

A Testimony Regarding the Impact of Samuel Warren's Acting Classes

My story with Sam started when a gifted teacher took me aside and told me she saw, "something," in my one son and suggested that I should put him in acting classes. So, I found Sam and enrolled both my sons, ages 6 and 8, in the class. They went for several years. My one son has autism and my other son had speech issues. After one month the educators wanted to know what was "different," because both their reading and academic scores had improved markedly. Sam was incredible. Both my sons were wild but Sam, with one raised eyebrow, was able to control them both! HAHA!

After six months of seeing my son's progress, his doctor put his own son in the class, and a bit later my lawyer put her very shy daughter in the class! Looking across the span of time I have seen that each of these children acquired a skill set in those classes that they are using today, across all environments, to enhance their lives. My son with autism was able to advocate for his services before a judge last year successfully. My other son, a drummer and financial analyst, uses his skills to perform and also hold financial meetings with his boss, the Dean of Law at UT, and get his point across. My lawyer's very shy daughter is now a confident and competent ICU nurse going for an advanced degree, and the doctor's son is doing well in college.

We parents know how much Sam's classes helped them. In Sam's class as they learned the craft, they also learned discipline, how to prepare, poise, high standards, how to deal with disappointment, how to critique, and memory training. Each of these kids grew profoundly under Sam's guidance. My adult sons are composed, have no fear of public speaking or performing, and they have also benefited greatly from being trained to understand and express emotions; a valuable tool! Wrapping it up, I see clearly how Sam's classes impacted each of these children's lives in wonderful, lasting, and positive ways. We parents feel Sam's classes were the single most important thing we ever did in our children's lives! Sam is a gifted and great teacher!

With love and Respect,

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