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## CHAMELEON STUDIO APPROACHES ITS FIRST YEAR!

Tom and Jackie are proud to offer South Surrey/White Rock the craft of Acting!

Chameleon Studio is approaching its first year anniversary August 1, 2009 and though we remain a small force of working actors bringing the craft of acting and singing to the South Surrey/White Rock and surrounding communities, we are encouraged by the positive feedback we are getting from parents, kids and adults.

Our mission statement expresses our desire to bring a value added service to the community which was realized Sunday, May 3rd when award winning Director and Cinematographer John Banovich conducted a successful On-Set workshop for seven enthusiastic students. John brought in a small lighting rig and we put the kids through the paces of shooting a scene from the Directors perspective, with a review of the casting process as well. The kids are now better prepared to go out on a real set and be professional, productive and maintain the excellent reputation Canadian talent has attained.

Before Jackie and Tom took the reigns there was no vocal instruction for singers, so they brought acclaimed singer Dee Daniels out to the studio to conduct her internationally renowned Vocal Clinic. Dee will introduce two of her revolutionary vocal techniques: The Rose Breath and The Numbered Activation Method. With these techniques, she will guide students to increasing their vocal range, crossing vocal bridges, and developing good vocal health, all of which will improve their

ability to be better communicators and storytellers through song. Dee's workshops are informative, inspiring, and fun. There will be demonstrations, group and individual singing, and time for questions and answers.

Though scheduling conflicts prevented Tom from being in the Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson movie Tooth Fairy, fortune struck again, and Tom landed a role in the Chris Columbus (Director of Harry Potter fame) movie Percy Jackson: The Lightening Thief as one of the principle villains in the movie. Tom will also be seen in a small role in Ramona and Beezus.

The Chameleon Studio team is proud to be apart of this community and share the gift of acting. Chameleon was recently invited to participate in the Explorations program at The Simon Cunningham Elementary School which was a great success. Explorations is a program designed to introduce kids to different industries. Explorations provided students in kindergarten to Grade 7 with opportunities to explore arts, sport and recreation in summer camp settings. The program served students who were otherwise unable to attend summer camps due to location, local resources or financial limitations. Explorations was supported by the Province of British Columbia. Twenty five kids were introduced to the world of commercial acting through a course tailored to the needs of the students. "I even managed to get them all on film which was no small feat with 25 kids." Noted Tom Pickett.

More importantly Chameleon Studio views Drama as an educational tool that has such powerful residual benefits to the kids involved that Tom and Jackie thought it

mandatory to develop a recreational program in addition to the professional on camera training that they are known for industry wide. "Yes, we can and will continue to train professional actors to be at the top of their game. The craft of acting builds confidence, cooperation, effective communication and an appreciation for the lives of others that translates into better citizenship, personal and social relationships and a more progressive community." Says Tom Pickett.

The Chameleon Studio staff is active in the industry: Acting Instructor Dolores Drake recently booked a role on Mrs. Miracle. Acting Instructor Robin Douglas is a top call for voice over work and has lead two complete Beginner/Intermediate adult acting sessions and turned out some very fine talent. And Acting Instructor Wendy Bollard will produce her own concert July 11, at The White Rock Playhouse and has asked Tom to come along as a guest artist. Our founder, Acting Instructor Michele Sands-Partridge is still on the scene and will be giving a special advanced in-depth Emotional Access workshop for ages 11 - 17 July 24th, check our website for details.

**Call Jackie at 778-378-9103 to register**