

Former child star instructs would-be actors

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Paul Petersen, best remembered for his role as Jeff Stone on the long running television show "The Donna Reed Show," will be in Troy on Aug. 22 to present a workshop with the American Performing Arts Network titled "How to Get Into Show Business the Right Way."

"The goal is to educate and in-

form people that the creative process of acting can be an inspiring and enriching experience that doesn't have to leave you unprotected, broke or ripped off," said Julie Matthews of American Performing Arts Network in Ohio who is presenting the workshop with Petersen.

Metro Detroit is just one of their stops. The program, designed for people who want to

pursue careers in television, movies, commercials and print, will be presented 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Troy Holiday Inn, 2537 Rochester Court, (Rochester Road exit off I-75). The cost is \$125 per person or \$145 for children accompanied by a parent, and \$20 for each additional family member. A \$25 discount is available with MasterCard/Visa registration by calling

1-800-SHOWKIDS. For information, call (216) 932-7995.

According to Petersen, founder of "A Minor Consideration," an organization dedicated to the support of child actors who have had trouble due to a lack of knowledge about the entertainment business, show business can be risky.

"There's an investment of time and money, and you have to make sure your kid has the interest. It's something you have to weigh carefully," said Petersen in a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles.

Petersen said you don't have to go to L.A. or New York to find

work. There are many opportunities in this region for people who want to act, and work behind the scenes.

"We have a program that can save people thousands of dollars in the beginning," he said.

Petersen said in addition to young people and their families who want to learn the ins and outs of the entertainment industry, several people in their 40s and 50s have attended the seminar. Participants including actors, dancers, singers and musicians, have ranged in age from six to 60.



Paul Petersen: Jeff Stone on "The Donna Reed Show."

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The Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association is hosting a dinner to raise money for the Chefs Disability Fund 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at Indian Wood Country Club, 1081 Indianwood, Lake Orion. Tickets are \$35, call 699-9100. Participating chefs include Brian Polcyn, Pike Street, Chimayo and Acadia restaurants; Edward Janos, Avenue Dinner, Kevin Brennan, Orchard Lake Country Club; and Chuck Rachwitz,

Rocky's. The chefs of Oakland Community College's Culinary Arts Program will take part in the preparation.

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