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Raue Center giving opportunities to express through art

Submitted by Raue Center for the Arts

If you're looking for something fun and creative to do this summer, Raue Center for the Arts has you covered. Starting in June, Raue Center will offer two great programs for children that encourage the arts — Sage Studio and FOCUS 2011.

Sage Studio classes include Theatre/Comedy Improv, Storytelling Series, Film Bootcamp, and Sculpture Classes and Workshops. They are now taking applications. Camps run June through July. No experience is necessary to participate.

FOCUS 2011 showcases the talents of our community's youth by "empowering today's youth and digging into their future." Whether dance, poetry, fashion or painting, FOCUS 2011 allows you to express yourself and share your works of art at this year's talent show. Categories are visual arts, performing arts, and fashion. The big event takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23 and the show is open to the public.

Both Sage Studio classes and FOCUS 2011 will take place in the theater at 26 N. Williams St. in downtown Crystal Lake.

Contact Kate Wilford at kwilford@rauecenter.org with questions. Visit rauecenter.org to download an application or you can visit the box office at 26 N. Williams St. in downtown Crystal Lake. Openings are limited; sign up soon.

Sage Studio Theatre and Comedy Camp: This is an intensive three-week course with an emphasis on building ensemble unity, individual acting development, vocal enhancement and stage movement. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 13-30. Tuition is \$100. Participants must be ages 11 to 18.

Storytelling Series: We each have a story to tell; personal stories, passed down stories, reminiscences, anecdotes of friends, neighbors, memorable moments, stories to pass on in order that they may live on. Your story will be a "gift of memories" for you to pass on. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays, June 9-30. Tuition is \$100. Participants must be 18 or older.

Film Bootcamp: The fundamentals of film making. Now in its fourth year, Sage Studio's Film Boot Camp not only teaches the filmmaking process but supplies mentored, hands-on training culminating in the creation of two to three short films. Classes will run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 20-23. Tuition is \$100. Participants must be 15 or older, and class size is limited to the first 18 applicants.

Sculpture Classes/Workshops: Classes will run from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, June 22 through July 20, no class July 6, with a break for lunch. Tuition is \$200 plus the cost of materials for five weeks. All registration is facilitated through the studio school. Call Erik Blome at (925) 408-3446

FOCUS 2011: Whether dance, poetry, fashion or painting, FOCUS 2011 allows kids 18 and younger to express themselves and be creative. The talent showcase will be at 7 p.m. July 23. Ticket prices will be \$12 for adults

and \$6 for children. There will be a mandatory dress rehearsal at 6 p.m. Friday, July 22. Participants may perform in the following areas:

• Fashion Design: "Walk the Raueway" in your own fashion creation at the FOCUS performance. The fashion design portion of FOCUS is in partnership with Aesthetics at 650 E Terra Cotta Suite #106, Crystal Lake, IL, 60014. This year's theme is "Green Power." All materials and informational packets to start your designs are distributed through Aesthetics. Calif. Contact Connie Perez at (630) 567.2873 or online at aestheticscreations.com for pickup dates and additional information. Want to learn more about fashion design? Camps are available to assist in the design process for ages 7-17, and run in June and July for \$200-\$225 per person. Contact Aesthetics to register.

• Performing Arts: Actors, dancers, singers, present your talent front and center on Raue Center's stage at FOCUS 2011. The application deadline is Friday, June 17. There will be a mandatory educational workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

• Visual Arts: Artists, display your work at FOCUS 2011. Applications are due June 17. There will be a mandatory educational workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 16.

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