

## **Sea Tea Improv, LLC**

Sea Tea Improv LLC is a Hartford-based comedy entertainment company whose mission is to serve Connecticut by performing, teaching, and cultivating the art and skills of professional improvisation. They aim to build, train, and lead a dedicated community of improvisers. The foundation of their work comes from short-form improvisational comedy, a fast-paced, interactive style of improv best known from ABC Family's show, *Whose Line is it Anyway?*.

The founding members of Sea Tea Improv began studying improv comedy together at the Hartford Stage Company, and continued their studies at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in New York City. Now Sea Tea Improv teaches Hartford Stage's and Hartford Children's Theatre's improv courses, as well as their own improv-based classes and custom workshops for students, professionals, and organizations. Sea Tea Improv has taught the collaborative principals of improv to a variety of specialists including public speakers, teachers, sales representatives, actors, comedians, creative writers, social workers, doctors, as well as middle school, high school and college students.

As entertainers, Sea Tea Improv has performed for a huge range of audiences from children to corporate executives. In addition to shows at theaters, comedy clubs, and private events, Sea Tea Improv frequently entertains at public events for other organizations. Past partnerships include The Mark Twain House and Museum, WNPR, Connecticut Forum, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford Stage, Connecticut Children's Hospital, Hartford Children's Theatre, and the Greater Hartford Arts Council.

Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs voted Sea Tea Improv first runner up for Best New Business of 2010. In support of their mission to make high-quality improv accessible, Sea Tea Improv offers a free monthly comedy show at City Steam Brewery's Brew Ha Ha Comedy Club in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. The Hartford Advocate recognized this monthly show as one of the "Top 25 Things to Do in Hartford." Additionally, their improvised acts have been featured on a number of radio and television programs including and ESPN's *The Beat*, WFSB's *Better Connecticut*, WNPR's *Colin McEnroe Show*, WTNH's *Connecticut Style*, WWLP's *Mass Appeal*, and WMRD's *Spotlight*. Sea Tea Improv is based in Hartford, Connecticut.