

Attached and embedded please find, in MS Word format, a press release on the upcoming production of **GREAT EXPECTATIONS** by the Theatre Arts Academy of Clear Space Productions. High-res photos of the show suitable for publication are attached or are available on our website, www.ClearSpaceProductions.org. However, there are no photo captions for these photos ... if you need the names of these performers and their characters, please contact me (Community Relations Director, Dana Peragallo, at dana@ClearSpaceProductions.org).

Please be aware that we maintain a limited supply of **FREE TICKETS** at each performance specifically for members of the media. If you would like to attend one of the performances with a guest as our guest, please contact Dana Peragallo at 302.644.3810 X5. Thank you.

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For Immediate Release

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Attached photo: (rehearsal)

(Left to right) Cordell Batson as Magwitch and Matt Kelly as Pip

Theatre Arts Academy Well On Its Way!

As of September 2008, Clear Space Productions, in conjunction with Cape Henlopen School District, has inspired the genesis of the Theatre Arts Academy at Cape Henlopen High School. The Academy will open with an adaptation of Charles Dickens' novel "Great Expectations" on October 10. The students will also partake in their first quarterly performance on October 30 at the High School Theatre where they will exhibit what they have learned thus far in theatre classes. This latter performance is free to the public.

"It's just like working with a professional theatre company," said Ken Skrzysz, Program Director, after coming back from class on the second day of teaching the Level 2 students at the High School. "The manner in which they conduct themselves and how they rise to the high expectations I have set for them is truly astounding ... and promising."

The students are excited and enthusiastic as well. Hunter Graves, a freshman who attends Cape High School, is currently enrolled in the Theatre

Fundamentals course, Level 1 at the Theatre Arts Academy. "I am so fortunate that this program is available at Cape. I look forward to attending theatre class on a daily basis. It is the highlight of my school day."

Hunter is also a cast member in "Great Expectations," which will open at the Cape's Little Theatre on Friday, October 10 at 7 p.m. Clear Space Company Manager, David Button, is directing the show and is thrilled to be able to work the students. "They are there because they want to be and because they are passionate about what they are doing. They are such a talented group of students and it is exciting to be able to shape them through this experience."

The students from the Theatre Arts Academy will take part in their first Quarterly Performance on October 30 at 7 p.m. at the Little Theatre. This performance is free to the public. "Great Expectations" will be performed on Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11, at 7 p.m. as well as a Sunday matinee on October 12 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. No reservation necessary. For more information, please contact Company Manager, David Button, at dbutton@ClearSpaceProductions.org.