

COMEDY CREW

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





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.





PERFORMERS THEATRE WORKSHOP

The 2024-25 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.

ACTING CLASS (45 minutes per week)

Teachers: Simone McAlonen, Taylor Gautier, Sherry Harrington,

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, Simone McAlonen, Sherry Harrington

Study and refine the fundamentals of comedy:

- Sharpen your on-stage listening
- Quicken 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, Simone McAlonen, 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, Simone McAlonen, 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., approximately 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) - \$2505

- (10) 30-minute solo (solo/duo) sessions scheduled around your availability, \$840
- (10) 60-minute Acting class (see PTW class schedule for days and times offered for your age range), \$535
- (10) 45-minute Comedy & Improv Workshop, Saturdays 1:15-2pm, \$565
- (10) 45-minute Character Creation & Sketch Comedy, Saturdays, 2-2:45pm, \$565

WINTER (see PTW Calendar for exact dates) - \$1503

- (6) 30-minute solo (solo/duo) sessions scheduled around your availability, \$504
- (6) 60-minute Acting class (see PTW class schedule for days and times offered for your age range), \$321
- (6) 45-minute Comedy & Improv Workshop, Saturdays 1230-115pm (different age ranges in separate groups), \$339
- (6) 45-minute Character Creation & Sketch Comedy, Saturdays, 2-2:45pm, \$339

SPRING (see PTW Calendar for exact dates) - \$2505

- (10) 30-minute solo (solo/duo) sessions scheduled around your availability, \$840
- (10) 60-minute Acting class (see PTW class schedule for days and times offered for your age range), \$535
- (10) 45-minute Comedy & Improv Workshop, Saturdays 1:15-2pm, \$565
- (10) 45-minute Character Creation & Sketch Comedy, Saturdays, 2-2:45pm, \$565

MASTERCLASSES: \$1770

Over the course of the school year we will offer nine (9) 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, \$295 per masterclass.

Students may attend additional masterclasses at no extra tuition.

Masterclasses are Sundays 1-2:30pm

| Sunday September 29, 2024 | Sunday January 26, 2025 | Sunday, March 23, 2025 |
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| Sunday November 10, 2024 | Sunday, February 2, 2025 | Sunday, April 6, 2025 |
| Sunday January 12, 2025 | Sunday, March 9, 2025 | Sunday June 1, 2025 |

PERFORMANCES

Sunday, February 2, 2024 at 7pm at St. George's Church, Parish Hall
Sunday, June 1, 2025 2pm or 7pm at a Comedy Club
(Southern BBQ Comedy Lounge in West Orange, Gotham Comedy Club in NYC or similar venue)

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 Simone McAlonen

TUITION & PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR SAVINGS

Total Tuition for Fall/Winter/Spring COMEDY CREW (includes \$65 registration fee):

\$8348 Comedy Crew program with (26) 30-minute private lessons every week of the semester

\$7256 Comedy Crew program with (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:

\$6957 Comedy Crew program with (26) 30-minute private lessons every week of the semester

\$5865 Comedy Crew program with (13) 30-minute private lessons every week of the semester

| Earliest Bird Discount ~Save 20% Paid in Full or down payment by May 20 No processing fee if pay by check 3% processing fee added if paid by credit card 5% payment plan fee added to all payment plans along with 3% credit card processing fee Note: a credit card on file is required for Payment Plans | Subtract 20% off tuition |
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| Early Bird Discount ~ Save 15% Paid in Full or down payment by June 15 No processing fee if pay by check 3% processing fee added if paid by credit card 5% payment plan fee added to all payment plans along with 3% credit card processing fee Note: a credit card on file is required for Payment Plans | Subtract 15% off tuition |
| AFTER June 15: No processing fee if pay by check 3% processing fee added if paid by credit card 5% payment plan fee added to all payment plans along with 3% credit card processing fee Note: a credit card on file is required for Payment Plans | |

Notes:

- \$250 "Referral Discount" for each student you refer who registers!
- Discounts on tuition are applicable solely upon receipt of full payment or deposit by the specified date
- Register by May 20 to receive the Earliest Bird discount and ensure a spot in Comedy Crew 2024-25
- Register by June15 for the Early Bird discount and ensure a spot in Comedy Crew 2024-25
- Payment plans require a credit card on fille.

Limited spots available. Call 973-327-2250 or email ptwstars@gmail.com to book your audition!