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Market Hall Brings Intensive Focus To Creativity Camps!

Market Hall Performing Arts Centre is proud to celebrate its 15th year of **Creativity Camps**. Once again Market Hall will give children the opportunity to explore their creative selves within an authentic theatre environment.

Along with the return of several popular creativity camps, this summer brings a new focus on specialized skills development with camps for children with a keen interest in singing, percussion, dance, film making and circus arts. Market Hall is also pleased to announce a new 2-week intensive camp called The Human Machine, for children who are serious about performing arts as a career goal (by application only).

Green Roof Theatre Camp with Dan Fewings (July 6-10, 2015) **\$180** (Ages 7 – 13 year): The Fabulous Green Roof Children's Theatre camps are an established tradition of excellence working with children in a theatrically creative context. The camps enable children to explore their imagination through theatre games, writing, music, movement and masks.

Voice and Performance Mastery with Kate Suhr (July 13-17, 2015) **\$180** (Ages 9-13): During this week long course, students will be invited to explore the world of voice and performance artistry. Kate will touch upon important details of vocal technique, as well as performance training. Students will learn many different things from vocal health, to the essential guide to song mastery. Each person will have the opportunity to apply what they have learned to a song of their choosing. These songs will be workshopped and then performed at the end of the week.

Percussion Camp with Andrew Bigg (July 20-24, 2015) **\$180** (Ages 8-13): Each day we will explore aspects of percussion, using both store-bought instruments as well as instruments we make and decorate ourselves! We will explore West African rhythms as an introduction to drumming, then begin to improvise and write our own percussion pieces. As well, we will integrate the percussion with mask, movement and drama.

My First Movie Camp with Brian Mitolo (July 27-31, 2015) **\$180** (Ages 9 – 13 year): Young people can have their first experience creating and performing in the short movies they make during their week at Market Hall. Writing, directing and acting skills are explored through fun games and story-making activities.

LIMITED SPACE: ten participants only.

Triple Threat Dance Camp with Shannon Stanlick (August 3-7, 2015) **\$180** (Ages 7-13): This week campers will combine acting, singing, and dancing onstage, receiving daily acting, singing and dance training. They will also take part in a variety of choreographed and directed musical theatre numbers. Each day, rehearsal and training will be intertwined with exciting camp games, activities and crafts. Campers will also have the opportunity to choreograph and direct their very own musical theatre number. The week culminates with the children starring in a magnificent musical theatre showcase that exhibits their newfound multiple talents.

The Human Machine (Monday-Friday, August 10-21 2015) **\$400** (Ages 10-14): Want an authentic experience of what it takes to have a career in the performing arts? This summer join The Market Hall's Youth Series for a Two-Week Intensive. Under the direction of Intensive leader Matthew Finlan, 20 Participants ages 10-14 will work

together to create an original production to be mounted at Market Hall Performing Arts Centre. In addition to their collective creation participants will partake in specialized workshop including: MOVEMENT with Susie Clarke, VOCAL MUSIC with Kate Suhr, MASK & MIME with Daniel Fewings, THEATRE PRODUCTION with Patricia Levert Thorne, STORY TELLING with Janette Plantana, PUPPETRY (instructor to be announced), STAGE MAKE-UP (instructor to be announced), TECHNICAL DESIGN with Don White. Utilizing skills gained from the aforementioned workshops, participants will become their very own theatre company, experiencing firsthand what it takes to put their hard work onstage. By application only! Application forms available at www.markethall.org.

New Shoes Theatre Camp with Mathew Finlan (August 24-28, 2015) **\$180** (Ages 7-13): New Shoes Theatre is a smorgasbord of theatrical entertainment; uniting song and dance with sketch comedy, improv and monologues. In just five short days Campers will transform into the cast of their very own variety show. Campers will receive the authentic experience of seeing their imagination come to life onstage. With exercises in scriptwriting, group work and personal creation, each participant has their chance to shine. The energy is electric, the creativity is inspiring and the positivity is infectious. Whether you are a veteran performer or a new comer to the stage, New Shoes Theatre provides a wealth of insight, and even more fun!

Circus Camp with Thomas Vaccaro (August 31-September 4) **\$200** (Ages 9-13): Students will learn the curriculum taught by Canada's National Circus School! Thomas Vaccaro, a graduate of the circus instructor/trainer program and creative director for the Peterborough Academy of Circus Arts will be adapting the youth program taught by the ENC & Cirque Du Soleil. The program focuses heavily on Balance, Acrobatics, Aerials, and Object Manipulation, and uses games as a means to learn. No previous experience is necessary. Circus Arts are essential building blocks for developing self-esteem, physical fitness, good health, spatial awareness, and bringing your body and mind in harmony together.

Each Creativity camp will be held at Market Hall Performing Arts Centre and will run from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Each week long session will include preparation for a performance for family and friends on the last day of camp. These performances will be filmed, offering campers the opportunity to save their memories.

Those registering for multiple camps in the same order will be eligible for a \$10 discount on each. For detailed information on each camp, and registration instructions visit www.markethall.org.

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