

MISSION

CO/LAB Theater Group exists to offer individuals with developmental disabilities a creative and social outlet through theater arts.

Through our programming, we encourage the actors to collaborate as an ensemble, as well as discover their individual voices. We create a safe and judgment-free environment that provides participants the opportunity to express themselves both in class and on stage. We seek to honor and celebrate the individual, transcending the label of a disability.

“This is an outlet for me to let everything go and to be myself... and not be judged because I have disabilities... or I am different.”

– Sylvia, CO/LAB Actor



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**Creative
Opportunities
without Limits
And Boundaries**



ABOUT US

CO/LAB held its first class in the fall of 2011 with just 12 actors. Since then, we have become an established non-profit, reaching over 500 individuals with developmental disabilities through 400 theater workshops. Our team has worked with actors in four cities to create 18 original shows. With our crew of staff, volunteers and supporters, we continue to come up with new ways to improve our programs and grow the organization.

All of our programming is offered at little to no cost to the participant. We aim to provide access to all those who need us, regardless of financial background.



“You make her life lighter because she starts believing in her own strengths.”

– Irina, CO/LAB Parent

CO/LAB PROGRAMS

At CO/LAB, we infuse all activities with a fun, energetic spirit. We believe that by collaborating within this positive environment, participants will take away essential skills – such as communication, focus and creativity – that can be applied to their school, work and home lives.

On-Site Classes

CO/LAB’s semester-long classes are recommended for participants ages 14+. Each class is led by a team of Teaching Artists and Supporting Artists, creating a 2:1 participant to staff ratio. Our drama and musical theater curriculum integrates individual acting exercises and ensemble collaboration. At the end of the semester, the actors’ hard work and creativity light up the stage at the final performances. These original shows, created by the group, are guaranteed to leave you smiling... and just about always end with a standing ovation.

Off-Site Workshops

For schools, day habilitation programs and community centers, CO/LAB will come to you! We offer one-day workshops as well as long-term residencies. Choose from our standard workshops in theater and improv, or have us customize a workshop to meet your specific curriculum needs. These can be tailored for children, teens or adults.

Summer Guest Artist Series

We get awesome professional artists to come teach single workshops in their areas of expertise. The goal of the program is to expose CO/LAB actors to new aspects of theater and to other teaching styles and approaches. Past topics include Shakespeare, puppetry, dance, on-camera acting, design, music and many more!

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer

CO/LAB is always looking for volunteers, and there are so many ways to help out! Some volunteers work alongside actors and Teaching Artists in the classroom. Others assist at events to ensure that things go off without a hitch. Have a special skill or expertise? We welcome anyone from photographers to psychologists to pitch in.

Donate

Every year, CO/LAB has gotten bigger and better, but we couldn’t do it without people like you. With your generous support, we can expand operations to include additional classes and staff, strengthen our outreach and fundraising efforts and, most importantly, offer more individuals a creative atmosphere in which to grow. When you donate \$200 or more, you will become part of our Benefactor’s Circle, receiving special CO/LAB perks such as tickets to our shows, access to special events and a very special place in our family.

CO/LAB Theater Group is a recognized 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and all contributions are fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Special Events

Our calendar of events offers the chance to interact with our staff, actors, and volunteers and to see the amazing things we’re creating through CO/LAB. Twice a year, talented friends of CO/LAB light up the stage at our fan-favorite fundraising concert, CO/LABaret. We also love when participants get to show off everything they’ve learned and accomplished at end-of-semester class performances. And we don’t need an excuse to get together, so keep an eye out for other special events throughout the year!