

# accepting 15 emerging artist/activists from diverse backgrounds ages 18-32



# Art & Social Change InterPlay for Millennial Leaders

Two-Week Program • Monday-Friday, July 20-31, 2015 InterPlayce • Oakland, California

# Play hard at the intersections of race, class, gender and environmental health.

InterPlay is accepting 15 emerging artists, age 18-32 from Oakland and other parts of the US and the world and who are ready to

- do good and feel good
- · do art research around big issues
- help others without losing one's own mind, body, heart, or spirit
- be part of a cutting-edge global movement
- learn the way of improvisation
- and connect with affirming mentors

#### The Program

InterPlay is a philosophy and practice that builds artistic skill, leadership ability and develops strong community. InterPlay is also a world-wide community of artist-activists who believe in their ability to change the world through freedom of expression. Developed over the last twenty-five years by **Phil Porter** and **Cynthia Winton-Henry**, InterPlay is a practice that teaches groups and individuals to tap into their artistic authority and positively affect other people.

Art & Social Change is seeking the next generation of artist-activists—leaders to take InterPlay's "sneaky deep" playful practices of improvisational movement, storytelling, poetry, voice, and music into new places.

Gain the "how to's" of InterPlay's holistic framework for using performing arts in group development to unlock wisdom, share resources, build bridges, heal, and make peace...all while having FUN. The program certifies participants as graduates of the InterPlay Life Practice Program and qualifies them to pursue training as certified InterPlay leaders.

Deadline for application Friday, June 5, 2015

# The InterPlay Approach to Art & Social Change

- Do you want to make a difference in the world?
- Are you as interested in people-making almost as much as art-making?
- Is there a place for "soul" in your vocabulary?
- Are you more interested in solutions than in problems?

Cofounders Cynthia Winton-Henry and Phil Porter are international leaders recognized for developing InterPlay as a potent system and global community of "players." InterPlay's multi-disciplinary creative methods are used in daily life, relationships, performance, therapy, ritual, business and education. Participants will learn elegant tools that make the use of movement, voice, storytelling, theater, stillness, music, and contact easy, accessible and powerful for any group.

This workshop is designed for "Millennial" artists and activists interested in studying with members of InterPlay's San Francisco Bay Area performance community. It provides a unique setting to play with contemporary personal, political and cultural issues using InterPlay's revelatory, improvisational, community-based techniques.

- The workshop exposes students to a fearlessly innovative style of community art and performance focusing on improvised ensemble, duet, and solo forms which use and combine movement, storytelling and voice.
- Students will develop skills in leadership, community development and self-care that are crucial for effective social change.
- Students work closely with skilled San Francisco Bay Area InterPlay performers.
- This dynamic workshop provides students with affirmation and development of their artistic strengths, opportunities to gain competency in other art forms, and practice utilizing community art forms for social change.
- Students will strengthen their intuition and unlock their own wisdom by using the philosophy and practices that have grown out of the twenty-year-old InterPlay philosophy.

The program places a strong emphasis on community by creating connections with:

- mentors that can provide not only artistic training but support for leadership development
- other participants in the program which can provide future support
- a variety of members of the InterPlay community, a strong network with an interest in art and social change
- advocates in the student's home community who can help make it possible for students to attend.

#### **Daily Schedule**

Sessions will go from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday with some additional evening events. Lunch will be provided. The days will be very full! The first week will be devoted to basics. During the second week participants will have opportunities to explore and expand their chosen artistic interest and get support for their dreams and visions.

**Mornings** 

Learn storytelling, movement, voice, music and contact practices with InterPlay cofounders Phil Porter and Cynthia Winton-Henry and outstanding InterPlay leaders.

Afternoons

Learn eight core body wisdom tools for success in community art and receive focused affirmation in a chosen art medium.

**Evenings** 

Meet Oakland members of the InterPlay-based WING IT!
Performance Ensemble; witness InterPlay being used in an outreach setting; and create an intimate studio performance with the other students in the program to which the InterPlay community will be invited (Thursday, August 1). Not all evenings will be programmed.

#### **Tuition**

Tuition for the two-week program is \$1400. This includes all training sessions and lunch. Dinner, additional entertainment and transportation costs are not included.

In order to foster the sort of community connections that are important to any artist/activist, we are asking that each participant have an advocate (a teacher, mentor, friend or family member) who is willing to recommend and help them secure funding for the program from her or his local community.

We will also work with participants to complete the registration process and meet the tuition requirements. Some scholarships are available. A Tuition Proposal is included in this packet of information.

We will notify you about your acceptance within two weeks of the application deadline. Accepted students will have until **Friday, June 19, 2015**, to confirm their attendance, make a deposit of \$200 and submit a tuition proposal and/or tuition payment plan (monthly installments are acceptable). Total payment or a first installment will be due by **Monday, July 6, 2015**.

Checks should be made payable to "Body Wisdom, Inc." (Body Wisdom, Inc., is InterPlay's non-profit incorporation.) You may also pay by credit card by calling the Body Wisdom/InterPlay office (510/465-2797).

#### Housing

Members of the Oakland InterPlay community will provide housing and breakfast participants if needed. Lunch will be provided as part of the program.



#### **Dates & Deadlines**

#### Before June 5

Send in registration materials by and set up informational interview

#### June 5

Deadline for application

#### June 19

Confirm attendance once accepted, send \$200 deposit

#### **July 6**

First installment or total tuition due

#### **July 20-July 31**

Program takes place

#### July 30

Graduation & Celebration

#### July 31

Program ends at noon

#### **How to Apply**

The first step is to indicate your intent to register by emailing Cynthia Winton-Henry at cynthia@interplay.org.

In that email, please include

- a brief resume that lists your address and phone, any arts, communication, and community volunteer experience. Include: the name of any production, your role or crew assignment and the name of the producing organization (e.g. high school, community theatre, college). List any additional formal or informal training. Also list any of your community involvement or interest in social action.
- · A photo
- A one page personal statement describing your interest in this workshop.
- Cynthia will be in touch to set up a Skype call to meet you and answer any questions.

Please do the above first before taking any of the following steps. We'll be in direct with you contact with you (phone or skype) to assist you with the next steps, which will include the following:

- 1. Have a mentor, art teacher, or InterPlay advocate recommend you in a one page letter that describes your talents, experience or abilities in the arts. The letter should also address your personal attributes, such as initiative, reliability and ability to work well with others. Have them send it to InterPlay for Millennial Leaders, 2273 Telegraph Ave, Oakland CA 94612, or email *cynthia@interplay.org*.
- 2. Complete the **Registration Form**.
- If seeking tuition support, work with your advocate to fill out the Tuition Proposal which is included.
- 4. Send in your tuition deposit of \$200.

We will have you send all materials **no later than** Friday, June 5, 2015 to:

InterPlay for Millennial Leaders 2273 Telegraph Avenue Oakland CA 94612

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Who should I talk to to learn more about the program?

Call or email **Cynthia Winton-Henry** in the Body Wisdom/InterPlay office at 510/465-2797 or *cynthia@interplay.org*.

#### Where does the program take place?

The program takes place at the InterPlayce Studio in Oakland at 2273 Telegraph Avenue in downtown Oakland, California, three blocks from the 19th Street BART (rapid transit) station.

# I'm an international student. Can I attend?

International students are welcome. Tuition is the same as for US residents.

## I cannot afford to attend. What can I do?

Scholarships are available. With an advocate, complete the Tuition Proposal and enclose it with your written statement and completed Registration Form.

## I am under the age of 18. Am I able to attend?

No, but please contact us so that we can keep you informed of future programs.

# I can only attend one week. Can I still apply?

It is *not* possible to attend for only part of the two-week program.

# It's past the deadline to send in my application. Can I still apply?

To apply past the deadline, contact *cynthia@inter-play.org* via email to see if applications are still being accepted. It may be possible to apply after the deadline date if space is still available.

## Once I have applied, when do I know if I get in or not?

You will be notified of acceptance no later than one week after the application deadline. In some cases, you may be notified as soon as a week after we receive your application materials.

#### What else do I need to do to prepare?

All accepted students will receive a packet with everything they will need by the first day of the training. Included will be a mandatory medical release form to bring

with you when you check in on the first day.

### **Registration Form**

STUDENT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP	
HOME PHONE	
DAYTIME PHONE	EMAIL
☐ Check here if you do <i>not</i> want to be added	l to our email newsletter list
<ul><li>         \$200 deposit enclosed         <ul><li>             \$15 administrative fee (if after June 19, 20)</li></ul></li></ul>	15)
Total Enclosed \$	13)
Please make checks payable to "Body Wisdom, Is	nc."
□ Visa □ MasterCard □ Discover	American Express
NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE CARD (PLEASE PRINT NEA	ATLY)
CARD NUMBER	EXP DATE
SIGNATURE	
Please return this form and other materials to:	:
InterPlay for Millennial Leaders 2273 Telegraph Ave	

Oakland CA 94612 or fax this form to 510/836-3312

Home	Stay	Req	uest
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☐ I would like to request a home stay with an InterPlay host.				
ROOMMATE REQUEST (IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS ALSO ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM)				
FOOD ALLERGIES/OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS				
☐ I do ☐ do not have a car.				

#### **Terms of Payment and Refund Policy**

Please read this policy and sign below.

Enrollment is limited. In the event that you have to cancel your registration, submit written notice to Body Wisdom. Applicants who withdraw after July 6, 2015 will forfeit all fees. No prorated reduction can be made for temporary absence from the program. The individual who signs the registration form understands and agrees to these terms. Withdrawal prior to or on July 6, 2015: tuition is refunded less the deposit.

*I agree to the payment and refund policies described above:* 

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