

SPRING BREAK THEATRE CLASSES AT WILLOWWIND
March 12-16, 2012
Taught by Riverside Theatre Artists

\$150 tuition for each class; students enrolled in both morning and afternoon sessions can bring a brown bag lunch and will be supervised for free.

To enroll please call Willowwind School at 319-338-6061 or email Heather Younker at heathery@willowwind.org.

Payment will be accepted by cash or check and must be received by February 24 to ensure your spot. Any student cancellations after February 24 will not be refunded. Willowwind and Riverside Theatre reserve the right to cancel a class due to low numbers. If a class is cancelled, a full refund will be given.

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Grades K-2 Storytelling/Creative Drama - Alisa Weinstein

Looking for boys and girls willing to imagine and tell stories, play games, talk, listen, work together and move in silly ways around a room. No experience necessary. In this process-oriented workshop, young people will have an opportunity to express themselves through safe, challenging and fun activities involving storytelling, acting, movement, costumes and creative play. Enriching for the shy and outgoing alike.

Grades 3-6 Comic Unarmed Combat - Peter Eli Johnson

Physical comedy + the technical skills of safe combat = finding the comic possibilities in our everyday lives! Each class will consist of a physical warm-up, discussion, show and tell, game playing, and collaborating on telling stories in comic and effective ways.

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Grades K-2 Clowning Around - Peter Eli Johnson

What makes something funny? Is it the same for everyone? Through games, music and storytelling we'll create comedy together.

Grades 3-6 Fairy-Tale Mix Up (Playwriting) – Jennifer Fawcett

Have you ever wondered what happens to the Ugly Stepsisters after Cinderella leaves? Using well known fairy tales as a starting point, we'll explore the *other* characters in the stories and let our imaginations run wild. Using writing, improvisation and theatre games, we will create an original play that will be performed on the last day of class.

SPRING BREAK TEACHERS

Jennifer Fawcett has an MFA in Playwriting from the University of Iowa. She is the winner of the 2008 National Science Playwriting Award from the Kennedy Center, and a 2010 Creation Fund Award from the National Performance Network. Recent plays include *Atlas of Mud* and *Toymaker's War*, both produced by Working Group Theatre at Riverside Theatre. Also an actor, Jennifer appeared in last summer's Shakespeare Festival as Lily in *Ah, Wilderness!* and Antonia/Host in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

Peter Eli Johnson is an actor and theatre educator from Chicago, who appeared last summer in Riverside's Festival productions as Speed in *Two Gentlemen of Verona* and Wint in *Ah, Wilderness!* He has an MFA from Western Illinois University, and has performed and taught for Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, Texas Shakespeare Festival and Utah Shakespearean Festival.

Alisa Weinstein has a BFA in Drama and MA in Educational Theatre from NYU. Previously, she was the Education Director for Riverside Theatre and has more than ten years of experience working creatively with young people. Currently, she is co-owner of Home Ec. Workshop in Iowa City where she teaches classes in sewing, knitting and other crafty things.