



Press Release

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THEATRE 7 TO OFFER A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

DECATUR, IL, JUNE 20, 2008: In preparation for its upcoming 45th Anniversary Season, Theatre 7, Decatur's Community Theatre, is offering seven workshops on various aspects of theatrical production in the month of July.

Workshops include:

Lighting Design Techniques

Wednesday, July 16, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Decatur Civic Center Theater, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza

Bill Keagle will inform participants of various techniques used in stage lighting, including using different types of lights, timing, color, and texture, and also discuss how to design a lighting plot for a production.

Audition Workshop

Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Schmalz Rehearsal Hall, Theatre 7 Building, 131 N. Water St.

This workshop, led by veteran director Anne Thompson, is intended for anyone and everyone who has ever thought about being on stage or auditioning for a theatrical production. She will explain the Theatre 7 audition processes, and give tips for giving a great audition.

Introduction to the Stage

Wednesday, July 23, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Schmalz Rehearsal Hall, Theatre 7 Building, 131 N. Water St.

Sometimes the biggest obstacle for people who are interested in being in a show is not knowing their way around on stage. Andrew Curry will lead participants of this workshop in a variety of exercises to familiarize them with the basics of stage terminology and some basic acting skills.

Stage Makeup Techniques

Thursday, July 24, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Schmalz Rehearsal Hall, Theatre 7 Building, 131 N. Water St.

Yes, even men need a little makeup when they are on stage! This workshop, led by RCC theatre instructor Michelle Stevens, will give both male and female participants a opportunity to learn about applying basic stage makeup and also include a few special effects techniques.

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Costuming Techniques

Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Costume Shop, Theatre 7 Building, 131 N. Water St.

Participants in this workshop will get an opportunity to tour the Theatre 7 costume shop and be instructed in some basic sewing skills as they learn about the techniques used to design a costume plot for a production.

Improvisational Acting

Wednesday, July 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Schmalz Rehearsal Hall, Theatre 7 Building, 131 N. Water St.

Funny men Doug Bishop and Andrew Curry will lead this workshop in improvisation, including how to recover if the other people on stage forget their lines!

Set Construction & Painting Techniques

Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Scene Shop, Theatre 7 Building, 131 N. Water St.

Putting together the set for a production requires some basic construction skills and often a bit of inventive painting. Come join the Theatre 7 set construction team for this workshop and learn how to use the most common tools needed in building a set, as well as some construction and paint texturing techniques commonly used in the theatre.

The workshops are open to anyone who is interested at a cost of \$5 per workshop. Theatre 7 members may attend for free (membership is \$15). The fee may be paid at the door, but advance registration is required by calling 423-2107 and leaving your name, phone number, and workshops you plan to attend, or by sending an e-mail that includes the same information to mail@theatre7.net.

Theatre 7 is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering an interest in all aspects of the theater whose volunteers have provided quality entertainment in the Decatur area since 1964. For more information about Theatre 7 or its productions, call 423-2107, e-mail mail@theatre7.net, or visit Theatre 7's web site at www.decaturnet.org/theatre7.

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