# **2014 Summer Programs for Children & Teens** Announcing HMT's 16<sup>th</sup> summer of programming for children & teens ages 8-18.

We are pleased to welcome back instructor Paul Sigrist.

### THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOOD SINGING:

Do you like to sing? This class is for students who want to learn how to sing using correct breathing support and to develop the stamina needed to sing while moving onstage - this class is NOT about learning how to sing in the *American Idol* vocal style. The class will culminate in a presentation for family and friends. <u>Ages 8-18</u>

Monday - Friday, July 7 - 11 • 9:30am - 12pm

#### Two Week class! SHAKESPEARE FOR YOUNG ACTORS: Over

the past few years our summer Shakespeare classes have become so popular that this year we are going to mount an entire Shakespeare play - *The Tempest*. Our returning instructor will create an abridged edition to be fully staged and given a public presentation on the last day of class. This is being offered as a *two week* class and students will be expected to have their roles memorized. Shakespeare is FUN and COOL and no one should ever be afraid of him. Come join us for this unique, exciting opportunity for young actors, whether you've had Paul's Shakespeare class before or are exploring Shakespeare for the first time.

<u>**Open to Ages 11-18**</u> (Students under 11 are welcome if they've had an HMT Shakespeare class in the past)

Monday - Friday, July 14 - 18 & 21 - 25 1pm - 3:30pm **IMPROVISATION:** Learning how to improvise is an important skill every actor needs. In this class, we will explore many fun ways you can achieve the skills needed to do improv, including imagination exercises, improvised scene work both alone and with other actors, relaxation techniques and storytelling exercises – and in the process you'll have a really good time. <u>Ages 8-18</u>

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**SCENES FROM GREAT AMERICAN PLAYS**: This summer we are offering a *new* summer class giving young actors the chance to explore and perform scenes from several great American plays. Returning instructor Paul Sigrist will be directing the scenes, coaching students in acting technique and giving them the tools an actor needs to create a character. Scenes being considered are from plays by such writers as Thornton Wilder, Eugene O'Neil, Clyde Fitch, Kaufman and Hart, Arthur Miller and others. Students will be expected to memorize their scenes and blocking. This is an exciting new addition to the annual summer line-up of HMT classes and it is an excellent opportunity for the serious young performer who wants to learn more about the craft of acting. <u>Ages 8-18</u>

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Home Made Theater is a not-for-profit theater company committed to enhancing the cultural life of the Saratoga region. As the Resident Company in the historic Spa Little Theater we are a vital link in creating a thriving community. We believe in the ability of theater to entertain, educate and enrich people's lives. Our mission is to offer high quality theater productions of outstanding plays, produced by a dedicated group of professionally minded artists; to offer classes in the theater arts to people of all ages, and to provide the opportunity for exciting and rewarding participation in all aspects of the theater.



**PAUL SIGRIST** is a New York-based actor singer, director equally at home in theater, television and film. He is a member of the performing unions SAG-AFTRA and Actors Equity Association (AEA). He spent nineteen consecutive seasons with the professional repertory company The New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players in Off-Broadway productions and on tour throughout the U.S., Canada and England, as well as performed with many other companies and performing arts organizations. In the capital district, he directed and choreographed a popular revival of *Trial by Jury* for Hubbard Hall Opera in 2013, has been a class instructor and director of Shakespeare annually for the Home Made Theater summer programs and co-directed and choreographed a series of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas for the former Opera Saratoga Summer Intensive. On television, he frequently appears on *Saturday Night Live* as an additional actor in sketches and pre-tapes, has appeared on *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, Law and Order: SVU,* and *The Electric Company,* among many others. He portrayed real-life Grateful Dead keyboardist Brent Mydland in the feature film *The Music Never Stopped.* www.paulsigrist.com

## Morning classes will be held in the Saratoga Spa State Park Administrative Building (on the back side of the Spa Little Theater).

Afternoon classes will be held at Bloom: A Movement Space, 153 Regent Street, Saratoga Springs (in the basement).

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- ★ Class size limited to 15 students per class.
- Registrations are accepted in the order in which they are received.

 Cancellation Fee: \$10 per course up to two weeks prior to the start of class. After that point, <u>no refunds will be issued</u>.

<u>To register over the phone</u> with MC/Visa/Discover or for further info call HMT at 587-4427

<u>Registration by mail - send to</u>: Home Made Theater, P.O. Box 1182, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

- ★ Register by May 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive a \$25 per class discount! ★
- PLEASE NOTE: Classes at Bloom will be "sock foot" or "barefoot" classes!



Be sure to register early - space is limited! \* www.homemadetheater.org

Registrations must be postmarked by May 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive discount

Class Title	Fee	$\checkmark$
THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOOD SINGINGJuly 7 – 119:30am-12pm	\$145 \$120 early registration	
IMPROVISATION – SESSION I July 7 – I I I I-3:30pm	\$145 \$120 early registration	
IMPROVISATION – SESSION II July 21 – 25 9:30am-12pm	\$145 \$120 early registration	
SCENES FROM AMERICAN PLAYS July 14 – 18 9:30am-12pm	\$145 \$120 early registration	
SHAKESPEARE FOR YOUNG ACTORS July 14 – 18 1-3:30pm & July 21 – 25 1-3:30pm	\$280 \$255 early registration	

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Child's Name:		Age:
Parent's Name:		
Address:		
<u>City:</u>	State:	Zip:
Home Ph:	Work/Cell:	
e-mail		

Registrations are accepted in the order in which they are received.

 $\Box$  Enclosed is a check payable to HMT

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