

# Playback workshops

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## What is Playback?

Playback was founded in by Jonathan Fox in 1975, in the USA, and is now performed all around the world. Borrowing from Forum Theatre, playback players spontaneously re-enact an episode in the life of a member of the audience. The technique can be used for its therapeutic outcomes or for pure fun and pleasure. The practice is ritualistic, dynamic and spontaneous. The use of metaphor, music, chorus and symbolism transform the stories from spoken word to a dynamic theatre. It is both creatively challenging and supremely rewarding.



**Audience member share stories or moments from their lives and performers and musicians instantly transform these into theatre using short or long forms specific to Playback.**

## The required skills

Playback performers have to be open, intuitive and collaborative in their approach. Acute listening skills are developed as players respond to, reinterpret and honour the stories offered by the audience.

## The training

You will be challenged to make, accept and develop offers intuitively and physically. You will learn to synthesis the essence of a story and to find a theatrical response using chorus, presence and voice. We will explore leadership and facilitation, remaining open in sharing our own stories as we hear the stories of others. You will develop your leadership and response skills while coming to understand the mechanism of spontaneous and collective creation. The workshop promises an enriching and exciting insight into this universal movement of improvised storytelling.

## People

Facilitator: Priscilla Jackman, a company member of Playback Theatre Sydney, an actor, improviser, facilitator and teacher. See her profile on <http://www.imprology.com/contact.html#pj>  
Musician: France Vaux (violin).

## When and where

Download calendar: [www.imprology.com/calendar.pdf](http://www.imprology.com/calendar.pdf)

**Bookings** can be made at <http://www.imprology.com/bookings.html#sg>

Costs online: £36 (£30 concession). Places are limited.

For more information you can call Priscilla on 07954139498.

**More about playback** <http://playbacknet.org/about/>