

Actress Opens Talent Showcase Studios For Youths

Successful TV and commercial actress Mae Ross, a 16-year Talent Showcase veteran, has launched 3-2-1 Talent Showcase Studios located at The Vibe (2287 Honolulu Ave. in Montrose).

3-2-1 Talent Showcase Studios trains youth for on-camera TV and film acting roles and prepares them for performances before top Hollywood talent agents. Ross' students range from ages 5-20 and are children, teens and young adults; they have a desire to pursue a hobby or a career in TV and film.

To celebrate her Studio's opening, Ross is providing a special introductory class at 3-2-1 Talent Showcase for those who would like to explore a career in showbiz. No previous training is necessary.

A local resident for the past 15 years, Ross is an accomplished actress who has appeared in more than 30 TV commercials, in several television series and performed in Las Vegas and Broadway musical theater productions. She is a former fashion runway model, whose image has appeared in national print ads and TV commercials for top brands such as Pizza Hut, Coca-Cola, Herbalife, JC Penney, Marshalls Department Store and Grape Nuts cereal. As a result of her varied and colorful work, her classes offer students insight and training to break into this challenging industry.

In addition to her acting career, Ross has been producing Talent Showcases in Los Angeles for the last 16 years. Many of her students



Children between the ages of 5-20 receive training for on-camera TV and film acting roles at 3-2-1 Talent Showcase Studios.

have gone on to successful careers in TV and film after being introduced by Ross to top Hollywood talent agents. Most notable are Vincent Vaillancourt, who starred as Trent on the Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana; and Kevin Kleinberg, who played "The Green Power Ranger;" La Crescenta's Alisha Ziegler, whose credits include ABC's "Wildfire," "CSI New York" and the Haylie Duff film "Legacy;" and James Molina of Glendale, who appeared in the film "Alpha Dogs" with Justin Timberlake, TV's "Veronica Mars" and recently on "CSI Miami."

"What I look for in potential students is a warmth and likeabili-

ty," Ross said. "Most of these kids have a natural ability in the performing arts, although when they come to me, many need to be developed further. At 3-2-1 Talent Showcase Studios, I take them through 10- and 16-week courses, meeting once or twice a week, and teach them everything they need to know related to on-camera TV and film acting.

"I love working with youth; my biggest reward is seeing their confidence grow and helping them to achieve their fullest potential. In addition to getting them started in show business, what they learn here are life skills that will help them to be more successful in any walk of



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life."

Born in San Francisco, Ross developed her career in Hollywood. She lives in Tujunga with her husband, Tom, and her 13-year-old son, T.J., who attends Frost Magnet Middle School in Granada Hills. Her pride and joy, Ross' son is a pitcher and catcher in the Babe Ruth Baseball League and also plays on two tournament travel teams: the Glendale Knights and the La Crescenta Bobcats.

To sign up for 3-2-1 Talent Showcase Studio's free introductory class, call (818) 353-5455. Classes are 90 minutes to two hours in length and are held Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Vibe.

For more information, visit www.321talentshowcase.com.