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Register Now for Steel Beam Theatre's Fall 2011 Children's Acting Workshops

Young aspiring actors, ages 6-14, will fine tune their acting skills at Steel Beam Theatre's Fall 2011 Children's Acting Workshops. Instructor Lori Holm will focus on core aspects of performing essential to an actor's development. "These workshops are a unique opportunity," says Ms. Holm, "because they are not performance-based, but a series of skill building lessons. Each student, regardless of experience, is taught through acting games, movement and script-work." Students will focus on stage presence/direction, voice projection, movement, building a character, working with a scene partner and creating a story. Each six-week session will end with an informal showcase for family and friends.

Lori Holm begins her fourth year as a Steel Beam Theatre Children's Instructor this fall. Ms. Holm is a Chicago-area actor who appeared in Steel Beam's MainStage production of *Corpse!*. She is a member of the Janus Theatre Company and founding member of TROUPE STROZZI. Ms. Holm's directing credits include *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Side Walk Tales*, which she also wrote. Her website is www.loriholm.com.

The workshops will be held at the Steel Beam Theatre Rehearsal Space, Cedar Avenue Business Center, 125 N. 11th Ave., St. Charles, IL. Class sizes are limited to 12 students. The fee is \$105.00 per session. Register online at www.SteelBeamTheatre.com or call 630.587-8521.

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New! AUDITION! We take the mystery out of what can be expected during the audition process! Students will work through "cold" readings and prepare monologues, as well as learn the best ways to prepare for auditions! The session will end with an informal showcase that family and friends are welcome to attend. *Mondays, Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17 from 5:30-6:30 PM, Ages 9 – 14 yrs.*

FAIRY TALE THEATRE (FTT)– RUMPLESTILTSKIN. FTT continues to be our most popular class! Students will bring some of their favorite fairy tale characters to life with movement, voice and stage presence games they will enjoy...and learn from! The session will end with an informal showcase that family and friends are welcome to attend. *Tuesdays, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18 from 5:30-6:30 PM, Ages 6 – 11 yrs.*

IMPROVISATION. Students will learn a series of acting games to help them think on their feet and shine through their creative sides...all in the name of COMEDY! The session will end with an informal showcase family and friends are welcome to attend. *Thursdays, Sept 15, 22, 29 Oct. 6, 13, 20 from 5:30-6:30 PM, Ages 9 – 14 yrs.*

The Steel Beam Children's Theatre's motto is *It's What Happens Off-Stage that Counts* to emphasize Steel Beam's belief that participation in theatre is not simply about winning a starring role, and that life skills like communication, discipline, teamwork and respect are developed during the rehearsal and performance process. Steel Beam Theatre offers classes, summer camps, workshops and audition-based theatrical productions for children ages 6-16. Hundreds of area children have started their training in the theatrical arts in Steel Beam's intimate, non-threatening and nurturing environment, where the student/teacher ratio is always low and each child receives individualized attention. Many Steel Beam Theatre alumni have gone on to major in the arts at college, or appear in professional productions.

Steel Beam Theatre (SBT), 111 W. Main Street, St. Charles, IL, guides audiences and actors in shared experiences that help the participants more fully understand humanity. SBT's mission is to bring high quality theatrical entertainment, training and arts awareness to the Fox Valley community at an affordable price. Since 2001, Steel Beam Theatre productions have attracted thousands to St. Charles, and the Theatre is an anchor that adds diversity and draws visitors to the historic downtown area for any given production. Steel Beam Theatre - **Experience** Life! Visit us on Facebook, at www.SteelBeamTheatre.com, or call 630.587.8521.

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