Spend Your Summer at Stagebridge!

Registration for summer classes starts next week! Check out our website or stop by the office at 2501 Harrison St. in Oakland starting at 9:30am next Tuesday, May 29. We're offering some great ongoing classes, including Tuesday and Thursday Singing, Playback Theatre, and Tap; as well as some fabulous intensives and workshops. Learn acting techniques from Meisner to Laban, or sharpen your Storytelling skills. A full class schedule will be available online before registration begins.

Spring Class Showcases!

Believe it or not, the end of our spring session is fast approaching! That means that many of our classes are preparing to present what they've been working on to the public. We'll release a full schedule of in-class showcases soon, but for now mark you calendars and reserve your tickets for our off-site & special event showcases:

**Monday, June 4, 3-4:30pm:** Jazz & Broadway Harmony Chorus and Musical Theatre presents A Chorus Line at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center, Veteran's Building 200 Grand Avenue. Free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

**Tuesday, June 5, 7:30pm:** Jazz & Broadway Harmony Chorus, Tap, and Musical Theatre presents A Chorus Line at Reidenbach Hall, The First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St. Free and open to the public. No RSVP required.

**Wednesday, June 6, 7:00pm:** Spring Playwriting Showcase at The Flight Deck, 1540 Broadway, Oakland. Free; reservations recommended. RSVP here: [https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3426661](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3426661)

**Friday, June 8, 5:00pm:** Staged Reading Showcase at Piedmont Center for the Arts, 801 Magnolia Ave, Piedmont. $10; advance tickets recommended. Purchase tickets here: [https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3438324](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3438324)

Fans of this classic musical will not be disappointed! Stagebridge Musical Theatre
performers have been working with Musical Director Ellen Robinson and Choreographer Bruce Bierman to present well-loved numbers from A Chorus Line, with music by Marvin Hamlisch, lyrics by Edward Kleban and a book by James Kirkwood Jr. and Nicholas Dante.

There are two opportunities to catch this great show: on Monday, June 4 at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center in the Veteran's Building at 200 Grand (just down the street from Stagebridge); and on Tuesday, June 5 at Reidenbach Hall at the FCCO, 2501 Harrison St. Oakland. Jazz & Broadway Harmony Chorus will open both shows, and Tuesday’s show will feature Stagebridge tap dancers.

America Retold in Times Unseen - more stories that let the light come in

Directed by Jeanne Haynes
Berkeley Marsh Main Stage - Tuesday, June 12, 2018 - 7:30PM
Tickets start at $12.

Tickets and more information: https://themarsh.org/stagebridge/stagebridge-storytellers-presents/

AeJay Mitchell!

Register for this class on Tuesday, May 29 at 9:30.

"Who tells your story?" A question asked by the chorus of Lin-Manuel Miranda's current hit Hamilton has been asked by hip hop theatre artists since its creation with one single answer: YOU.

In this class, you will tell your story through the syncopated language and percussive movement of the hip hop cannon. Beginning with breaking down works from the jazz poets and moving to making poetry from your personal life, you will create rhythm to bring your work to life. Don't throw away your shot.

AeJay Mitchell is an educator, actor, singer, dancer, and choreographer based in Oakland, California. Originally from Louisiana, he has been granted opportunities to study, perform and teach for the past decade across the United States. He trained in Dance, Theatre, and Music at Wake Forest University in North Carolina and is an alumni of Jacob's Pillow Dance Apprenticeship Program where he took classes from Monica Bill Barnes, Camille A. Brown, Hofesh Schechter, and Barak Marshall among others. He has also worked with dance theatre and performance artists Yin Mei, Tim Miller, JoeGoode, and the Architects.

Spring Playwriting Showcase
Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00pm

Playwriting instructor Anthony Clarvoe and the Playwrights of Stagebridge have been hard at work to ensure an evening of high quality entertainment. You’ll laugh, you’ll cry, and everything in between! Some of the best actors and directors in the Bay Area bring these stories to life. Presented are a mix of short plays and excerpts from full-length works.
Once again, as part of The Marsh Times Unseen project, Stagebridge Storytellers will perform at the Berkeley Marsh. Reflecting on the nation's political divide, this time - with its ring of hope - America Retold will feature personal stories of the splendid ways, large and small, in which people here at home and in far away lands are actively involved in the problematic arenas of racism, immigration, MeToo, the homeless, LBGT, and abortion rights. Stagebridge tellers from Jeanne Haynes Art of Storytelling Class are Beth Beatty, Claire Castell, Ann Fields, Judy Kennedy, Trudy Rubinstein, Harry Santi, Sarah Strong and Ben Tucker. Interns from the California Institute of Integral Studies assisting the class are Jordana deLory and Elaine Bredl.

Buy Lunch and Support Stagebridge!

Stagebridge is the community partner for Proposition Chicken's Non-Profit Mondays program. That means that Stagebridge will receive 10% of dine-in sales on Mondays during June!

So stop by and enjoy some delicious chicken, vegetarian or gluten free options, soup, salads, snacks, and more! To check out the menu and read more, visit www.propositionchicken.com. Proposition Chicken is located at 3260 Lakeshore Ave. in Oakland.

Stagebridge Student News

Piedmont Center Theatre Presents The Second Piedmont One-Act Play Festival June 14-17
The Piedmont Center for the Arts 801 Magnolia Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

Five shows, June 14 - June 17 Directed by Beth Sheridan Featuring original works by Bay Area Playwrights Barbara Anderson, Abe Bernstein, Susan Jackson, Shirley King, Aaron Kitchin, Lorraine Midanik, Judith S. Offer, Gina Rose, David Wilcox Wilson, and L.Z. Zephyr: Creative playwriting at its best; funny, wry, witty and sometimes dark!

Featuring our repertoire cast:
Jaime Ciabattoni, Maureen Coyne, Kate Cryan, Jeffrey Kimmich, Nancy Lehrkind, Nicole Martin, Maya Rath, Julia Rechter, Julian Ring, Miyoko Sakatani, and Marsha van Brock
Thursday June 14 at 7:30 PM
Friday June 15 at 8:00 PM
Saturday June 16 at 8:00 PM
Sunday June 17 at 2:00 PM
Sunday June 17 at 7:30 PM

Tickets available for $25. Reserve at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3065908

"Arches, Balance and Light," a play partially developed at Stagebridge, has now been published by ArtAge Senior Theatre Resource Center, the largest distributor of plays, books and materials for older adults. The play, by Mary Spletter, is a historical fictionalized story that follows famed Bay Area architect Julia Morgan as she enters her final years and reviews her life to discover whether she should have done anything differently--did she give up too much for too little?

To find out more about older adults and her play visit the catalog and webpage of the AgeArt Senior Theatre Resource Center. Her play is featured on page 25.
Spletter continues to develop new plays, refine old ones and explore creative ways to live with Parkinson's disease.

There Are Lots of Ways to Help Stagebridge this Spring!

We are so grateful for the outpouring of support from our amazing Stagebridge community! If you would still like to help, there are lots of ways to get involved. To donate, visit https://www.stagebridge.org/donate-now/ or mail a check to Stagebridge, 2501 Harrison St. Oakland CA 94612. You can also spread the word and encourage friends and family to support Stagebridge.

If you have fundraising or other ideas to help Stagebridge, we're all ears! We are also looking for volunteers to join our development committee. Contact board member Rachel Resnikoff at rachel@resnikoff.net to volunteer, or with your best ideas, connections, or other brainstorms.

And if you shop on Amazon (and who doesn't!) please don't forget to sign up for Amazon Smile to donate a small portion of every sale (at no extra cost) to Stagebridge. https://smile.amazon.com/

Upcoming Elder Salons

Co-Sponsored by Stagebridge and the Conscious Elders Network
Wednesdays
June 6 and 20; July 18; August 1 and 22; September 5 and 19; October 3 and 24.
1:30PM-3:30PM. FREE!

Our Wednesday Salons have taken root for the long term. We are exploring the awesome and difficult dynamics of living into our elder years, challenging ageism and seeking depth of meaning and purpose. We are riding the wave edge of a massive global emergence... olders becoming Elders through dialogue, exploration, sharing, and deeply caring.

Themes of our Salons include Elderhood, Community, Death/Loss, Gratitude/Grief, Meaning/Purpose, Redefining Ourselves Anew, What Can We Now Offer?, Engagement, Self-Assurance, Ripening, Discerning Priorities, Ageism, and more...

Contact
Kurt Kuhwald or Molly Arthur, Co-Facilitators, with questions at 415-971-2351 (Kurt)/415-699-8031 (Molly) or revkurtak@gmail.com molly6@pacbell.net

The Elder Salons take place at the First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St. For questions about the space and accessibility, please contact Sadie Harmon at sadie@stagebridge.org or 510-444-4755.
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