

TRENT PANCY

Professional Improv Workshops

Freedom From Form - Chicago Style Improv

Level: Intermediate, Advanced

Length: 3 or 6 hours

Structure? We don't need no stinkin' structure! This workshop is designed to open your eyes to the wonder of Free Form Improvisation!

The structureless Free Form was born in Chicago's "The Harold" and has been expanded upon by generations of Del Close's students, and their students. Free Form utilizes all the tools in your improviser toolbelt, combining scenes and elements of gameplay together seamlessly with strong characters and relationships. Anything and everything is possible in Free Form, and this workshop will help you establish and recognize patterns that can be turned into an opportunity to play together.

This workshop is recommended for intermediate and advanced improvisers who are looking for a new way to play, and a chance to step away from story and structure.

Do It To It - Freestyle Rap & Improvisation

Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Length: 3 hours or 6 hours with Gameplay

Freestyle Rap & Improvisation – Do It To It is a quick and dirty introduction to everything you need to know when it comes to rap and improvisation. This workshop focuses on the basics of rhyming, rhythm, beatboxing, and everything else you need to step up and own the stage. We'll also jump into scenes to discover how much fun it can be to incorporate rap (or any rhyme skills) into your short form AND long form improvisation.

Yes Yourself - Chicago Style Improvisation

Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Length: 3 hours

Yes Yourself is a workshop designed to force improvisers to take care of themselves as a way taking care of others. Strong scenes are built on strong characters. This workshop will help you develop the skills necessary to create strong characters at the top of a scene, and then filter the entire scene through your character's unique point of view. We will learn what makes Chicago Improv so unique, and how to emulate the slow, patient, relationship-based scenes that make Chicago Style Improv so enjoyable to perform and to watch. Yes yourself, support your team.

Play The Game - Chicago Style Improvisation

Level: Intermediate, Advanced

Length: 3 hours

Does scenework stress you out? Do you find yourself in your head? Do you dwell on tying everything together and making sure it all goes well? In this workshop we will learn how to find the “game” of the scene quickly and start effectively playing that game to its height. The game can be anything - from repetition to character matching to silence. Sometimes the game is obvious, sometimes it is hidden, and sometimes we can create it out of thin air. Finding and playing the game will breathe new life into your scenework, making it more fun to watch, and, more importantly, making it more fun to be in!

5 Ways To Character

Level: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced

Length: 3 Hours or 6 Hours

Life is full of characters; so should your improv be! In this workshop you will further develop your skills in character building, equipping you with the knowledge of how to create unique, interesting and adept characters that always play to the height of their intelligence. We'll learn 5 new approaches to developing characters that are not only interesting, but that are believable, associatable and, most importantly, watchable.

Music Improv Made Easy

Level: Beginner, Intermediate

Length: 3 hours or 6 hours

Musical Improv. The very mention of it makes some people shiver. But improvising in song is more than simply singing what you would be saying! Every song has a structure. Every structure can be learned! In this introduction to musical improv workshop we learn how to set-up and payoff rhymes, how to construct a song, how to perform a song, and how to make your audience drop their collective jaw! By the end of the workshop, participants will have the tools to create an opening number for an improvised musical, complete with song, choreography, characters, storyline, and jazz hands! Because in musical improv, it's not about how well you sing it, but about how well you sell it.

Introduction to Advanced Musical Improvisation

Level: Intermediate, Advanced

Length: 12 hours or More

This intensive course is designed to get you comfortable with improvised singing and introduce you to the basic structures needed for an improvised musical. We'll go over everything you need to get you comfortable with Musical Improvisation, focusing on creating a Mini-Musical! This intensive course will covers:

- Various Song Structures of Musical Numbers
- Structure of a Musical
- Introduction to the Mini-Musical
- Ensemble Song & Dance Numbers
- & Much, Much More