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GARDEN THEATRE ANNOUNCES 2011 SUMMER CAMP OFFERINGS

Karen Rugerio, Valencia College, and the Garden Theatre Team to Offer Theatre Camps

WINTER GARDEN, FL (April 18, 2011) – The Garden Theatre has formed a three-way partnership with locally renowned theatre instructor Karen Rugerio/Act III Acting Studio and Valencia College’s School of Arts and Humanities to develop a series of youth acting classes. Each camp will culminate with a showcase or production on the Garden Theatre stage. The productions will star Rugerio’s acting students grades K-12, while the production team will consist of Valencia College students in their Technical Theatre Production summer class.

Class options are:

Creative Dramatics

Monday-Friday, June 20-24, 9am-12noon

Kids will experience the joy of performing through games, songs, and storytelling. No prior experience necessary.

Grades K-3

Cost: \$200

ABCs of Acting

Monday-Friday, June 20-24, 1-5pm

Learn the basics of acting - this intro to theatre allows older kids to get in the act! No prior experience necessary.

Grades 4-10

Cost: \$200

Improvisation with Joe Fatone, Sr.

Monday-Friday, July 11-15, 1-5pm

Using proven methods, kids will hone their skills in this class with pop superstar Joey Fatone’s dad. Improvisation helps with problem solving and quick thinking. Some prior experience with theatre is helpful.

Grades 2-8

Cost: \$200

Youth Theatre Production

Monday-Friday, June 27-July 15, 9am-4pm

Grades K-5 – performing *Disney’s Jungle Book Kids*

Grades 6-10 – performing *Footloose*

This three-week “Summer-Stock”-like program gives students a chance to perform in a fully-staged production, complete with sets and costumes, at the end of the session. No prior experience necessary, all levels are welcome. Learn the basics as you perform.

Cost: \$495

Students in the Youth Theatre Production Camp will perform their respective shows on Friday-Sunday, July 15-17. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under.

To register or for more information, please visit gardentheatre.org.

ABOUT KAREN RUGERIO

Director of Theatre for the Visual and Performing Arts Magnet at Dr. Phillips High School and owner of Act III Acting Studio, Ms. Rugerio has been instructing youth through performing arts for many years and has taught many celebrities including Wayne Brady, Wesley Snipes, Joey Fatone, and Mandy Moore.

ABOUT THE GARDEN THEATRE

Located in the heart of historic downtown Winter Garden on Plant Street, the Garden Theatre is a not-for-profit community organization committed to enriching, engaging, and entertaining through creative experiences. The theatre, which reopened 2008, showcases an atmospheric theatre in a Mediterranean Revival style venue. The Garden Theatre hosts live plays, concerts, movies, and more to the residents of and visitors to the city of Winter Garden.

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