



**REALITY Theatre** is a troupe of high school teens from the Northwest suburbs who develop and perform their own original theatre productions. The topics of the productions offer alternatives to destructive behaviors and offer positive messages on body image, substance abuse prevention, anti-bullying, internet safety, family relationships and celebrating differences.

REALITY Theatre performs at elementary, junior high and high schools throughout Northern Illinois, at conferences, special events, leadership camps, parent nights, and health fairs.

We have an exciting program of activities and performance opportunities. We invite you to get to know the troupe and learn about the traditions that make REALITY so powerful and unique.



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**JOIN US** at OMNI Youth Services for an exhilarating summer of self-expression as we create theatre based on the issues and ideas you contribute! Hone your skills as an actor or experience acting for the first time! Meet new people and enjoy fun rehearsals and field trips!



## REALITY Teen Theatre Troupe Summer Theatre Workshop

**WHAT** The Summer Theatre Workshop will serve as the training period for the members of the REALITY Theatre troupe for the 2012-2013 school year. We will develop and polish performance skills through theatre games, improvisation and ensemble building exercises. We will identify and explore issues relevant to today's teenagers, and will write and create material for performance based on our own stories. We will shape this material into performance pieces which we will present at local schools throughout the upcoming school year. We'll take a few exciting field trips as well.

**WHO** Interested teens, grades 9 – 12, who must pledge to be substance-free and to make healthy life choices.

**NO PRIOR THEATRE EXPERIENCE is necessary—just a desire to participate!**

**WHEN** Two six-week sessions will be held  
SUNDAYS June 24-July 29, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
OR  
TUESDAYS, June 26-July 31, 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm.  
OR

Sign up BOTH!  
(New activities and material will be introduced at each meeting)

**WHERE** OMNI Youth Services

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**COST** \$30 per session

OR - \$50 for BOTH sessions

Tuition assistance is available.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

❖ You won't need to audition to participate in this summer program. We will conduct an informal skills assessment at our first cast meeting. By participating in either summer session (or both), you will have "returning cast member" status when it comes to the auditions for the 2012-2013 REALITY Theatre Troupe.

❖ If you cannot participate in the complete session due to family travel, job, camp or other obligations, arrangements can be made to pro-rate the cost if requested in advance. Please note your request on the registration form.



❖ The Summer Theatre workshop will be led by **Melissa Jacobs Estes**, the new artistic director of REALITY Theatre. Melissa comes to OMNI with over 20 years experience as a high school theatre teacher and director. She will be assisted by **Samantha Gassel**, a recent graduate in Theatre Education from Emerson College. **Janet Jesse** will serve as the Summer Theatre Workshop's administrative coordinator. Janet has years of experience as a not-for-profit executive coordinating fine arts programs and events for high schools, Girl Scouts, and other youth groups.



## REGISTRATION DETAILS

Registration is required to participate!

Register by filling out the attached form with check or credit card payment and returning it by Wednesday, June 20, 2012.

Once your registration is accepted, you will receive a packet with forms and releases which must be completed and returned PRIOR to our first meeting on June 24 or June 26.

## QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Call Janet Jesse at 847-353-1706 or Melissa Estes at 847-353-1796 or email [mestes@omniyouth.org](mailto:mestes@omniyouth.org) or [jjesse@omniyouth.org](mailto:jjesse@omniyouth.org).

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### REGISTRATION

I am registering for:

- Sunday Workshops only (\$30/6 sessions)  
 Tuesday Workshops only (\$30/6 sessions)  
 BOTH Sunday and Tuesday (\$50/12 sessions)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

School (Fall 2012) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Fall 2012) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Please contact me regarding tuition assistance.  
 My child will NOT attend the following session

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please list dates

You may reduce your payment by \$5 per missed session at the time of registration.

Method of Payment

- Check  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return Completed Registration To:

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Registration is due by June 20, 2012