

# *Beyond Words: The Art of Non-Verbal*

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The Yip Harburg Foundation is offering a FREE workshop, **Beyond Words: The Art of Non-Verbal Communication**, taught by **Andy Teirstein**, composer, and performer, and a Professor of Arts at NYU Tisch.



This workshop will be an exploration into the art of mime, physical comedy, and movement expression. Class work will focus on the experience of developing character through gesture and physicality, using musicality, mime techniques, mask, and contemporary movement and dance. The figure of the silent clown is a rebel, an archetype who stands for everyone, both homeless and at home everywhere. While the art of expressive gesture, in one form or another, claims an ancient lineage, perhaps going back to the primal roots of civilization, and appearing in Europe in the medieval Italian Commedia dell'arte, it is also contemporary, informing the groundbreaking work of dance and music artists such as Meredith Monk, Ohad Naharin and Robert Wilson.

Students will be engaged in a collaborative workshop, completing a series of creative assignments which will be shared in class. Dialogue across disciplines will be encouraged, and may involve dance, music, and theater, depending on students' interests and prior histories in the arts.

The workshop will culminate in a performance event where students, individually and as a group, will perform for an invited audience.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact us at [deenaharburg@gmail.com](mailto:deenaharburg@gmail.com). See more on Andy Teirstein's website: <https://www.andyteirstein.com/andy/>

Dates: Tuesday Evenings, February 12 - May 14

Time: 6 - 8 PM

Location: Theater for the New City: 155 First Ave, NY, NY 10003