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## **On-camera acting techniques taught in Patel Conservatory workshops**

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TAMPA, Fla. – The Patel Conservatory at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts (formerly the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center) is offering On-Camera Acting workshops for adults and youth.

For adults, workshop dates are Saturdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 20 and April 24. For those in grades six through 12, the workshops will be held on Saturdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 17. Each class will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and tuition for each series is \$200.

“This workshop is a great way to step into the world of acting, for both novices and those who aspire to make acting their career. Participants will receive extremely valuable professional advice and techniques to help secure an agent if desired and in general, help build confidence and self-esteem on and off camera,” said Wendy Leigh, vice president of education.

Teaching the workshop for adults will be Eugenie Bondurant, who teaches On-Camera Acting at the Conservatory and formerly taught on-camera acting for 15 years at Beverly Hills Studios in Los Angeles, Calif. She is a certified Meisner trained teacher and private acting coach, whose students have gone on to principal roles in film, television, commercials and to leading theatrical programs throughout the United States. As an actress, Bondurant has appeared in movies such as *Fight Club* with Ed Norton, *The Year of Getting to Know Us* with Jimmy Fallon and *Space Truckers* with Dennis Hopper among others. Some of her television credits include *Arliss*, *Frasier*, and *Something Wilder* with Gene Wilder and Alice Cooper. You can also see her performing the American Songbook Series with Paul Wilborn and the Blue Roses.

Michèle Young will teach the workshops for youth. Her experience in front of the camera as a professional actor, improvisation performer, voiceover and performance artist and behind the scenes as a casting director, artistic director, film producer and authenticity coach is an asset. “Having learned the hard way, I’m passionate about sharing tools and techniques invaluable for students to become more believable both on-camera and in real life. The exercises allow them to discover what makes them unique and the insider secrets of the biz can save parents time and money,” Young said. Young holds degrees in psychology and theater and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of South Florida and is certified to teach The Meisner Approach.

As part of the non-profit David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, the Patel Conservatory offers classes for children and adults of all experience levels in all kinds of dance, music and theater. More information about the Patel Conservatory, located at 1010 N. W.C. MacInnes Pl, Tampa, FL 33602, can be viewed online at [www.patelconservatory.org](http://www.patelconservatory.org). To pre-register, call 813.222.1002.

Events, days, dates, times, performers and prices are subject to change without notice.

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