



# Portland Actors Conservatory

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## **PORTLAND ACTORS CONSERVATORY GRADS SHOWCASE TRAINING, TALENT JULY 15-18**

*Actor Training Program Graduates Join Portland, National Talent Pool with  
Evening of Monologues*

**PORTLAND, ORE.** – July 6, 2009 – Beginning July 15, nine actors will culminate two years of professional actor training with a graduation showcase at [Portland Actors Conservatory](#), Oregon's only professional actor training school accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theater. Following a rigorous course of study, these men and women of varying ages will perform for Portland's theatre, film and television professionals over four evenings in hopes of making an impression that could result in an acting job. The graduation showcase, "An Evening of Monologues," runs July 15 – July 18 at Portland Actors Conservatory, 1436 SW Montgomery Street. Showtimes are at 7:30 pm, with tickets available in advance for \$15 through the Portland Actors Conservatory [Web site](#) or by calling the box office at 503-274-1717.

"These students represent one of the most passionate and dedicated classes to ever graduate from Portland Actors Conservatory," said Beth Harper, co-founding artistic director. "With the current film and television projects in town, this showcase is exactly the kind of opportunity that can launch a career."

As an ensemble, the students produce as well as present "An Evening of Monologues," from choosing their own material, to designing lights and sound and securing professional attendance at the event. Past showcases have included ensemble-generated pieces as well as solo performance. Graduation showcase is the last requirement before students earn their certificate of completion from the Portland Actors Conservatory Two Year Professional Training Program.

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Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year in 2009-2010, Portland Actors Conservatory has been graduating conservatory-trained classes since 1994 and providing quality theatre training since 1984.

### **ABOUT PORTLAND ACTORS CONSERVATORY**

Celebrating its 25th anniversary, Portland Actors Conservatory is the premiere school for professional actor training in the Pacific Northwest. Artistic director Beth Harper leads the Conservatory's multiple offerings including its fulltime, Two Year Professional Training Program, ongoing Studio Class offerings, and the Summer on Stage youth theatre program. Portland Actors Conservatory provides the highest standard in actor training with distinguished faculty including Beth Harper, Connor Kerns, Philip Cuomo, and Michael Mendelson among others. The Conservatory is located near Portland, Ore.'s city center in the historic Firehouse Theatre, housing an upstairs studio space as well an intimate 70-seat theatre. Portland Actors Conservatory annually produces a three show season featuring its second year students working alongside professional guest artists, in addition to two student showcases. Portland Actors Conservatory is Oregon's only independent professional actor training school accredited with the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

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