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## Springer Theatre Academy offers classes for Jedi masters, superheroes

Columbus, GA—9.14.2015: In a galaxy not so far, far away, the Springer Theatre Academy's classes appeal to its students in a fresh way.

New Springer Theatre Academy director, Sally Baker, offers a different take on foundational drama classes such as acting and improvisation. Instead of a regular acting class, students can choose well-known stories like "Star Wars," "The Avengers" or Dungeons and Dragons to explore as part of the curriculum.

Students will envision and create with the well-known worlds portrayed in movies and comic books.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, the Springer Theatre Academy will launch this new program aimed at developing the next generation of stage, TV and film performers.

"What we do here at the Springer Theatre Academy is create," said Baker. "We play with stories and how to best tell those stories. Why not create new stories within worlds we love like 'Star Wars' and 'The Avengers'?"

Other classes offered include a Showstoppers Musical Theatre, Stilt Walking, Directing and Treasure Trunk Theatre. Classes are geared towards students 3 years old and up.

"This is a relaxed, fun way for the creative novice to get involved in drama," Baker said. "But it's also a fresh, dynamic approach for more experienced young performers, too. The main thing is for a young entertainer to bring a sense of play and make bold choices. We'll do the rest."

Classes take place on Saturdays, Sept. 19 – Oct. 10. Call 706-324-1100 or go to [springeroperahouse.org](http://springeroperahouse.org) for more information or to register.

Storybook Adventures  
Kindergarten - 2nd grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85  
Creative story-telling using characters and games

Treasure Trunk Theatre  
Kindergarten - 2nd grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85  
Use mystery objects to tell stories in teams.

Acting 101  
3rd-5th grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85  
Build confidence acting scenes using characters and creative action.

Improvisation  
3rd-5th grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85  
Create brand-new performances using nothing but imagination!

Star Wars: The Academy Strikes Back  
3rd-5th grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
Jedi actors will face enemies and depend on each other to restore the Galactic Empire.

Showstoppers  
3rd-5th grade; 6th-8th grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85  
A musical theatre class that incorporates acting, singing and dancing.

Avengers Assemble!  
6th-8th grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85  
Superhero actors will find and destroy the bad guys and bring peace to the world.

Acting Up  
6th-8th grade  
Sept. 19 - Oct. 10  
\$85

A masterclass in acting challenges for the serious young stage artist.

**Stilt Walking**

6th-8th grade; 9th-12th grade

Sept. 19 - Oct. 10

\$85

Learn to walk on stilts and qualify for the Springer Stilt-walking team.

**Table Top Improv**

8th grade and up

Sept. 19 - Oct. 10

\$120

A fantasy improv experience with a Dungeon and Dragons theme.

**Introduction to Directing**

9th grade and up

Sept. 19 - Oct. 10

\$85

Learn how to direct a play from beginning to end.

**Lilly's Page to Stage: Adapting Stories to Plays**

Oct. 17 (One-day, 5-hour experience)

3rd-8th grade

\$100

Create a play script using your favorite children's story book.

**Dancer's Boot Camp**

Sept. 19 & 26 – Two-day intensive class

6th-12th grade

\$50

A class for non-dancers who want to learn to dance with style!

Call to register or ask questions: 706-324-1100

In-Person registration: 103 10th Street, Columbus, GA 31901

For more information, go to [springeroperahouse.org](http://springeroperahouse.org)

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