

Shadowland Camp Debuts July

Shadowland Theatre is kicking off its first "Sing/Dance/Play in Summer" *Performing Arts Camp* session for children ages 6 to 10 during the week of July 18th at the **Theatre on Canal Street**, downtown Ellenville.

The camp will be run for five days, **Monday, July 18th to Friday, July 22nd**, from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

"Each day of camp at the *Shadowland Theatre* will begin with physical and vocal warm-ups and theatre games," said Katie Taylor, camp director and owner of *Kindermusik with Miss Katie* based in Ellenville.

During the week, local area professionals, including visual artists, musicians, singers, dancers and actors, will share their specialty with the children. On Friday, July 22, the entire camp will perform in an adapted version of "Henry's Parade" and perform original music and scenes written during the course of the five-day camp.

"What a great idea this is and an excellent way for kids in the Ellenville area to learn about the theatre arts while singing, dancing and acting. It will be a fun-filled and creative time for everyone who registers and participates," said Brendan Burke, artistic director at *Shadowland*. "This is also a wonderful way to bring Katie Taylor's musical and theatrical experience to *Shadowland*."

"When we learned that Brendan Burke wanted to do something new at *Shadowland* this summer, we suggested a version of our program, Sing/Dance/Play. While a natural extension of the *Kindermusik* curriculum, Sing/Dance/Play is a compilation of all the arts. Our goal in developing this summer program has been to enhance and encourage the imagination and creativity of each child. I'm looking forward to collaborating with Brendan and everyone at *Shadowland* this summer. It will be a discovery experience for all of us," said Katie Taylor.

Educational leader Katie Taylor brings a wealth of experience to *Shadowland's* first performing arts summer camp. One of the "founding mothers" of Hallmark's Coterie Children's Theatre Company in Kansas City, she holds

a BA in theatre and a degree in elementary education. She is currently teaching *Kindermusik* and Sing/Dance/Play in Ellenville and Liberty. *Kindermusik* is an international child-centered program. With over 4,000 trained teachers, the program offers a complete music and movement experience for parents and their children to enjoy together.

The cost for the weeklong camp is \$200. Parents and guardians are asked to call the *Shadowland Theatre* at 647-5511 to register, or for additional information.

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional non-profit Actors' Equity company in the Mid-Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, *Shadowland* was named "Best Theatre 2004" in the "Best of the Valley" award program covering 10 counties from Albany to Westchester by "Hudson Valley Magazine." Re-established in 1984, *Shadowland* performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 148-seat theatre. For more info, <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>. 

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