

Programs

Newest Program - Girlstories Theatre Project

Who we are: Powerstories is a nonprofit organization staging true stories of women and girls. At Powerstories, we believe that every person has a powerstory to discover and share with others. You can read about us and watch our YouTube video at powerstories.com. Our programs:

- Increase awareness and understanding
- Deepen appreciation for diversity
- Transform dreams into reality
- Connect people more strongly with others
- Open minds and hearts

Who YOU are:

- You believe you have something important to say.
- You really want to make the world a better place and believe you can.
- You are creative and enjoy music, art, stories and poetry.
- You are interested in learning the skills to become a great performer to share your message.
- You enjoy working with in a group and are a good team player.
- You can commit to our 6 week summer intensive and at least one day a month for rehearsals and/or performances.
- You are a rising 6th, 7th or 8th grader and live in Hillsborough County.

Interested?

We are holding auditions on April 3RD, 4TH from 4 - 8 PM and April 5th from 10 AM - 3PM at the Girls Scouts Conference Center located at 5002 West Lemon Street, Tampa, FL. 33609.

The program is tuition free, however there is a \$10.00 per week material's fee (for a total of \$60 for all six weeks). Scholarships are available for the material's fee. We encourage everyone to audition regardless of their ability to pay the

material's fee.

Selection for the Girlstories Theatre Project will be based on:

- An interview with Girlstories Staff (held the day of auditions)
- 2 Personal references (from a teacher counselor or other non-family member who has worked with you in some way)
- A "cold reading" audition (you will be given a poem or part of a story to read out loud)
- A prepared creative piece - For this creative piece you will share something with us that you have created such as a piece of artwork, a poem, story or song you have written or a dance you have created. You will share with us why you created it and what it means to you.

Please email Janice Creneti at girlstories theatre@gmail.com or call 941-518-5718 to request an audition slot and audition packet.

The Girlstories Theatre Project will start with a Summer Theatre Intensive that will run 8:30 AM - 5PM, Monday - Friday from June 16th through July 25th. The intensive will focus on building performance skills, developing a strong sense of individual identity, group unity and team skills while developing and rehearsing a 1 hour show.

Programs for Women

Theatre - "Bernadette's Bravo!" - Powerstories Theatre - Bernadette's Bravo is one of three and the newest Powerstories production written by Fran Powers. Music is by Janet Scaglione. It is the story of seven women working together on their biggest project ever! In years past they have always worked to help local organizations, but this year they decide to DREAM BIG and work on a project of worldwide appeal. But, first they have to get quiet and listen to what their life is teaching them, and then articulate it in only seven words! This show is another very unique and personal presentation of the power of a woman's journey through life. The show features a unique set adaptable to many environments, and original music. The paramount purpose of "Bernadette's Bravo!" is to inspire audiences worldwide to know what their life is teaching them...and to proclaim it in seven words. Information on the first two productions "Let the Stories Move You" and "Clarity Cometh" are listed below.

Workshops - "Seek and Speak Your Story" - This is our foundation and most popular workshop. This workshop helps you discover stories of your life, gain a heightened appreciation for listening to stories, write and tell one or more personal stories, and present them to a larger audience. The workshop is designed to help participants connect more deeply with others. On the last night of the class, participants tell their story to an audience.

Powerstories offers this course in several locations in Florida and California. Each facilitator has received certification from Powerstories Theatre on how to teach a high quality "Seek and Speak Your Story" workshop. To learn more about the facilitators and their teaching schedule, please click here: [Powerstories Facilitators](#)

"Polish and Perform Your Story" - An advanced workshop for individuals who have completed the Seek and Speak Your

Story. Participants learn basic techniques of Story Performing and Story Key Note Addressing and select which method to work on. Participants receive one-on-one coaching in front of the class. The learning takes place through experiencing and observing the one-on-one coaching.

Programs for Girls

The Girlstories Workshops Project - Workshops using creative discovery techniques, storytelling, and art to assist young girls in social service agencies orally express themselves and to tell their own stories. Participants complete discovery exercises to guide them to tell their own story and share them with others. Stories are shared informally throughout their social service community. Each workshop meets for 8 weeks for a 1 to 2 hour session. Agencies currently being served include The Centre for Girls, PACE Center for Girls, The Boys and Girls Clubs, Academy Prep of Tampa and The Ophelia Project. The workshops are made possible largely due to the Conn Memorial Foundation, The Triad Foundation, The Children's Board of Hillsborough County and The Community Foundation of Greater Sun City Center.

The Girlstories Theatre Project - (see detailed information above)

Other Women's Theatre Productions

"Let the Stories Move You" - Powerstories Theatre - A unique theatrical presentation of seven women telling their powerful stories of hope, courage and determination. The original anthology is provided by women of all walks of life and offers stories of determination, hope and delight. Each woman shares her own personal experiences straight from the heart. The show features a unique set adaptable to many environments, and original music. The paramount purpose of "Let the Stories Move You" is to inspire audiences worldwide to live in their highest vision. It makes a fantastic opening for any conference, or will work as beautifully as a stand-alone seminar.

"Clarity Cometh" - Powerstories Theatre - Clarity Cometh is the adventure of seven women at a retreat following instructions to "find the gathering place and wait." The obvious location is found and they agree it is the place to gather. In the calm and confusion of waiting, each woman faces her expectations for the day, makes discoveries, and tells her own personal story. In the end, clarity comes.