org or 510-444-4755.

Stagebridge Playwright Shirley Issel at Pint-Sized Plays



San Francisco Theater Pub's Pint-Sized Plays is a festival of short plays by Bay Area playwrights that take place in a bar and involve characters drinking beer. For Pint-Sized VI, producer Marissa Skudlarek and deputy producer Alejandro Emmanuel Torres bring you 11



Black Eyed Pea Festival Flyer

Lots of ways to see Stagebridge

new plays by a mix of Theater Pub veterans and new faces.

This year's festival features Stagebridge Playwright Shirley Issel's "Angel of Darkness", directed by Jamie Harkin - *"He's probably going to finish that beer; and when he does... Are you listening? You're gonna die. So, what are you drinking?"*

See **Pint-Sized VI at Piano Fight**, 144 Taylor Street, San Francisco, at 8 PM on August 15, 16, 22, 23, and 29. **Admission is FREE**, with a \$10 donation suggested at the door. No reservations required, but we get there early to get a good seat and enjoy Piano Fight's full bar and dinner menu!

[For a full schedule of plays and more information, visit Pint-Sized plays here](#)



Join Aluminous (whose founder Michael French is also a Stagebridge Acting instructor) for the first **Flash Mob Short Play Festival in Oakland's Lake Merritt**. Come see one, two or three 10-minute plays written by Oakland playwrights never before produced or performed. Let your imagination soar and make mischief and take us along with you!

**Sunday, August 21st, 2016
Oakland from 3-5pm. Free and open to the public.**

For more information, visit <http://www.aluminous.org/>

Storytellers!

Former Stagebridge Storytelling Director **Erika Lann-Clark** will be performing **Sing Me Home, Jewish stories with music** at the Felix Kulpa Gallery, 107 Elm Street in Santa Cruz (behind Streetlight Records). Catch Erika's performances on **Friday August 19 and Saturday August 20** at 7:30PM. To reserve a seat or for more information, call 831-479-1874. Suggested donation \$15-20.

The Caravan of Stories will take place on **Saturday, August 20** from 1-4pm at Kaleidoscope Coffee, 109 Park Place in Point Richmond. This evening of socializing and traditional tales from Central Asia features **Stagebridgers Jeff Byers, Liz Nichols, Ann Riley, Dana Sherry, and Terry Stokes**. For more information, contact Dana Sherry at dsherry@hotmail.com or visit www.silkroadhouse.org.

Stagebridge Storytelling Director Kirk Waller and Stagebridge Teller Linda Wright will be at the **Black Eyed Pea Festival** on **Saturday, September 10th** from 11am-6pm at Mosswood Park in Oakland. This free event also features music from **Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, MJ's Brass Boppers with Dimensions Dance Theater, Bata drumming and singing with Awon Ohun Omnira (Voices of Freedom)**. Youth performers include **Sister's Keeper and Dance-A-Vision**. Returning Festival Emcee is **Carla Service**. Enjoy food by **Freedom Farmer's Market** and Arts and Crafts sponsored by **Health Through Arts** and staffed by **Patanisha Williams**. For more information: <http://www.omnirainstitute.org/>

Finally, Stagebridge Teller **Julia Montrond** will perform at **Monday Night Marsh**, featuring works-in-progress by a variety of local emerging solo performers, musicians, playwrights, and entertainers of all stripes. Julia's performance, along with 3 others, will take place on **Monday, September 12 and 19 at 7 p.m.** You can find **The Marsh San Francisco** at 1062 Valencia in San Francisco. For more information or to reserve tickets, call **415.282.3055** Mon - Fri, from 1-4pm or visit <http://themarsh.org/calendar2/>

Stagebridge was founded in 1978 by Dr. Stuart Kandell.

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Volunteers Wanted!



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We're looking for a few volunteers for specific projects!

If you're musically inclined, our **Storytelling Director Kirk Waller is looking for a musician** to open the all-Stagebridge showcase at **Tell It On Tuesday in October at the Marsh**. If you're interested or want more information, contact kirk@stagebridge.org

Schools Program Coordinator **Barbara Johnson** is looking for an experienced **videographer** and editor to **make a short promotional video** for our Storybridge program. Storybridge brings Stagebridge Storytellers to Bay Area Elementary schools to teach underserved youth literacy and performance skills. For more information, contact barbara@stagebridge.org