



## Check your Calendar!

**SPECIAL DANCE REGISTRATION DAYS:**  
Sept. 6 & 7, 1-3PM.

**AUDITIONS** for Hip Hop Nutcracker on  
Sept. 6, 2-4 PM, Tues. Sept. 9 6-7:30 PM;  
Sat. Sept. 20 2-4 PM; Sunday, Sept. 21. 2-4.

### MEET & GREETs

Regular 2nd Tuesday Meet & Greet—  
Join us on Sept. 9, 6-7PM.


**KIDS/TEENS OPEN HOUSE:** September 20, 1-3PM. (All Welcome!)

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: It's been said before but bears repeating: PLEASE if you are interested in a class, REGISTER with at least your deposit ASAP. Too many classes have been pulled because we THOUGHT we didn't have sufficient registration, then people show up and wonder why there's no class. Call the studio (973-772-6998) if you want to make sure you get your name in the book, but can't get the deposit in immediately.

ATC's Elite Dance Teams have garnered some of the highest competition awards in our region. But we're not like all the other dance schools out there. Come experience the difference! (You don't have to be on a competition team— just enjoy class!)



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## ATC TV!

Some of you already know that ATC has a cable TV slot airing the first episodes of "At The Conservatory Studios". Well, we're branching out and this is YOUR chance to be in a soap!

The working concept for "The Conservatory" will provide entertainment for the public and a showcase for talent here in northern NJ. Not only will we use our cable timeslot(s) but episodes/scenes will be on the web—accessible to the world! Current students and alumni will be considered for recurring roles and may be part of the creative (writing) team as well. Auditions will be held periodically — the first will be October 25 from 4-6 at ATC.

Those of you who haven't taken class yet with ATC but still want to get involved, we have two suggestions: 1) get in class NOW — this will increase your chances of being cast exponentially! 2) come audition anyway...you might blow us away!

A TV production class will be offered starting soon after the first auditions. This class will have a fee attached to cover teaching costs, but will be greatly reduced to those IN "The Conservatory" cast and crew. You'll be able to learn the many aspects of TV production and you don't have to be IN the show to participate. Camera people, costume coordinators, writers, production assistants...there's a job for almost everyone!

If you are interested in being on the creative team, contact Kathleen right away at

info@atcstudios.org. Put "Creative team" in the subject line. Your dream of being on TV may be nearer than you think!

## HIP HOP NUTCRACKER'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN

Last December saw the amazing premiere of the Hip Hop Nutcracker, featuring the hot rhythms of Jose Aponte overlaying the original Tchaikovsky score, and exciting choreography by Ryan Holder and Heather Diana. Almost 40 dancers took the stage wowing a whole new generation with this modern retelling of the familiar holiday classic. And thus a new "holiday tradition" began!

This year, with help from a re-grant from the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council, we are mounting the phenomenal work again, adding even more stunning

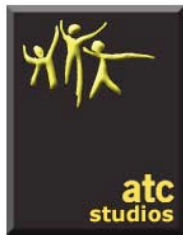
hip hop and opening the cast to even more aspiring (and established) performers! Casting is open to ages 7-senior citizens (all ages needed). Auditions will be on Sept. 6 2-4 PM, Tues. Sept. 9 6-7:30 PM; Sat. Sept. 20 2-4 PM; Sunday, Sept. 21. 2-4.

Rehearsals will commence the weekend of Sept. 27 and continue through the performance dates of December 5, 6, 7.

Can't be IN the show? Make plans NOW to include it as a "must see" this December!



The 2008 Teens NYC Showcase Company of "Loud Whispers Silent Screams." This group made theatre history: nine of the twelve scenes performed were originals! Six of those were written by the teens themselves! Both the Kids and Teens NYC Showcase Companies once again enjoyed huge success with the agents and managers who attended.



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### REGISTRATION FORM (please print)

AGE (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL(S) \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSES \_\_\_\_\_

Get 25% off additional classes of equal or lesser value when taken concurrently!

#### PAYMENT for ATC:

\$50.00 Deposit (balance due at 1st Class) \_\_\_\_\_ (payable for each class)

OR Payment in Full \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Paying in full 10 days before class starts for 10% discount\*

#### PAYMENT for ATC ELITE DANCE:

\$25 registration (covers ALL classes in session) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment in Full \_\_\_\_\_ 1st month payment \_\_\_\_\_

\*10% Early Payment and 25% multiple class discounts do not apply for the Elite Dance Division.

# Fall Classes! Featuring EC\* Pricing! (\*Economic Crunch)

**INTRO TO ACTING:** Just as it sounds: the ideal opportunity to “give it a try” or to reinforce fundamental acting techniques. This six week course will introduce you to acting in a supportive and very creative atmosphere. Through the use of theatre games and improvisation, students will discover that the art of acting involves the imagination, taking chances, and FUN!

**MONOLOGUE STUDY:** A continued exploration of the basics, using theatre games and improvisation to learn acting techniques. Students will now work on monologues, incorporating and deepening the concepts from Intro. \* Prerequisite: a previous acting class, or some acting experience. An interview is required if the student has not taken Intro to Acting.

**BEGINNING SCENE STUDY:** Beginning Scene Study. Students will learn how scenes are structured and be introduced to creating a character. \*Prerequisite: one year previous study or experience. Interview required.

**CHARACTER TECHNIQUE:** Scene study, continued work on building a character, audition skills, movement, speech, and sharpening technique. The class culminates in a studio scene night. \*By audition only, or successful completion of Beginning Scene Study.

**ADVANCED CHARACTER & SCENE STUDY:** Advanced Scene Study. For the serious/ professional student. \*By audition and/or invitation following completion of requirements. Prepared students perform in

the December Benefit.

**THE PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP — ADVANCED TECHNIQUE:** Advanced, on-going scene study. For the professional actor, those professionally-bound, and those who have successfully completed AT LEAST one semester (preferably 2) of Advanced Character & Scene Study. Students of this class will also be the core performers for the Studio Series featuring new and established works.

**MUSICAL THEATRE LAB:** The first step towards professional presentation. An in-depth study of the imagery and emotion needed to project the intent of music and lyrics, while working with two instructors. Continuing gradient increases of vocal syllabus and group harmonics. Duets and trios need outside rehearsals. \* Prerequisite: Completion of Intro to Musical Theatre or By Audition.

**INTRO TO TV/FILM:** This class will provide a fun experience and get you on camera each week. Technical aspects necessary to know for on-camera work (commercials, TV, film, etc.) and auditions will be covered. No prior experience necessary.

**TEENS CONSERVATORY THEATRE (TCT): (AGES 13-18)** An intensive program incorporating Acting, Musical Theater and Dance. All three disciplines are offered in one extended class on Sundays. Advanced dance students may opt out of the dance portion of the program. Each semester culminates in a public open class. This course is excellent preparation

for the Summer Teen Workshop/NYC Showcase.

**CHILDREN’S CONSERVATORY THEATRE (CCT): (Ages 9-12)** A performing arts program specifically designed for this age group. This class offers training in acting, musical theater and dance. All three disciplines are offered in one extended class on Saturdays. Each semester culminates in an open class/showcase. This class is excellent preparation for the Summer Kids Workshop/NYC Showcase.

**INTRO TO TV/FILM FOR KIDS:** This is an introductory course for 8-12 year olds who have an interest in learning how to act on TV and Film. This class will provide a fun experience and get your kids on camera each week. Technical aspects necessary to know for on-camera work (commercials, TV, film, etc.) and auditions will be covered. No prior experience necessary.

**PRIVATE VOICE:** Individually scheduled classes to improve vocal (singing) technique, select and polish material, prepare for auditions, etc. \*

**PRIVATE COACHING:** Acting: Individually scheduled classes to prepare for auditions, etc. Best way to prepare for college/university entrance auditions. Scene partners may book time and split the fee. Speech/Diction: Rid yourself of regionalisms, work on proper vocal production, master a particular dialect for auditions/roles. \*

**NEW! TV SERIES PRODUCTION WORKSHOP:** open to current students and alumni by audition, this class will focus on producing an on-going TV/web series. Learn the many different aspects of television production including acting, writing, filming, etc. Students may have an interest in only one aspect, but all must audition or interview with the casting director(s). First audition opportunity: Oct. 25, 4-6 PM. Call to set up your time. 973 772 6998.

**\* PREPARE FOR COLLEGE AUDITIONS!** Schedule your private coaching times for help with choosing appropriate audition material, working on delivery, interview skills, what to wear and more!

Getting into a good performing arts program is **HIGHLY** competitive. Prepare yourself: call ATC now.



## ATC Elite Dance Studios

For a full course description for Elite Dance Studios, please check out our website at: [www.atcstudios.org](http://www.atcstudios.org) and click on “Elite Dance Studios”

**REGISTRATION:** 1) See course descriptions, on page 2. 2) Check this schedule, make your choices and enter them on your registration form. If you have any questions, or the class you would like to take requires an interview and/or audition, just call us. 3) **REGISTRATION DEPOSIT:** A \$50.00 deposit for each class holds your place (credited in full toward tuition). Payment in full 10 days before start date of class merits 10% off one class. 25% off each additional class!

EXCEPT INTRO - All studio acting classes at ATC utilize on-camera

Intro to Acting	6 Mondays	Sept. 22	7:30 - 9:30 PM	\$170
Intro to Acting	6 Saturdays	Sept. 27	10am-12noon	\$170
Intro to Acting	6 Tuesdays	NOV. 11	7:30-9:30	\$170
Monologue Study	7 Mondays	NOV. 10	7:30-10PM	\$250
Monologue Study	7 Saturdays	NOV.15	10am-12noon	\$250
Beginning Scene Study	8 Tuesdays	Sept. 16	7:30-10PM	\$300
Character Technique				
(incl. Speech for the Actor)	12 Wednesdays	Sept. 10	7-10 PM	\$450
Advanced Character & Scene Class	12 Tuesdays	Sept. 9	7-10PM	\$450
Professional Class	12 Tuesdays	Sept. 9	7-10PM	\$450
NYC Showcase Adult Class	BY AUDITION		Scheduling audition slots now for October.	
Musical Theater Lab	10 Sundays	Sept. 28	6:30-9PM	\$375
*Children’s Conservatory Theater (CCT)	10 Saturdays	Sept. 27	12-3PM	\$420
*Teens Conservatory Theater (TCT)	10 Sundays	Sept. 28	1-5 PM	\$570
KIDS Intro to TV/Film	6 Saturdays	Oct.18	3-4:30 PM	\$150
Intro to TV/Film	6 Mondays	Oct. TBD	7:30-9:30	\$200
NEW! : TV Series Production Class - ONGOING, BY AUDITION or Invitation				
*CCT & TCT include Acting, Singing, Dance				

### ELITE DANCE:

Our semester runs from Sept. 15-June (33 weeks) culminating in a performance concert on June 14.

Be part of the competition teams! Show your best work (in class and/or Hip Hop Nutcracker) in the fall-compete as part of the award-winning teams in the spring!

**Classes are payable in full when you start or may be broken down into 9 monthly payments.**

Be part of the newest holiday tradition! Make dance history! Be part of the Hip Hop Nutcracker!

**SPECIAL DANCE REGISTRATION DAYS:** Sept. 6 & 7, 1-3PM. Stay for Hip Hop Nutcracker auditions on Sept. 6, 2-4 PM.

**CLASSES FORMING:** ATC has an all-professional staff-these classes will be scheduled by instructor availability

SOAPS! (on camera class)	6 weeks TBD	call to get your name on the list	\$350
TV Commercial (on camera class )	6 weeks TBD	call to get your name on the list	\$200
TV Commercial for Kids (on camera class )	6 weeks TBD	call to get your name on the list	\$150
TV Commercial for Teens (on camera class)	6 weeks TBD	call to get your name on the list	\$150
Intro to Musical Theater	8 weeks TBD	call to get your name on the list	\$200
Voice Over Technique	6 Weeks TBD	call to get your name on the list	\$200

### MEET & GREETINGS

Regular 2nd Tuesday Meet & Greet—Join us on Sept. 9, 6-7 PM.

Meet the directors, staff, see our space, ask questions, get business tips! Registration Specials!

### PAYMENT POLICY SUMMARY

Options: 1) Pay in full 10 days before start date of class and receive 10% off of one class. 2) Pay at least a \$50.00 deposit, and the balance is due at your first class. These are the only options open to new students other than work-study, mentioned later. CONTINUING STUDENTS ONLY may: 3) Elect a payment schedule WHICH MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE, and which will require you to sign an agreement stating the specific terms. If you are seriously money-impaired, ATC has a work-study program which can help you to offset part of your tuition. Talk to one of the directors for details. There will be a \$35.00 charge for returned checks.

**REFUND POLICY:** If you cancel at least 7 days before the start of your class, you will be given a complete refund. If you cancel less than 7 days before the beginning of the class, you will be subject to a refund less a \$50.00 administration fee. If you drop the class after the first session meets, we will refund you the balance of your payment less the \$50.00 administration fee and the cost of the first class. THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER THE SECOND CLASS MEETS. In extraordinary circumstances, credit may be arranged towards another class during the same academic year.

### 25% OFF CLASSES!

That’s right! You can get 25% off a class when you take another class (or two) of equal or greater value in the same semester! For instance, register for Monologue Study (\$250.00) and take Intro to TV/Film for only \$150! What a great way to further your dream! Remember, this offer is only good on classes you take concurrently, so don’t wait to take advantage of this terrific deal! To make it even easier, you can still take advantage of the deferred payment plan on one or both of the classes (see “Payment Policy...”).

This discount is not available to work-study students.

Please Note: The Dance Division at ATC, Children’s Conservatory Theatre, and the Teen Workshop feature their own specials and built in discounts: the 25% discount does NOT apply.

**ATC ACCEPTS VISA & MASTERCARD!**

