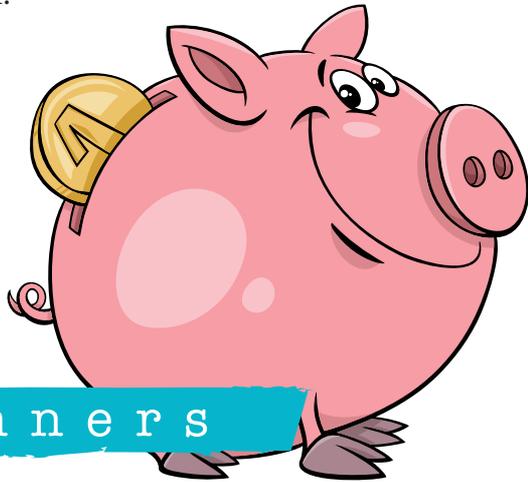


# LECTURES... WORKSHOPS... SEMINARS...

All lectures, workshops, and seminars are held at Voicetrax's studios in Sausalito unless otherwise noted. We realize that with the multitude of classes to choose from it may be a bit daunting to know what curriculum strategy would work best for your specific situation. We encourage you to contact our team for guidance at (415) 331-8800. Any member of our team who answers the phone can help you identify the courses that are most appropriate for your needs at each particular stage of your training. For actual dates and prices of classes, please see the registration form on our website at [www.voicetraxsf.com](http://www.voicetraxsf.com). See page 18 for legal disclaimer.



For Beginners

*There is more than one reason that Roni Gallimore is the Queen of Audiobooks! She helped me find my narrator and character voices. Roni is so dialed in as a director that she could take a set of my characters, and on the fly after hearing each character only once, help me find each one of their true voices. She is a treasure. Don't let that smile and all those hugs fool you, Roni is wicked smart and has a sharp sense of humor. She'll help you push boundaries and go places you never believed you could go. Roni helped me to discover the storyteller living inside.*

~Theresa Knott

## BEGINNING SEMINAR

**Director:** Vicki Baum,  
Aaron Miner

**Length:** 10-hour weekend seminar

**Class Notes:** None

Get ready to jump into a weekend packed full of information and FUN! You'll explore basic voice acting fundamentals including acting choices, script interpretation, microphone technique, monologues, dialogues, improv and video game characters. You'll get right into the booth from the very beginning experimenting with vocal improv exercises and audience participation guessing games that revolve around making specific acting choices. By the end of the weekend, you'll have a solid understanding of the voice acting craft, and an awareness of the particular skills and techniques you'll need to succeed in the current marketplace, and perhaps even a different perspective of who you are and what you can do in the sound booth!

*The Beginning Seminar was AMAZING! As a bashful newcomer, this class blew the doors right off any fears I had about pursuing my passion of becoming a voice actor. By the end of the weekend I felt supercharged. I didn't want to stop! Most importantly, I loved working in person with Vicki & Aaron. Both of them were so supportive, encouraging and honest with feedback. I truly feel like they care about helping beginners improve and chase their dreams. I already feel like Voicetrax is family and love them all dearly. I can't wait to keep stuffing my brain with their knowledge and skills. I now have a bright light illuminating my path to realizing my dream. ~Mikey Thomas*

## BEGINNING WEBINAR WORKSHOP

**Director:** Vicki Baum,  
Aaron Miner

**Length:** 9-hour three-week online webinar

**Class Notes:** Basic computer with on-board microphone and camera set-up required.

This workshop is as good as it gets without being in-person in our Bay Area studios! Get ready to jump into three nights packed full of information and FUN! You'll explore basic voice acting fundamentals including acting choices, script interpretation, commercial monologues and tags and video game characters – *including performance playback and feedback*, making this class a unique experience in online training choices. Get involved from the very beginning of class with audience participation guessing games that revolve around making specific acting choices, as each student performs. By the end of the three nights, you'll have a solid understanding of the voice acting craft, an awareness of the particular skills and techniques you'll need to succeed in the current marketplace, information on the voice-over industry and perhaps even a different perspective of who you are and what you can do behind the mic!

*I enjoyed the whole webinar experience. The digital platform was easy to use. I had no difficulties connecting even though it was the first time I did any type of web meeting. I'm so grateful this online class was offered. I've been wanting to sign up for quite some time and this seemed like the right push for me to step into the realm of voice acting. The teaching came to me, which made things super helpful and comfortable. The feedback from everyone was very constructive. I learned so much by watching the other students and hearing the feedback. The direction was very straightforward and easy to understand. I appreciate that I'm learning from experienced and talented people in the industry. I can see you all have a joy for this and that's invaluable. I look forward to more classes. ~Desireé Griffin*

## CREATING CHARACTERS

**Director:** Chuck Kourouklis,  
Brian Sommer

**Length:** 10-hour weekend seminar

**Class Notes:** None

Whether or not you think you “do characters”, we’re here to tell you that you DO! Why? Because you’ve been six years old, when playing wasn’t about pretending to be a character, but about *being the character*, letting go and using your imagination. And with that mindset, you can learn to do anything, even characters. Chuck and Brian will share their insights, tricks and techniques that have led to their remarkable success in the character genre. Gain an enhanced understanding of the character creation process and realize just how freeing and exhilarating it is as an adult to simply let go and play. After this weekend, you will possess an increased confidence in your ability to invent colorful and memorable, yet realistic characters. With Chuck and Brian’s expertise and encouragement, get ready to unleash the characters that live within you that you never knew existed.

## FINDING YOUR VOICE

**Director:** Samantha Paris

**Length:** 3.5-hour overview

**Class Notes:** It’s FREE!!!

Join Voicetrax founder, Samantha Paris, for an enlightening overview that’s half “everything you ever wanted to know about voice-over” and half interactive exercises where volunteers who are game get to jump right in and actually go into the sound booth and record a character or a radio commercial! After decades in the industry, Samantha is thrilled to be able to “pay it forward” by offering this information in a fun, loving, tell-it-like-it-is way for FREE! Samantha will offer a straightforward outlook regarding the financial realities of the business, the commitment and training required to become a successful, working voice actor, the advantages and pitfalls of online casting, and how you’ll know when you’re really ready for a demo and a talent agent. What a fun way to spend a Saturday!

*The Finding Your Voice class was more like a "finding out all your dreams can come true" class for me. This introductory lecture opened so many doors for me and completely changed the trajectory of my life's journey. When I was a kid, I dreamt of being a voice actor. Once Samantha showed me that it was a possibility, I submerged myself into the wonderful world of Voicetrax and have never been happier.*  
~Lucas deAyora

## INTRODUCTION TO NARRATION

**Director:** Vicki Baum

**Length:** 14-hour four-week workshop,  
10-hour weekend seminar

**Class Notes:** None

With narration being the predominant genre in the San Francisco voice-over landscape, if you want to be a consistently working voice actor, your introduction to this field is as important as ever! The different genres of narration are endless including audio tours, audio books, tutorials, medical narration and documentary narration just to name a few. During this workshop, you’ll explore some of those narration styles and techniques as you work with a wide variety of copy including the always growing field of narration for the populous tech companies in the Bay Area. Learn not only the technical elements of narration, but also how to engage the listener and weave a story that takes your audience along for the ride, without overpowering the visuals. You’ll acquire a clear perspective on the storytelling skills required to deliver strong, connected, narration performances.

## SIMPLY ACTING

**Director:** Frank Coppola

**Length:** 12-hour four-week workshop,  
10-hour weekend seminar

**Class Notes:** None

Frank teaches the fundamental acting techniques he’s learned and used successfully over the years, both as an actor and director, including breaking down the script into beats and assigning intentions, developing your character and asking yourself what happened right before the script starts. Through participation in theater games and improv exercises you’ll increase your comfort level, gain confidence in your performance ability and learn to make bold choices that will bring your acting to life. You’ll also spend time behind the microphone learning how to apply these basic acting concepts to performing commercial copy.

## TO PARIS AND BACK

**Director:** Samantha Paris,  
Vicki Baum

**Length:** 10-hour weekend seminar

**Class Notes:** None

Join our founder, Samantha Paris, as she takes you on a whirlwind journey, exploring the world of voice-over. Samantha takes great pride in the fact that she personally guides each student through every step their voice-over voyage, whether your personal path lasts a day, a couple of years or a career lifetime. Through comedy-driven commercial dialogues, Samantha will take you through "real world" audition exercises, just like the pros do it. And for good measure, Vicki will crash the party late on the second day to work you out on some cool character copy. We can't promise you croque monsieurs and pommes frites, but good old Domino's pizza will be provided. Working one-on-one with our Founder will not only develop your acting and script analysis skills exponentially, but working directly with you will allow Samantha to get to know you on a deeper level, so she can recommend with personal knowledge your next best step as your adventure through the voice-over world continues.

*To Paris & Back was the perfect tour into the world of voice-over. You get a taste of everything: script analysis, acting, mic technique, working scenes with a partner. Samantha provides insanely skilled direction and you feel how much she genuinely loves helping each student develop their skills. Her passion makes the class so much fun and helps you get comfortable – it’s a safe space to explore! Had enough travel puns yet? Seriously, I recommend this class wholeheartedly!* ~Laura Quiambao