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# Betty Buckley

## To Teach Song Interpretation Workshop July 2009



(Fort Worth, TX)... Legendary Broadway star, actress/singer [Betty Buckley](#) will continue her successful Song Interpretation Workshop hosted by Imagination Celebration in July and August 2009. The Fort Worth native will assist young professionals or more experienced performers and educators to refresh themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually in the craft of singing, acting, storytelling and true communication with an audience.

Ms. Buckley will share her expertise for telling stories in song and guide her students through a methodology to facilitate audience connection through songs and monologues. Her emotional connection to songs and audiences is renowned, and that very connection is at the heart of what Ms. Buckley imparts to her students.

The Tony award winner has thrilled audiences for years with acclaimed performances in such Broadway shows as *Sunset Boulevard*, *Cats*, and *1776*. Recently her highly praised starring role in the M. Night Shyamalan feature film *The Happening*, joins her other memorable film performances which include *Tender Mercies*, *Frantic*, and *Carrie*. She also has an extensive cabaret career, and has recently received rave reviews for **Broadway by Request** at New York City's prestigious Feinstein's at Loew's Regency nightclub. In 2009, Ms. Buckley was given the Texas Medal of Arts Award for Theater and was inducted into the Texas Film Hall of Fame in 2007.

The **Song Interpretation Intensive** class schedule consists of six sessions beginning on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 6:30pm and last 4-5 hours. For further details and to arrange an interview, prospective participants should call **(940) 300-4944** or email: [marjorie@unt.edu](mailto:marjorie@unt.edu). An accompanist will be provided. For more information go to [www.bettybuckley.com](http://www.bettybuckley.com) or [www.icfw.org](http://www.icfw.org).

Ms. Buckley has been a teacher for 37 years and has taught numerous singers, actors and professionals including investment bankers, athletic coaches and persons who want to perfect their ability to effectively communicate in their work and in relationships. The class also welcomes auditors who participate in all aspects of the class except the individual singing coached by Ms. Buckley.

Last January, Ms. Buckley, directed a benefit concert for Imagination Celebration featuring workshop participants. Mark Lowry's review celebrates "The results, we must say, were heavenly." (See Ms. Buckley's video interview regarding the concert at [www.theatrejones.com](http://www.theatrejones.com))

#### About [Betty Buckley](#):

Buckley possesses one of the finest and most unique instruments in musical theatre - a versatile voice that pierces the soul both with its razor-edged belt and ethereal upper register.

Critics continue singing her praises:

"The voice of Broadway!" - *New York Magazine*

"Hers is the finest voice in musical theatre today. Betty Buckley's renditions are definitive, moving and letter-perfect." - *Entertainment Weekly*

"Why is Buckley so good? Let me count the ways! For one thing, she has a voice that is one of the wonders of the world. In addition, she acts with great style, pizzazz, and above all intelligence!" - *The Hollywood Reporter*

"Buckley owns the best pipes in the musical theatre and is a gifted actress as well! A singer whose instrument is a peerless melding of vulnerability and power!" - Jeremy Gerard of *Variety*

She is also an Emmy-nominated television (**Eight Is Enough, Law and Order:SVU** and HBO's **Oz**) and film star (**Tender Mercies, Carrie, Frantic, Another Woman** and **The Happening**).

The Actor-Singer works regularly in concert with her ensemble of musicians. Her solo CD, **Stars and the Moon: Betty Buckley Live at the Donmar Warehouse**, received a Grammy nomination. In 2007, she released a new CD **Betty Buckley 1967**, which hit the Billboard charts. Her newest recording **Quintessence**, with long-time collaborator Kenny Werner and her quintet was released by Playbill and Sony BMG Broadway Masterworks in Spring 2008.

Named for Buckley's outstanding contribution to the musical theatre, [The Betty Lynn Buckley Awards](#) honor outstanding Musical Theatre in Tarrant County high schools.

#### About [Imagination Celebration](#):

The Imagination Celebration program, founded by Executive Director Ginger Head, began in 1977 as an outreach project of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. It was created to develop arts awareness in school children and an arts alliance between educators, their arts counterparts, and the community cultural network.

It is their philosophy that the arts inspire and communicate ideas and give reality to the past and imagined future. The arts aid in the development of critical thinking skills, enhance every discipline of study, and most importantly, should be accessible to everyone. As a not for profit organization, ICFW is dependent on generous gifts and grants from Government entities, private foundations, corporations and individuals to continue its mission to provide programs which create learning in, through and about the arts and enhance the education of students from kindergarten through university, their teachers and their families.