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## Take a class with the pros at Two River Theater

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Teens and adults looking to hone their crafts have a new option at Two River Theater. The Red Bank theater is introducing First Monday Masters, a series of master classes led by professional artists affiliated with its recent productions and current season.

“Classes will be taught by actors, directors, playwrights, and designers,” said Kate Cordaro, Two River's director of education, in a news release.

“We are thrilled that these great artists are eager to further engage with our audiences in this way. It’s just one advantage of working in a professional theater that attracts the highest level of talent—getting to share that talent with students and lifelong learners.”

The 2017 First Monday Masters schedule and descriptions is as follows. Additional classes will be announced.

**Sept. 11 - Musical Theater Dance Workshop with Caleb Teicher for adults and high school students.**

Caleb Teicher was the assistant choreographer of Two River’s world premiere of the musical "Be More Chill." Teicher will teach participants moves from "Be More Chill," as well as elements of dance styles like tap, body percussion, swing and hip-hop. No prior dance experience is required and people of all abilities are encouraged to participate.

**Oct. 2 – Acting Class with Crystal A. Dickinson for adults and high school students**



Crystal A. Dickinson will star in "A Raisin in the Sun," which opens Two River's 2017-18 season. *(Photo: COURTESY OF TWO RIVER THEATER)*

Crystal A. Dickinson, a veteran of Broadway's "You Can't Take It With You" and "Clybourne Park," will be seen on the Two River stage as Ruth Younger in "A Raisin in the Sun" this season after appearing in August Wilson’s "Seven Guitars." She will lead a master class in acting, "helping the participants find a personal connection to character and action.”

**Nov. 6 – Playwriting with Madeleine George for adults**

Madeleine George was Two River's first playwright-in-residence. A Pulitzer Prize nominee, her most recent Two River Theater production, "Hurricane Diane," was praised in the New York Times as “a puckish and brainy new eco-play.” She will lead a monologue-writing workshop, where participants will explore three different types of monologues and the ways that characters can come to life on stage.

**Dec. 4 – Directing with Michael Cumpsty for adults and high school students**



Michael Cumpsty will direct "The Importance of Being Earnest."  
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Tony nominated actor and director Michael Cumpsty has appeared in 17 Broadway shows as well as Two River Theater productions including "The Lion in Winter" and "Present Laughter." He will direct "The Importance of Being Earnest" during Two River's 2017-18 season. His master class in directing "will help participants find a deep engagement with the text they are exploring."

Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Two River Theater, 21 Bridge Ave., in Red Bank. Each class costs \$40, or participants can book two classes for \$35 each. Spots are limited. For more information, visit [tworivertheater.org](http://tworivertheater.org) or call 732-345-1400.