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**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR TWO RIVER THEATER'S 2017 SUMMER  
THEATER CAMP, OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 8-18**

**New this year, Two River is also launching the theater's first Spectrum Theater  
Classes for students on the autism spectrum ages 10-17**

RED BANK, NJ— Two River Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, announces that registration is now open for the theater's 2017 Summer Theater Camp, which is open to young people ages 8-18 (grades 3-12).

Now in its 13th year, the Summer Theater Camp focuses on developing the artist inside every child. Each summer, camp participants include aspiring actors, students who enjoy working behind the scenes, and young people who simply love the theater. All of the classes are taught by professional, experienced teaching artists, and are designed to be fun, challenging, and inspire creativity and a sense of adventure.

“By creating a supportive ensemble, we teach children theater skills, and they gain far more than just knowledge of the arts,” says Two River’s Director of Education, Kate Cordaro. “They learn courage, kindness, confidence, and how to take creative risks. We don’t produce a fully-staged production at the end of each week—we focus less on product, and more on skill-building. We structure our camp around three principles: SPARK, CREATE, SHARE.”

**SPARK** is the inspiration – the theme, the jumping off point for what a class will work on during the week. **CREATE** is where students learn tangible skills – such as making set designs in Theater Arts and Design, or learning improvisation skills as they work together to devise a scene in Acting. **SHARE** is the Invited Class each Friday where friends and loved ones are invited into the theater so the camp’s young artists can share the fruits of their labors.

This year, Two River is also launching the theater's first Spectrum Theater Classes for young people on the autism spectrum ages 10-17. Led by teaching artists with extensive experience and supported by several trained assistants, students will improve interpersonal communication, verbal and body awareness, and self-confidence through the art of theater. Classes will focus on movement activities and storytelling through theater games, imagination exercises, as well as exploring the work of William Shakespeare.

"We are proud to offer Spectrum Theater Classes for the first time," Two River's Director of Education, Kate Cordaro says. "Our program uses theater to help students on the autism spectrum with social interaction and self-confidence, and play! Everyone should have a space to express themselves creatively, and we look forward to sharing our theater with a new audience."

For more information and registration forms, visit

[http://www.tworivertheater.org/education/summer\\_classes.php](http://www.tworivertheater.org/education/summer_classes.php), or contact Amanda Espinoza, Education Assistant, at 732.936.8804 or [SummerCamp@trtc.org](mailto:SummerCamp@trtc.org).

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**Two River Theater**, under the leadership of Artistic Director John Dias and Managing Director Michael Hurst, creates great American theater performed by award-winning artists. We produce American and world masterpieces, and new plays and musicals. Two River Theater offers new-play commissions and artistic development activities that support the most adventurous artists in the American theater; invites its audience to be part of the creative process through readings and open rehearsals; and cultivates students and young people to participate in innovative arts-education programs and become a new generation of theatergoers. Founded in 1994 by Joan and Dr. Robert M. Rechnitz, Two River Theater is easily accessible by car, train, or bus, with great restaurants and shopping within walking distance of the theater. For more information, visit [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org) or call 732.345.1400.