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**Main Street Theater's Kids On Stage Open House – Free and Open to All**  
***This fall's open house is a special opportunity***  
***for grandparents and grandkids to enjoy our classes together!***

**Saturday, August 21, 2010**

To kick off the 2010-2011 season, Main Street Theater's Kids On Stage program welcomes kids and families to a fun-filled time at Chelsea Market — it's our Fall Open House, which is FREE and open to the public. The Open House will take place on Saturday, August 21, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at Main Street Theater - Chelsea Market, 4617 Montrose Blvd.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MST's free open houses, Kids On Stage has something special planned: an opportunity for kids and their grandparents to enjoy activities together. Regular visitors will be familiar with our "mini-fair" format in which Kids On Stage teachers lead activities like mask-making, puppetry, dance games, costume dress-up, and improvisation. For this special occasion, Kids On Stage will be including some 20-minute activities specially designed for grandparents' participation, led by Kids On Stage teacher and experienced grandma Marcy Bannor. (Of course parents, siblings and friends can participate as well!) The Kids On Stage Open House has become a tradition that showcases the program's classes and projects for kids of all ages.

For more information, call 713-524-9196 ext 104 or visit the website [MainStreetTheater.com](http://MainStreetTheater.com).

**About the 10-11 Kids On Stage Season**

KOS offers core acting classes, rehearsal and performance, stage combat, filmmaking, and improvisation classes for children of all ages. With the fall semester starting September 11, KOS offers Core Acting Classes for 4-14 year olds. Filmmaking (open to high school students) begins September 11 as well. The Fall Rehearsal and Performance Lab class (no audition required; ages 8 – 14) will do some sleuthing in *The Beast of the Baskervilles*. Auditions for the Rehearsal and Performance By Audition production of *The Amazing Adventures of the Marvelous Monkey King* are September 8 and 9 for ages 8 - 14. Performances will be open to the public November 12-13.

**About Kids On Stage**

Kids On Stage (KOS), now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> season, has been designed to spark a lifelong appreciation of theater by encouraging young people to participate in all aspects of play production, from movement and monologues to stagecraft and theater history. The curriculum teaches essential skills such as creative thinking, teamwork, self-confidence, and communication—skills that enhance the overall learning process. Through year-round KOS classes, outreach programs, and camps both on-site and at satellite locations, students are able to develop their voices, bodies, and imaginations through a challenging and fun curriculum, taught by talented instructors. Over the course of a year, KOS offers classes and camps both on-site and at various satellite locations in the greater Houston area.

Troy Scheid is Director of Education. Jonathan Gonzalez is Assistant Director of Kids On Stage.

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Since 1975, Main Street Theater has produced high quality professional theater for audiences of all ages through its MainStage productions and Main Street Youth Theater. The Main Street Theater Kids On Stage program offers performing arts classes and camps for children 4 years to 18 years of age. The organization produces plays at two locations, 2540 Times Boulevard in Rice Village and 4617 Montrose Boulevard at Chelsea Market.

Main Street Theater is a member of the Fresh Arts Coalition, a collaboration of 25 arts organizations that work collectively to raise awareness of the size and diversity of the arts in Houston, and a constituent of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), the national service organization for not-for-profit theaters. Main Street Youth Theater is a member of ASSITEJ, International Association of Theater for Children and Young People. Main Street Theater is funded in part by grants from the City of Houston through the Houston Arts Alliance.

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