

Class Descriptions for ATC Convention
March 9 & 10, 2018

Taught by Rafi Rondon "Bombin"

Twenty–Six Years of Bombin and Counting...

As we kick off the 2018 convention with this master class we hope you will be encouraged and challenged by Rafi as he shares his experiences and things he has learned along the way about humor, clowning, and ministry.

****Clown Character Development**

Your makeup is on, but now what? Let's talk about how to create and develop a clown character. We will talk about the essential elements of a clown character; face, body, voice. This is a great class for beginners and intermediate level clowns.

Presenting the Gospel through a show

In this class I will teach the basic principles of performing arts as a tool for ministry. Putting together a program that carries a message, and presents it effectively. I will also talk about doing an invitation to profession of faith. This includes do's & don'ts, and basic ABC elements of an invitation. This class is for any gospel entertainer.

***Clown Magic**

The focus of this class will be on how a clown can use magic. Many people use magic tricks in a show. Clowns, however, perform magic in a very different way. Clown magic has to be funny and sometimes the trick even seems to be in control of the clown. I will teach people to think like clowns and not like magicians. Also I will teach some tricks that you can make at home.

The Technical Side of Editing Music.

It's hard enough finding good clown music, but how do I edit it to fit my performance? Can this one-minute song be made into a 5-minute song? Yes! And vice versa! We'll look at making one song from several different ones; adding effects and voice to a track. You must have a general knowledge of using a computer, know how to save and find files in your computer. If computers are not your thing, this class is not for you.

Taught by Marcela Murad "Mama Clown"

Facepainting Basics

In this hands-on class you will learn and practice the techniques needed to master the art of facepainting. From brush control for clean lines to sponge techniques, working with Rainbow and Arty Cakes and using Stencils and glitter to enhance your designs, this class is a must for painters at any level. Please bring a small paint kit, brushes, sponges, baby wipes and a container for water.

Kids Favorite (Facepaint) Designs

This is a demo class. No need to bring your paints but do bring something to take notes. Based on my 35 years experience as a facepainter, I will share with you some of my most requested boys and girls designs. Butterflies, Princesses and Eye designs for girls. Batman, Spider-Man and tigers for boys plus requested designs if time permits.

Birthday Party Fun

Birthday parties are one of the most fun and profitable venues for any performer. In this high energy class I will share with you how I use magic, storytelling, puppets, music and dancing to create a memorable experience they'll remember for the rest of their lives. What works, what doesn't, how to pack small and play big, plus tips and tricks to help you prepare and avoid some of the most common problems we encounter as Birthday party entertainers.

Taught by **Darren Casteel** "Professor DoDad"

Everyday Science Lessons

Science lessons and gospel truths can go hand and hand. Let's take a trip through your home and use what you have to teach simple but powerful object lessons. Everyone will take home engaging science lessons which use ordinary objects. Be ready to laugh, learn, and have a good time.

Wacky Science Lessons with a Gospel Twist

Shooting Foam! Green Goo! Glowing Chemicals! Science can be a fun and exiting tool to share the gospel. Come learn exciting and powerful lessons using chemicals and objects that can be found in your local store.

Dynamic Object Talks-Object lessons

Dynamic Object Talks-Object lessons are powerful tools to teach lessons that the audience will remember. Most objects are everyday items that you can pick up around the house and be ready to teach a Bible object lesson, children's sermon, or family devotional in a matter of minutes. Object talks are also a great add-on to lessons to capture attention!

Pocket Tools for Missions

Getting ready for a mission trip or doing some street evangelism? One on One ministry is fun when you equip yourself with the right tools. Darren will be sharing some visual lessons using illusions that you can use one on one or in a small group. Get ready to fill your pockets with lots of ideas for ministry.

***Script Writing for Drama and Puppetry**

This highly interactive class will take its students on a creative ride. Start with the end in mind and go backwards. Together we will start with an idea and write a creative script in class. Learn just how easy it is to write a script.

Taught by **Theresa Garrett** “Pinky”

Basic Ventriloquism

“Any Ole Dummy Can Do It!” Surprise yourself with this art form. YES YOU CAN! Bring your hand and come on in. Puppets welcome too.

Gospel Messages by the Dozen

In this class Theresa will demonstrate 12 Gospel message tools or illusions you can use in your ministry.

***Skit and Script Writing**

Skits that bring your messages alive and make them memorable. Pinky will teach you how to write skits and how to use them.

Expressions Without Faces!

This is a fun body language class which will teach you to show your emotions with your body. We will do improvisations and a lot of class participation. Whether you are a clown, in drama, or a story teller, you’ll learn from this class.

***The Bells – “Ring Those Bells”**

A must with any program for children. Colored handbells with color coded cards can be used to make a beautiful music. And it is easy too. These are great for special needs people. And don’t forget the seniors! You will be amazed at what happens when you use them with nursing home patients. Even ones who have not moved in years will try to ring their bell. It is bringing them back through music!

Taught by **Sam Tee** “Uncle Button”

***Ballooning 101, getting started**

This is an intro to balloon twisting. This is a balloon, this is where the air goes in, etc..... (balloons and pumps will be provided)

Combine Balloon twisting and music to share a message

You can combine the twisting skills you already know, with patter and music to share a message in a powerful way. Discover how to use the simplest twist of the balloon with music to convey the gospel message. Both beginning and advanced balloon twisters will benefit from this class.

My Favorite Routines by Uncle Button

Uncle Button will demonstrate some of his favorite routines and how he entertains using the simplest skills in juggling, magic, balloons, singing and music. This is a great class to observe Uncle Button's character, how he interacts with the audience, and to get ideas to improve your showmanship.

Cross Cultural Clowning / Stories from the Mission Field

Gain a better understanding of different peoples or groups with their unique culture and practices. Exploration on how culture impacts clown performances. Differences and similarities between clowning in Asia and of North America will be discussed. Discover the joy of stepping out of our comfort zone to where the Lord leads. We are the extended hands of Christ.

Tools or Toys for the Trade – A New Perspective

As clowns we tell stories. We use our character, ability, props, costume, talent, make-up, movement, voice, etc. Which are tools and which are toys? When you know the difference it can enhance your stage presentation and interaction with the audience. Sam will challenge you with a new perspective on ability and talent.

Taught by **Rick** and **Monica Chaney** “Jots” and “SonShyne”

****Costuming 101: Breaking all the rules!**

(yes, plaids and stripes really can go together!) Join us in a witty and fun discussion demonstrating how to ‘dress for success’ with your clown character! Rick and Monica, will share their years of experience, from circus, to backyard parties. You can LOOK GOOD, and BE COMFORTABLE at the same time!

Glitter Tattoos

If you don't do face painting but want to enhance your parties or work at festivals, this class is for you. Glitter Tattoos is a simple fool proof way to entertain. Kids love them and so will you! You will see how to apply Glitter Tattoos and learn the right products to use. (Supplies provided)

***Juggling 101**

What goes up, must come down, and it's a lot of fun too! Rick is a gifted and patient teacher who promises that he can teach anyone to juggle in just ten minutes! We provide everything you'll need.

Let Em' Eat Cake! Everyday there's a Birthday Somewhere!

How to market, perform and build a birthday party business. Monica will share the fundamentals and basic know how for successful parties and a successful business.

Taught by **Brenda Marshall** “Flower”

****Clown Ministry: An Introduction**

What is clown ministry? Who can do it? When is it appropriate? Where are the opportunities for ministry? Why use clowning? How do we incorporate clowning skills into ministry? Any questions?

Vacation Bible School and Camps

Learn how to fit a clown program into a five-day Vacation Bible School or camp setting. Brenda will discuss how to work with themes, music and putting the whole package together based on her many years of experience.

Hospital Clowning

The basics of hospital clowning can be learned through improvisation. In this class we will explore entering a hospital room, how to play with the patient, family members and hospital staff and general ideas on how clowns can be therapeutic.

Props for Your Hospital Bag

Some days your success in the hospital can be measured by what you brought in your bag. We'll explore a multitude of inexpensive prop ideas and give you some tools to come up with some of your own.

Taught by **Wes Brock** “Cap’n”

Puppetry 101

This class will cover the art of puppetry and basic puppet manipulation which will help you get started on the right foot to use puppets in your ministry.

Advanced Puppetry

A deeper look into puppetry, sharper manipulation, rod arm and human hand manipulation, character building, character voices. If you have a basic knowledge of puppetry and want to take your puppetry skills to the next level this is the class for you.

How to Make a Puppet – Make It and Take It Two hour lab

Wes will show you how to build a puppet and help the class members build their own puppet. Materials will be provided and there will be a fee to cover the materials.

Taught by **Dewayne Reynolds** “Dr. Magical Balloons”

Ballooning 201, Intermediate Ballooning

In this class Dewayne will help you take your already existing designs to the next level. He will teach you ways to add more pronounced features and maybe even an easier way to make your sculpture. Learn how to add facial features to the basic dog (or any animal), or how to make that design pop a little more. This class is for the intermediate to advanced twister, so if you have no twisting experience this isn't a good class to start out with! Please bring your own balloons and your own pump.

Ballooning 201.3756, Improving Your Existing Designs

Just like the title says, this class is all about taking your existing designs and tweaking them just a bit to really make them pop (but in a good way)! Bring lots of balloons and an open, creative mind. Dewayne will share with you some of his own material and some things that he has learned over the years to make great and interesting designs. Come with some of your designs in mind and we'll workshop how to take them to the next level. Please bring your own balloons, pumps, and sharpies to this class.

How to Build a Balloon Wall - Hands on Class (Thursday Evening)

We'll be building a backdrop wall out of balloons on Thursday evening. This is a really hands on class, because we'll need plenty of hands to build a solid wall of balloons with the ATC logo. You'll learn about working with link balloons, basic weaving, precision pumps, and working on a decorating crew. Learn how to make a big impression with balloon decor.

***Showmanship – Improving Your Performance Skills**

In this class we'll cover how to arrange bits into a cohesive show, how to use music to improve your show, and most importantly, how to be a performer even when you're not doing a show. Learn from a guy who never wears makeup or a clown costume, but is accused by children of being a clown on a regular basis!

Taught by **Lee Andrews** “Lew-e”

****Great Looking Clown Makeup: (2 hour class / lab)**

The clown makeup industry is an ever changing one! There are so many new and improved time saving techniques coming out every year. Come to class with an open mind and blank canvas. Bring your own makeup and be prepared to possibly leave wearing it! We will go over application and design techniques to make your life easier.

Advanced Juggling – The Fancy Stuff

In this class we will go over juggling more than 3 objects, tricks and techniques for better patterns, and club juggling/passing. Please bring your own equipment if you can.

Stage Presence

In this class we will be discussing simple performance etiquette techniques that will help set you apart from your colleagues. We will discuss blocking and interactions with audience helpers. We will also be discussing the importance of actions and movements while on stage and how that can reflect on the performance.

Putting Together a Show - Panel Discussion (with Dewayne, Marcela and Darren)

Lee will moderate a panel discussion with Dewayne, Marcela, and Darren. This will be a discussion about how to properly put together a show. Answering questions like How to pick the right music, where to get the best props, why do you use backdrops, and much more. Be prepared to launch into a new way of learning during this panel discussion.

(Classes marked with ** are recommended for new clowns and classes with * are suggested for newish clowns)