



Growing Up Theatrical: Imagination!

"Growing Up Theatrical" may have gotten a bad "rap" from wayward former child stars in the news, but we're here to make a loud and strong case for the many advantages "growing up theatrical" holds for children. It all starts with *imagination*.

Parent's magazine reported this past June about recent studies that revealed the importance of imagination for future success:

"Nurturing creativity is one of the most important things you can do for your child," says Wendy Masi, PhD, dean of the Mailman Segal Institute of Childhood Studies at Nova Southeastern University, in Fort Lauderdale, and author of *Toddler Play*. New research indicates that a child's imagination quotient (aka "the other IQ") may be a bigger factor in pre-



Scary but true...stage makeup workshops bring out surprising characters!

dicting academic success than the more traditional measure of aptitude, her intelligence quotient. "You want your child to be an original thinker, to understand that there isn't always one right answer to every situation," says Dr. Masi.

Encore Academy provides an *absolutely unique* venue in North Orange County for young people to "grow up theatrical"—exercising their imagina-

tions, their voices, their creativity and growing in wonderful and unexpected ways.

Our group classes at Encore Academy inspire creativity, confidence and a sense of community through the exploration and practice of theatre and other "imaginative" skills. Professional teaching artists lead students through engaging, interactive sessions in our studio classes.

Our group Voice and Music Basics, Musical Theater, and Improv & Acting classes, offer year-long instruction that also includes regularly-scheduled showcase performances to help build confidence on stage or in the classroom. We hope your family will join us this fall -- and all year! Together we can make a *dramatic* difference in the imagination and lives of our children!

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