

STAGEBRIDGE

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We Love Summer Camp!



Happy Campers from PAC 2014

We had a blast at our 2016 summer camp, and we hope that you did too! All of us at Stagebridge want to thank everyone who attended camp this year for bringing such openness and enthusiasm. **We also want to thank our fantastic camp instructors:** Kaye Anderson, Bruce Bierman, Jeri Lynn Cohen, Ben Flint, Grecian Goeke, Jeanne Haynes, Ellen Hoffman, Martin Holtz, Clara Kamunde, Marijo, and Benjamin Pither. Camp highlights included Musical Theater performing *Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man*, a review of Shakespearean insults, and an improvised story involving a beauty salon and a rocket ship.

Summer Classes: Playback Theater with Martin Holtz



Playback Theater Class

Playback Theatre transforms audience members' stories into theatre pieces right on the spot through spoken improvisation, movement and ritual. In this summer class, led by Martin Holtz, **participants will experience warm-up games, short forms and story improvisation techniques that capture the**

Stagebridge's website is now fixed! Check it out at www.stagebridge.org. Thank you all for your patience as we worked out the problem. You can still find summer class registration and links by [following the link here](#). You're also always welcome to give us a call at 510-444-4755 if you have any questions about classes, registration, or anything else.

Stagebridge Open Mic TOMORROW!

essence of this interactive art form. Fun, challenging and meaningful!

Playback Theater begins tomorrow, Tuesday July 19 at 2:00pm. **The first session is open for drop-ins - feel free to check it out if you're curious.** We'll also have a Playback Theater class meeting in the fall. Playback Theater will meet in the Basement room at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St.

[You can also register online here.](#)



Ellen Hoffman

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Can't get enough singing and music? Want to show off what you've been working on at camp or during our summer singing class? Or maybe you haven't been able to take any of our summer classes and you need some Stagebridge in your life!

Join us tomorrow, Tuesday July 19 at 7pm, for our second Open Mic night with Ellen Hoffman.

Our first Open Mic was a huge success and a lot of fun. Ellen will play piano accompaniment for any song you might want to sing - she's up for the challenge.

Just bring your song and yourself.

Doors for Open Mic open at 6:30 on Tuesday, July 19 and singing starts at 7:00pm. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Open Mic night will take place in the Angel Room at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St. For more information, email sadie@stagebridge.org.

Meisner Intensive



**July 25-July 29 Monday-Friday
10:00AM-2:30PM
Meisner Technique Intensive
with Christie Maturo and
Suzanne Schmidt \$300**

This workshop will focus on Meisner's approach to living truthfully moment to moment. Participants will learn to take focus off ourselves and place it on acting partners. **The result will be that we are more present, less self conscious, and find we have to do far less work.**

This intensive will be taught by

Suzanne Schmidt and Christie Maturo. **Christie Maturo** holds a BS in theatre and sign language from Towson University, a teaching credential from CSUB, spent a summer studying with the Moscow Art Theatre in Russia, and holds a Master's Degree in Fine Arts from NIU. As a Meisner trained actor, Christie strives to live truthfully in each moment of performance.

Suzanne Schmidt is currently nominated as Best Actress (along with Melissa Leo) for her role in the web series Hey You, It's Me. Suzanne holds a BA in Theater from USC and an MFA in Acting from Northern Illinois University and has also studied extensively at Stella Adler LA and The Moscow Art Theatre (MXAT) in Russia.

[To register for this course online, click here.](#)

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Summer Class: Yes And... Climate Change Ensemble Creation with Martin Holtz

Utilizing Playback Theatre forms and improvisational techniques, the group will create and perform an original performance piece. **This class will explore and express thoughts, feelings, facts and the future, focusing on the importance of global warming in our planet's survival.** Playback experience or comfort in improvisation necessary. Fun, challenging, and important!

Martin Holtz will work with the interests and talents of everyone in the class to put together a moving and collaborative piece. **Participants will work with a talented ensemble and an experienced instructor.** Yes And... begins Wednesday, July 20 at 2:00pm. The first session is open for drop-ins, so see what it's all about! **This class is only offered during our summer session, so make sure to sign up!** Yes And... will meet in the Basement Room at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St.

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