

# Young Artists @ MONDAVI CENTER

## Young Artists Theater Workshop Program

*for young actors in grades 4-6*

**Thursdays 3:30-5 p.m.**



### **Mindy Cooper**

A Broadway veteran for over 25 years, Mindy Cooper began her career as a performer dancing in the companies of Twyla Tharp Dance, The Feld Ballet, The Kansas City Ballet, and Thingseizeem Dance Theatre. She then went on to perform on Broadway in the Original Cast Revival of *Chicago*, the original cast of *Titanic*, and *Beauty and the Beast*, *Song & Dance*, and *Tenderloin*. Cooper's Bay Area theatrical work has won a total of 10 Bay Area Theater Critics Awards, including 2009 Best Director of a Musical and 2009 Best Musical.

The Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts and the Davis Art Center present a new Young Artists Theater Workshop program for young actors in grades 4-6, led by director/choreographer Mindy Cooper.

Participation in this program is by audition. Auditions will consist of singing a song, learning a simple dance combination, and reading a short text. Applicants to this program do not need to have any formal theater background, but must have a strong interest in theater, a creative outlook, and the ability to take direction and work well in groups. **Auditions will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at the Mondavi Center Vanderhoef Studio Theater from 1-5 p.m.**

Applicants must register for the auditions by **Monday, September 6**, by email to the Mondavi Center Young Artists Program at [youngartistsinfo@ucdavis.edu](mailto:youngartistsinfo@ucdavis.edu). **Any questions regarding the auditions can also be directed to [youngartistsinfo@ucdavis.edu](mailto:youngartistsinfo@ucdavis.edu)**

Participants selected for the program will learn basic theater and dance techniques and will be cast in a new multimedia theater work created by Cooper, which they will perform in the *Neverland to Wonderland* concert at Mondavi Center on Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Weekly classes for participants will be held at the Davis Art Center on Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m. beginning September 23\*.

Participants selected from the audition process can register for the class beginning September 15.

The class fee is \$150 for Davis Art Center members and \$160 for non-members.

\*No Class 11/25



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