

Monday Night Improv Classes in November are at the Haviland Club

Charlottetown, PE

IN BRIEF: HA Club Artistic Director Laurie Murphy is offering drop-in improv classes at the Haviland Club, an accessible, licensed venue with parking nearby. Classes are on Monday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 7-8:30pm. To purchase the \$25 class in advance, visit marram.ca, or buy at the door. Spots are limited. Follow on Twitter @TheHaClub, and on Facebook & Instagram @ClubofHa. Double Vaccination proof, ID, and sign-in are required. Masks are mandatory. For other info, please call 902 960 1735 or send an email to info@marram.ca.

IN FULL: Laurie Murphy runs MARRAM Marketing & Productions and created the HA Club to teach improv and produce comedy shows on PEI. Drop-in Improv classes are on Monday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 7-8:30pm, at the Haviland Club, 2 Haviland Street, Charlottetown. Students may be brand new to improv or may be experienced. A person may take one class, or all six. Through a series of exercise drills and performance games, the 90 minutes' class is packed with character development, acting tips, and a whole lot of good fun.



“It is first and foremost a fun evening, with lots of laughs balancing out the anxiety,” Murphy says, “I remember when I first started. I was almost frozen from fear. I am forever grateful to those early days learning about creating environment, relationship, and motivation for improv scenes that were filled with support and good guidance. I think of the many wonderful improv teachers and players I have met over the years and I’m happy to be on PEI sharing what I know about improv. Now, I play at improv or teach whenever I get the chance.”

Her love of improv came when the 1991 Canada Winter Games cultural component gave her training and performance opportunity in Theatresports. She trained in long-form improv with Improv Olympic (Charlottetown and Chicago). She ran ImprovPEI (Charlottetown) and won TheatrePEI Awards for Direction, and for Music Innovation for The F.I.G.H.T. Club (female improv group having tea). Some of her favourite comedic work has been with Annekenstein (Seasons 3, 4 & 5) and The Drill Queens (all seasons). While living in Toronto, she took classes and performed at shows at Social Capital, Second City, Bad Dog Theatre, The Annex, and Comedy Bar. This summer, she produced Monday Night Improv in Charlottetown.

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Photo: Adam Brazier & Maryanne Fitzpatrick, Monday Night Improv, Summer 2021 at the Haviland Club
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