



Julia Ainsworth  
presents MTL Acting

## Description

# A dynamic new entry in children's acting classes

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In Football, a "triple threat" can run, pass and kick. In Performance Arts, one who can sing, dance and act. **Julia Ainsworth's** trifecta is playwriting, directing and teaching. These all come in handy with her new project, opening up a promising children's acting school called simply **MTL Acting**. It specialises in acting classes for kids and teens.



Ontario raised Ms. Ainsworth received a BFA in theatre from York and a B.ED in theatre education from Queens. She has been a Montreal resident since 2007. She wrote and directed the impressive *PW4* and *Unfit for Bears* both based on verbatim interviews with women held in prison. Later, she helped produce *Bunny, Bunny* featuring Rosaruby Kagan in a tribute to Gilda Radner at the Segal Centre. A member of The Canadian

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training breeds confidence and improves social skills during the important formative years.

Her new enterprise plans a public or private performance each term. Last year, her unique version of *Wake Up, Sleeping Beauty* played twice at the Centaur theatre and was invited to a reprise in Stratford, Ontario. [Read my review of that show.](#)

Like the story of *The Lady and the Tiger*, it had alternate endings, dictated by the audience, which fits in with Ms. Ainsworth's present position as Artistic director of Live Action Theatre Project, a group dedicated to studying relationships between spectator and actor.

MTL Acting's spanking new premises are located at 1208 Van Horne, Montreal, a short walk from the Outremont Metro.



A new set of classes begins **January 11**, with 23 sessions lasting until June 23.

For more information, visit:

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