

Instant Theatre Company Presents:  
**Third Annual**

# !INSTANT IMPROVISATION FESTIVAL

## WORKSHOPS

Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 4pm

### **INTRODUCTION TO CLOWN**

10AM to 1PM - Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Workshop Leader:** Becky Johnson - **General Public:** \$20 **Festival Pass Holders:** Free

**Description:** Becky plans to let us know soon what she'll be teaching...we hope. We do know it will have something to do with "introduction to clown." Keep an eye on [www.instanttheatre.com](http://www.instanttheatre.com) for an update. With a background in improv and physical theatre, Becky Johnson has performed improvised theatre with many ensembles including Under the Gun Improv, Grunt Improv, the CHUMPS, Theatre in a Box, Foolproof Improv, and in the annual Food Bank Fund-raiser "Laughing for Food." In 1999, Becky finished a year of full-time study at the Dell' Arte International School of Physical Theatre where she immersed herself in areas of study such as Corporeal Mime, Melodrama, Commedia Dell' Arte, Modern Dance, and Clown.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE "HAROLD"**

1PM to 4PM - Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Workshop Leader:** Alistair Cook - **General Public:** \$20 **Festival Pass Holders:** Free

**Description:** This workshop will cover the basics and essentials of the "Harold" format of longform improvised theatre. Come and learn the freeing and exciting form of improvisation from the artistic director of Instant Theatre Company, Alistair Cook. Since 1989 Alistair Cook has been performing, directing and coordinating improvisation for audiences across Canada. Cook's main focus has been the coordination of the National tournament for young people the "Canadian Improv Games" for which he is currently the National Director and BC Regional Director. Our preference is to have generous, confident, enthusiastic, experienced players who have a hunger to experiment with their skills.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE LIVELY ARTS: Commedia Dell' Arte**

1PM to 4PM - Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Workshop Leader:** Susan Bertoia - **General Public:** \$30 **Festival Pass Holders:** \$10

**Description:** This interactive workshop is a great introduction to the main stock characters: Arlecchino, Columbina, Pantalone, etc. We take a contemporary approach through mask, movement, lazzi and improvisation working towards scenarios. This workshop is highly physical and fun and is open to all levels of experience. Dancers, visual artists, musicians, improvisers and actors will find this workshop of particular interest! Workshop Leader Susan Bertoia has been leading this and many other workshops for over 8 years. Skills and Training include a BFA in Theatre Acting UBC, Advanced Commedia Studies at Il Piccolo Teatro di Milano (Milan), and at Dell' Arte School of Physical Theatre (California). For more on Susan Bertoia visit [www.geocities.com/bellalunatheatre](http://www.geocities.com/bellalunatheatre)

**TO REGISTER:** Fill out the form on the workshops page of the festival website [www.instanttheatre.com](http://www.instanttheatre.com) or call the info line 874-7522 and leave a message, we'll hook you up! All workshops will be held at the **Roundhouse Performance Centre**, sorry, no audits.

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## WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Please fill in the following information to be considered for the workshops. Please note that while we would like to take everyone, to keep class sizes reasonable, workshop leaders may have to narrow down applications.

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(please print clearly)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT NUMBER(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST THEATRE EXPERIENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**WORKSHOPS INTERESTED IN:**       CLOWN 10am-1pm February 23

HAROLD 1pm-4pm February 23       COMMEDIA 1pm-4pm February 23

1-4 pm slot Preference (if both checked): \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the box office at any of the festival shows, or mail/drop off form to: 1028 E 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver BC, V5T 2S5. If you have access to e-mail, you can forward the above information to: [muchadomedia@hotmail.com](mailto:muchadomedia@hotmail.com).

**\*\*ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> TO BE CONSIDERED.**

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