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### Registration

Registration applications and area information are available by request through the addresses and contact information listed below or on our website: [www.valhallafinearts.org](http://www.valhallafinearts.org)

Registration closes July 4, 2009

VFA – ViSTA  
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# A SPECTACULAR SUMMER DRAMA SCHOOL ...



## ViSTA

ViSTA's fourth year brings some exciting changes. Mat, our veteran instructor of the past three years will be joined by stage actress and clown performer Julie Mortensen. The two instructors, two teen leaders and co-ordinators Kerry Heichert and Janet Royko will work together to inspire and allow children to find their role in performing arts. The theme is "Worlds of Magic." All sorts of mysterious and magical characters live in these worlds, queens, kings, sorcerers, sprites, witches and warlocks, werewolves, vampires, dragons. The instructors are looking forward to having students choose and

develop characters, and create plays full of magic spells and tricks. Students will work on movement, voice, improvisation and theatre games in the process of developing a final performance to share with families and friends.

The week in Silverton is geared for children aged 8 – 13, and in Nakusp for youth aged 8-18. Sign up early; make ViSTA a part of your summer plans.

## The Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society

ViSTA is presented by the Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society (VSSFAS). The VSSFAS is a non-profit organisation that offers several high-quality educational fine arts programs taught by outstanding instructors who relate well to young people and adults alike. Pride and attention are given toward creating a competition free learning environment with a family friendly atmosphere. All programs offered take place in Silverton and Nakusp, British Columbia amidst the stunning mountain geography of the Kootenays, Valhalla Provincial Park, and the Slocan and Arrow Lakes.



## Julie Mortensen

**Julie Mortensen** is an actor, clown, drama instructor and theatre producer. She recently earned her BFA and BCOMM from the University of Calgary. Several of her previous acting credits include: *Unity 1918* (ATP), *Bus(t)*, *The Piper*, *Man Out of Joint* and *pppeeeaaacccccc* (Downstage), *The Libertine*, *Never Swim Alone* and *Insomnia* (University of Calgary). Julie is the co-founder and Associate Artistic Producer of Downstage, a Calgary-based theatre company dedicated to the production of "provocative Canadian theatre" that explores socially and politically charged themes. Julie also works for Quest theatre where she teaches children drama skills and directs them in performances at their school. On the weekends she is quite the clown, literally, and can be seen painting faces and twisting balloons at children's events around the city as "Petals".



## Mat Mailandt

**Mat Mailandt** is a Calgary-born actor, director, improviser and arts administrator. He has been working with Calgary Young People's Theatre since 2004 and took over management of the company as Artistic Director in September 2005. Mailandt has worked professionally in children's theatre for the last five years, either as himself or his clown character 'Toro', across Alberta and British Columbia. He has participated in the Calgary International Children's Festival since 2002, working as an on-site performer since 2004. He is a founding member of Kids Play Classics, a touring children's theatre company that brings kids onstage and makes them the stars. He recently received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Calgary.

For CYPT, Mat has directed *The Boxcar Children*, *Spooky Stories from Near and Far*, and *The Jungle Book*, *The Compleat History of CYPT*, *Pinocchio* and *The Daily Mischief*. The sight of kids shining onstage, which first drew Mailandt to theatre for young audiences, continues to thrill him. Other memorable directing projects include: *Boy Blue*, (Nickel and Dime Productions) which won best production at the Calgary Regional One Act Play Festival in 2008.

Mailandt also performs weekly and corporate shows with The Improv Guild, with whom he holds the title of Facility Manager and Associate Festival Director of the Calgary Improv Festival. He is thrilled to return to the beautiful Slocan Valley for a fourth summer and work with all of the talented and creative youth at camps. It has become a favorite part of his summer and he can't wait to see what great shows emerge this year!



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