

An ACT Doubleheader: *The Well in the Woods* and *Loving Louisa!*

On Friday and Saturday evenings, January 28th and 29th, ACT will be presenting an unusual and fun night of theater at Arlington Center for the Arts: two original plays written by two young playwrights, winners of ACT's Second Annual Young Playwrights Competition!

The Well in the Woods, the first place winner, written by Arlington resident 13 year old Alexandra Huzsvai, tells the story of two princesses running away from their

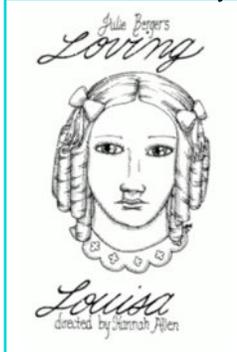


evil stepmother in order to save the king, their dying father. With a cast of over 25 ACTors and directed by AHS students Laura Mulvey and Amy Young, this is sure to be a fun-filled show.

After a brief intermission, ACT will present the much-shorter adult-themed *Loving Louisa*, written by Julie Ann Berger, a 16 year old student from New Jersey.

Loving Louisa is the story of a mild-mannered, Sinatra-loving man's journey into madness who brings a beautiful marionette home to his wife. Directed by AHS student Hannah Allen and starring four ACTors.

For more information and for tickets, call Susan Watts at 781-643-6750.



The ACT Playwriting Workshop has finished its adaptation of Edward Eager's *Half Magic!* The play will be produced during the February Vacation Week Drama Camp (see Workshops) on Saturday afternoon, February 26th. Go to the ACT website for details or call Steve at 781-721-2176.

Workshops with ACT

Here's our spring roster of workshops:

Jacqueline Rossi's Discovery Theatre for the Younger Artist for children aged 4 and 5. Saturday mornings, 9:30-10:30 at Church of Our Saviour in Arlington. \$50 for four workshops. Starts January 8th.

Magic Carpet Ride with Medina Mahfuz for kids aged 6 to 10 years old. Tuesday afternoons, 4-5:30 PM, starting February 1st, at Church of Our Saviour in Arlington. \$75 for ten classes. Medina's a fabulous teacher! Using myths, creative movement, props, scenes, games and much more, you'll explore the world!

February Vacation Camp: Half Magic

Monday-Friday, February 21-25, 9am to 2pm, at Rocky DiRico's School of Kenpo Karate, in Arlington, with Performance on Saturday, February 26th. For kids aged 7 to 12. Fee: \$125. **This workshop is already filled, but if you register you can be put on the waiting list.**

Wheelock Family Theatre Workshops with ACT

WFT Intensive: Acting Monologues with Lisa Korak This workshop will focus on the skills needed to make a monologue captivating and believable. Lisa is one of WFT's (and ACT's!) most popular and challenging instructors. For students aged 12 to 16. This workshop is offered over two consecutive Saturdays, from 9 AM to 3 PM, on March 5th and 12th. Fee: \$200.

WFT Intensive: Comedy Improv! Instructor Noah Starr is a New York-based professional actor with particular expertise in comedy improvisation and stage combat. Students will work with scene partners, exploring fun ways to play characters, tell stories, and hone improvisational skills that are great to have in everyday life not just onstage. For ages 9 to 11. Two consecutive Saturdays, March 19th and 26th, from 9 AM to 3 PM, Fee: \$200.

Scholarships are available for all ACT workshops and productions. [Contact us](#) for more information.

For more information or to sign up, visit the ACT website, or contact Steve Smith at 781-721-2176 or ACT 02174@yahoo.com.

ACT hosts an open Board meeting, Tuesday, January 4th at the Fox Library in Arlington. Public is welcome.

Helping ACT: Join, Perform, Lead, Applaud, even Usher!

There are lots of ways to help ACT. You can donate your time as a board member or a volunteer in a production; you can offer a workshop; you can attend an ACT show or sponsored event (like the Regent's "Sing along Wizard of Oz"; you can even be an usher at the Regent Theater in Arlington for ACT! This latter venture brought in \$2000 for ACT this fall, thanks to over 50 people who ushered the Edwards Twins shows at the Regent. Thanks to all of you!

If you truly believe in what we do, giving kids a chance to learn how to perform, to be part of a big team, ACT is for you. One of our board members likes to say that **ACT is like being on soccer team for kids who don't play soccer.** Come get infested with the acting bug, join us in one of our productions, at a workshop, in the audience and become part of this terrific community.



Backstage at WFT: *The Sound of Music*

ACT's trip to see a rehearsal and a performance of *Ramona* at WFT was so successful this past fall, that we have made an agreement with Wheelock to continue this series with their next production: *The Sound of Music*. Sign up now for this special 3-part program. The package includes:

- a weekend rehearsal of "The Sound of Music" at WFT on Saturday, January 22nd, from 2:30 to 4 PM, along with a backstage tour.
- The 3 PM performance of "The Sound of Music" on Saturday, February 5th.
- a 30-minute question-and-answer session with members of the cast and crew right after the show.

The cost including ticket is \$15.

To sign up, please call Stephanie Martin at (781)641-2626 and leave a message with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

Become a Member of ACT!

Please help support ACT and help us provide low-cost, accessible theater for children of all ages and backgrounds by becoming a member of ACT for as little as \$25. Join today!

Visit the ACT website for details (<http://ACT.arlington.ma.us>) or call Membership Chair Stephanie Martin at 781-641-2626.



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Upcoming Happenings with ACT:

* Our Spring play will be *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Colleen Rua. Watch the ACT website for audition announcements, rehearsal and performance schedule, and other assorted information related to the show!

* ACT will be going to see WFT's spring show, *Jack, the Beanstalk, and Me* some time in April! Details available soon.

* ACT has reserved 50 tickets to see The Uncommon Theatre production of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* on Sunday, May 1st at the Orpheum Theatre in Foxboro. Come see how another children's theater group does the show!

* Set your summer schedules now! Although the summer musical hasn't been chosen yet, performances will be July 30th through August 6th the the Regent.

We need your help! Become a Member of ACT today!