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PRISCILLA BEACH THEATRE
School of Performing Arts

“Oldest Barn Summer Stock Theatre in America”
Training Facility for Many Famous Broadway and Hollywood Stars

Since 1937, thousands of individuals have made their theatrical beginnings at the Priscilla Beach Theatre, “PBT”. Considered to be the oldest barn theatre in America, it has for over seven decades provided entertainment for generations of area residents. PBT has also been the training grounds for many young aspiring theatre students.

When the Trask family bought the Old Taylor Estate in 1936, they converted the barn into a theatre and began training student actors. Paul Newman, Rob Reiner, Dan Blocker, Al Brooks, Monte Hall and Sandy Dennis, among other famous stars, received their initial training there.

Aside from the “hands on” training process, the PBT over the years, also drew the summer stock presence of the established stars of Hollywood and Broadway. The list includes Gloria Swanson, Diana Barrymore, Edward Everett Horton, Charles Ruggles, Freddie Bartholomew, Martha Graham, Michael Todd, Jr., Kitty Winn and Estelle Parsons. The list of performers continues to grow today as the PBT still provides quality active theatrical productions.

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