



The National Comedy Theatre is proud to present CONNECTIONS – an Improv Program Designed for Teens, ages 13-17 who are diagnosed with mild to moderate disabilities, particularly those with autism spectrum disorder.

Our program uses improvised theatre to teach, and help students master creative thinking, listening and social awareness to help individuals develop a variety of social and communication skills in a fun and safe environment.



Students will have the opportunity to explore a variety of emotions, listening skills, social skills and pragmatic language while building relationships with peers through play. These skills are taught through various games and improvised scenarios that help individuals explore together and laugh with each other. Our 6-week programs are designed to meet each individual's needs, but with a goal of fun, friendship and improved social skills for each student.

Classes meet once a week at our training center at Liberty Station from 4:30-6:00 pm. Parents are welcomed to attend each workshop, or they may choose to use the time to enjoy the shopping and restaurants available in the area.



We limit our classes to 10 participants. Each workshop builds upon the lessons of the previous class and reinforces the ideas taught, while adding new skills.

After each six week session, there is a two week break, and classes resume for all interested students.

The cost for the workshop is \$199 for each six week session



ABOUT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Richie Ploesch, M.A., BCBA has been working in the field of special education for over 12 years. His specialty is educating students and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder. He earned his teaching credential in 2006, a Masters Degree in 2008, and became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst in 2009. Since then, he has not only taught in special education classes, but also taught as an adjunct professor, consulted with family members internationally and provided in home behavioral therapy to improve social skills and increase independence.



ABOUT THE NATIONAL COMEDY THEATRE

The award winning National Comedy Theatre has been entertaining audiences and teaching students for more than two decades in Southern California. The longest running show in the history of the city, the show has been performed over 5000 times in over 16 countries worldwide. We have trained thousands of students and adults in improvised theatre, and direct a robust high school league with hundreds of students participating each year.



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NCT CONNECTIONS Registration

You can type right into the form

Contact Information

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian's name 1 _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone (Work/Cell/Home): _____

Parent/Guardian's Email _____

Parent/Guardian's name 2 _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone (Work/Cell/Home): _____

Parent/Guardian's Email _____

PAYMENT

Credit Card Payment

Type of Card: Visa/Mastercard Discover American Express

Card Number: _____

Expiration Month/Year: _____ CV Code: _____

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At NCT, we strive to create programs for a variety of participants with differing skills. We do recognize that we cannot meet all students' needs in our CONNECTIONS program. For this reason and others, we have a brief initial screening interview conducted by our program director to help us plan accordingly for individual student needs and the group as a whole. Our program is based on an acceptance system and we reserve the right to refuse or discontinue participation in our programs for any reason.

Student Name: _____

Child's Behavior Information

1. What are your child's main areas of interest and favorite activities?
2. What activities/tasks does your child NOT like to engage in or is restricted from participating in?
3. Please list your child's strengths or special talents (e.g. music, art, building things)?
4. What are your goals for your child while they are involved with this program?
5. How does your child communicate wants and needs to adults/peers?
6. Is your child able to take care of any adaptive needs (toileting, washing hands, etc.)?
7. How do you handle any challenging behaviors that your child might exhibit?
8. If you have any other information that you feel would be helpful to us, or that you would like us to know, please feel free to add your comments to the area below: