

PERFORMERS THEATRE WORKSHOP

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## THE PTW COMEDY CREW

Announcing the launch of an exciting, first-of-its-kind program in the state of New Jersey for kids and teens who want to become working comedy professionals...or just train like one!

ACT • DANCE • SING  
**PTW**  
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### Find your crew!

Be bold. Be funny. COMEDY CREW takes the mystery out of finding your comedic voice, developing characters, improvising, and mining your unique experiences to engage your audience and make them laugh.



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Millburn, NJ

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## The 2023-24 COMEDY CREW program:

Exciting improvisation and sketch comedy training.  
Students audition by submitting a short video audition  
or by recommendation from PTW artistic director Dean Kravitz –  
see details at [ptwonline.com/comedy-crew](https://ptwonline.com/comedy-crew).

### **ACTING CLASS** (1 hour per week)

Teachers: Rodrigo Cruz, Kevin Daniels, Carey Gsell, Sam Boelans, Tiffany Grossfeld

#### **Study and refine the core practices of great acting:**

- Objective and obstacle
- Playing tactics
- Character relationships
- “Moment before” action
- Raising the stakes
- Voicework: projection, diction, phrasing, tone, register

### **COMEDY & IMPROV WORKSHOP** (45 minutes per week)

Teachers: Carlie Craig, Sherry Harrington, Sam Boelans

#### **Study and refine the fundamentals of comedy:**

- Sharpen your on-stage listening
- Quickening your on-stage reflexes
- Strengthen your partner work using written scenes and improvised sketches
- Engage subtlety as a device
- Apply tried and true techniques like “yes, and”
- Practice, practice, practice – unlock your spontaneity by performing...a lot!

### **CHARACTER CREATION & SKETCH COMEDY CLASS** (45 min per week)

Teachers: Carlie Craig, Sherry Harrington

#### **In these sessions, you’ll**

- Transform your ideas and experiences into original characters
- Write compelling character descriptions
- Inhabit your characters in scenes and improvised sketches
- Revise and perform sketches with your scene partners
- Create character ideas through free-writing exercises
- Develop and refine point of view using wigs and wardrobe
- Perform classic and contemporary sketch
- Incorporate musical elements – timing, rhythmic cadence, song, and instrumental narrative

**CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT PRIVATE COACHING SESSIONS** (30 min per week)

Teachers: Carlie Craig, Sherry Harrington

**In these sessions, you'll**

- Create original characters with unique points of view (think SNL)
- Perform celebrity impressions
- Write character dialogue
- Perform your original monologues and scenes

Note: Students who wish to write stand-up material will have the opportunity to test their routine in front of an audience.

**COMEDY CREW MASTERCLASSES** (1 ½ hrs., once a month)

Teachers: Carlie Craig, Guest Teaching Artists

**During these expert-led sessions, you'll**

- Learn fundamentals of crowd work and audience engagement
- Practice written and improvised monologues and sketches
- Pull these elements together to prepare your end-of-year performance

## **SCHEDULE & TUITION:**

### **FALL** (see PTW Calendar for exact dates) - \$2385

- (10) 30-minute solo (solo/duo) sessions - scheduled around your availability, \$780
- (10) 60-minute Acting class (see PTW class schedule for days and times offered for your age range), \$515
- (10) 45-minute Comedy & Improv Workshop, Saturdays 1:15-2pm, \$545
- (10) 45-minute Character Creation & Sketch Comedy, Saturdays, 2-2:45pm, \$545

### **WINTER** (see PTW Calendar for exact dates) - \$1431

- (6) 30-minute solo (solo/duo) sessions - scheduled around your availability, \$468
- (6) 60-minute Acting class (see PTW class schedule for days and times offered for your age range), \$309
- (6) 45-minute Comedy & Improv Workshop, Saturdays 1230-115pm (different age ranges in separate groups), \$327
- (6) 45-minute Character Creation & Sketch Comedy, Saturdays, 2-2:45pm, \$327

### **SPRING** (see PTW Calendar for exact dates) - \$2385

- (10) 30-minute solo (solo/duo) sessions - scheduled around your availability, \$780
- (10) 60-minute Acting class (see PTW class schedule for days and times offered for your age range), \$515
- (10) 45-minute Comedy & Improv Workshop, Saturdays 1:15-2pm, \$545
- (10) 45-minute Character Creation & Sketch Comedy, Saturdays, 2-2:45pm, \$545

## **MASTERCLASSES: \$1650**

Over the course of the school year we will offer eight (10) masterclasses—90-minute workshops with the core COMEDY CREW faculty and guest artists with experience in the industry. Students in the program will be required to attend a minimum of six (6) masterclasses, \$275 per masterclass.

Students may attend additional masterclasses at no extra tuition.

### **Masterclasses are Sundays 1-2:30pm**

Sunday September 10, 2023	Sunday, January 28, 2024	Sunday March 24, 2024
Sunday October 8, 2023	Sunday, February 4, 2024	Sunday May 5, 2024
Sunday November 12, 2023	Sunday, February 11, 2024	Sunday June 2, 2024
Sunday January 21, 2024	Sunday, March 10, 2024	

## **PERFORMANCES**

Performance at St. George's Church, Parish Hall, will be either February 4, 2024 or February 11, 2024, at 7pm.  
Performance at comedy club (such as Southern BBQ Comedy Lounge in West Orange or Gotham Comedy Club in NYC) on June 2, at 7pm.

### **Core COMEDY CREW Faculty:**

Led by Carlie Craig (series regular on MAD TV!), COMEDY CREW will also be taught by other PTW Faculty: Sherry Harrington and Sam Boelens.

## TUITION & PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SAVINGS

**Total Tuition for Fall/Winter/Spring COMEDY CREW** (including \$50 registration fee):

**\$7851** (entire Comedy Crew program including (26) 30-minute private lessons every week of the semester)

**\$6837** (entire Comedy Crew program including (13) 30-minute private lessons every other week of the semester)

**If taking Fall/Winter/Spring Acting Class as part of Professional Track, this reduces tuition to:**

**\$6512** (entire Comedy Crew program including (26) 30-minute private lessons every week of the semester)

**\$5498** (entire Comedy Crew program including (26) 30-minute private lessons every week of the semester)

<b>Total if Paid in Full by Zelle or Check by May 5*</b>	<b>Subtract 20% off tuition</b>
<b>Total if Paid in Full by Credit Card by May 5*</b>	<b>Subtract 15% off tuition</b>
<b>Earliest Bird Discount - Tuition If Registered by May 15**</b>	<b>Subtract 10% off tuition</b>
<b>Comedy Crew Early Bird Discount - Tuition If Registered by June 8**</b>	<b>Subtract \$250 off tuition</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>**AFTER MAY 15:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**Pay in full by Zelle: No Fee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**Pay in full by Credit Card: 3% credit card fee</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**Payment Plan by Credit Card: 5% payment plan fee</b>  <b>Use Zelle for a no-fee down payment, and only pay 5% on the remaining payment plan balance.</b>  <b><i>Note: Payment plans require a credit card on file.</i></b></p>	

Notes:

- You will receive a \$250 Refer a Friend Discount when the friend you refer registers.
- Tuitions are eligible for discounts only if payment in full or first payment of payment plan is received by the listed date.
- Zelle, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, auto-debit, checks and cash are accepted.
- Please return your first payment with your registration request.
- Comedy Crew students must register by June 8 to receive the Early Registration discount and ensure a spot in Comedy Crew 2023-24.

**Limited spots available. Call 973-327-2250 or email [ptwstars@gmail.com](mailto:ptwstars@gmail.com) to book your audition!**