

# ACTING

## FOR KIDS & TEENS

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### PORTLAND

#### Top Tips for New Actors

Do you or your child dream about seeing yourself on the TV or big screen? It is a magical draw that can be confusing and overwhelming at times. Acting for Kids & Teens and The Studio NW wants to help you navigate this crazy terrain called “showbiz”!

We are continually asked how can my child become a star? How can I become a star? Many factors play a role in your success, however there are a few that are consistent.

1. **Learn!** Yes, studying acting and acting techniques is crucial. As with any career the more you know the farther you can go. Here at Acting for Kids & Teens our trained professionals teach a variety of techniques and styles. Our Studio specialty is the Meisner technique. Sanford Meisner was an American Actor and teacher. Trained at the Theatre Guild of Acting, his techniques have been used by many famous actors including Robert Duvall, James Cann & Dianne Keaton, just to name a few. We also incorporate [Suzuki](#), Sense Memory, and Improv techniques into the student experience.
2. **Know what an actors job is.....AUDITIONING.** 90% of what an actor does is audition for their next part. There are many on-line sites that post up-coming auditions. A few of our favorites: Casting Frontier & Weeble Mountain. But wait! Which part would my child or me be best suited for? What should we watch out for? How does my child audition? The on-going classes at Acting for Kids & Teens and The Studio NW spend time teaching about auditions. We also offer specific audition workshops that can help prepare you for an audition.
3. **Become a marketing genius!** Getting your child or yourself in front of as many people as possible is key. Being prepared is a MUST! Have a great acting resume ready to hand off or send out. Get a few different head shots, printed and ready to hand off or send. Lastly, is your social media pages. Sound like a lot? It is. Acting for Kids & Teens and The Studio NW can help. We discuss all of this and more. Our goal is to have your child or you to be the most prepared actor.
4. **Find an agent, of course!** This isn't as easy as it sounds. There are many people wanting to be in TV and Film and many people who will take advantage of inexperienced actors. We always recommend talking to several agencies before deciding. Portland has some amazing agencies. Also, no reputable agent will make you pay to be a client. As a student of Acting for Kids & Teens and The Studio NW we host industry showcases. These showcases bring together agents, managers and directors. It gives our students an opportunity to show their acting skills, get their resume and headshots into the hands of professionals that may otherwise not be available.

Acting for Kids & Teens and The Studio NW is not an agency. We are a group of professionals dedicated to helping other actors become better artists. Our students acquire life skills that they will carry throughout their entire lives.

Classes and Workshops are ongoing, so students can join at any time. This is a safe, loving place where everyone is welcome! Please call **971-708-2127** or email [info@actingforkidsandteens.com](mailto:info@actingforkidsandteens.com) for information. We'd love to hear from you!