

Afterschool Acting is a unique teaching program designed to have professional actors teach basic acting skills to elementary, middle, and high school age children, with the intention of exposing them to the disciplines of acting and performing, as a means of developing both performance skills (voice, diction, and projection; stage presence; comedy and character development) and life skills (cooperation, imagination, confidence). Kate Wilford, a professional actress in the Midwest region for over 30 years, has been teaching this fun and challenging program in Cincinnati for over fifteen years in area schools, both public and private. Award winning professionals now teach this program in over 12 area schools.

At schools we offer:

- 1) A 32 week, full school year program, of four 8-week quarters, with a one-hour class per week.

The quarters are divided as follows:

First Quarter: Introduction to acting technique through improvisation.

Second Quarter: Poetry and monologue work as the beginning of script analysis and character development.

Third Quarter: Video techniques learned while taping the monologues and poems. Students work as cast and crew.

Fourth Quarter: Final production, where all stage techniques learned through the year are utilized.

- 2) An 8 to 10 week basic introduction to acting by performing a short play.

We bring in a short, age appropriate play for 10 to 25 students and spend one hour a week rehearsing and refining, culminating in a final performance for friends and families.

All classes teach basic acting skills which include: script analysis, voice and diction, stage technique, comedic timing, relaxation techniques, stage direction, and improvisation.

All courses end with a final performance to demonstrate the skills learned in a fun play or set of scenes. All the scripts are adapted from children's literature.

For more information on how to bring this program into your school, either as an extracurricular before or after the school day or as part of your arts program, please contact us at Afterschoolacting.com or call us 513-349-6791