

# **Spectrum Speak Up Series**

The Orange County
Asperger's Support Group
(OCASG) and Chance
Theater will be working
together this summer to
present the new Spectrum



'Speak Up' Series. Program development will be assisted by Dr. Asha Bhakta, president of Creative Solutions for Hope a services organization who apply the principles and methodologies of applied behavior analysis (ABA) to create individualized instruction and "programming" geared to benefit children with developmental disabilities.

Teens will speak up and find their voice! Through story circles, improv games, and writing exercises, students will learn the fundamentals of storytelling and have a ton of fun. Over five weeks, they will work collaboratively with their peers from all over the county to write, design, and perform a new play!

By participating in all elements of constructing and producing a new play (play writing, acting, design, marketing, etc.), under the guidance of Chance staff, professional designers and professional actors and our program director, the students take ownership of every aspect of a creating original theatrical work, and learn that theater can be a powerful means for self-expression. Additionally, during the process, they also gain confidence, grow a sense of community, as well as learn leadership, team-building, communication and public speaking skills.

### **About the Chance Theater**

Chance Theater is one of the leading ensemble-driven theatre companies



in Southern California, recently receiving a National Theatre Company grant from American Theatre Wing. Chance Theater has won six Ovation Awards, including two for Best Production of a Musical. The Anaheim City Council named Chance Theater "the official resident theater company of Anaheim", and Arts Orange County has twice named the Chance as "Outstanding Arts Organization". <a href="https://www.chancetheater.com">www.chancetheater.com</a>

## **About the Orange County Asperger's Support Group**

OCASG was founded in October 2003 by parents seeking to provide support for local families and adults dealing with Asperger's Syndrome, High-Functioning Autism, and PDD-NOS. The Orange County Asperger's Support Group is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Visit OCASG online at www.ocaspergers.org or email them at ocasupport@gmail.com.

## Preliminary Details (subject to change)

Dates: June 26th through August 4<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday's and Thursday's (last week daily)

Times: 10AM - 3PM

Location: Chance Theater @ Bette Aitken

theater arts Center

5522 E La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA

Grades: 9-12 (Group to be selected from applicants)

#### **Register Now:**

https://chancetheater.com/education/spectrum-speak-up/

For Tax-deductible donations visit https://goo.gl/kT8siH

http://www.ocaspergers.org/