The Program

Summer theater at Alfred provides a great opportunity for students to create, experience, and develop perspectives and skills in theater through full group sessions and with a good deal of individual attention, training and experience in theater from our distinguished faculty.

Our unique blend of broad choices and training in specific areas leads to many energetic classes and much individual growth. With a dynamic, engaging, talented, and caring faculty; terrific facilities; and lovely surroundings, the Alfred University Theater Institute could make this your best summer ever!

The Faculty

Becky Prophet, Professor of Theater, teaches acting, directing and playwriting, and serves as Director of the Summer Theater Institute. Any questions about the content of this institute should be directed to her. Professor Prophet can be reached at her office: 607-871-2255, or at her email address: fprophet@alfred.edu.

Zachary Hamm is the Technical Director for the Performing Arts Division at Alfred University. During the academic year he teaches technical theater and is responsible for the organization and set for every theater production and dance concert. Prior to working at AU, he worked for PlayMakers Repertory Company in North Carolina, Heritage Repertory Theater in Virginia, and the Colorado Shakespeare Festival. He can be reached at hamm@alfred.edu.

Rebecca Weaver, Adjunct Instructor of Voice at AU and completing doctoral studies in voice at the Eastman School of Music, teaches voice for actors and presents master classes at the institute. She can be reached at weaver@alfred.edu.

Other Activities

When not in class, students have lots of fun participating in a variety of enjoyable recreational activities. Activities include indoor and outdoor games, movies, visits to a nearby lake for picnics and campfires, swimming, lakes, bowling, hayrides, social gatherings at the Terra Cotta Coffee House, a farewell party on the last night, and more. Living, dining and learning together, students have a great opportunity to get to know each other and develop lasting friendships.

Who Can Attend?

This dynamic institute is for students entering grades 10, 11 or 12 next fall, who are interested in learning more about theater performance and production. The number of applicants is kept small (20) to allow for lots of individualized attention.

College Credit Option

Rising juniors and seniors can earn two hours of college credit, if desired, by completing extra assignments (to be determined by the faculty) and paying an additional $200. Please indicate your interest in this option by checking the appropriate box on the application form.

Further information, including a detailed program schedule and driving directions to campus, will be sent to all students upon acceptance.

www.alfred.edu/summer/camps/theater.cfm

Tuition, Room & Board

Students must arrive between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. for registration on Tuesday, July 5 and will leave on Saturday, July 16. The institute fee is $1,965* (includes a $200 deposit). This covers tuition, supervision, program materials, field trip, recreational activities, room and board from dinner on the first day through lunch on the last day. Students stay in University residence halls (2 per room), and must provide their own pillows, blankets and bed/bath linens (bed linens must fit the extra-long twin residence hall beds). Cafeteria-style meals are served in the dining hall.

(Cummer Rate for local students: $995 - includes tuition, supervision, program materials, field trip and lunch. Commuting students must come to campus by 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday for registration. Arrival and pick-up times for subsequent days will be announced.)

How to Apply

Students who wish to apply must return:
1. the attached application form (or the PDF version found at www.alfred.edu/summer/camps/theater.cfm)
2. a copy of an up-to-date transcript or report card
3. two letters of recommendation from teachers (one being from a teacher who has worked with the student in a performance setting)
4. a one-page essay telling us why you would like to attend and what you think you’ll gain from the experience
5. recent photo (headshot if possible)
6. a $200 deposit (non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program). Full payment of the balance is due by May 27. Sorry, no financial aid or scholarships are available.

We will begin accepting applications January 3, 2011. Please send all items in one packet and submit by the application deadline: April 15, 2011. (Late applications may be considered only if space is available.) Incomplete or illegible applications cannot be accepted.

*There will be a $10 charge for checks returned for insufficient funds.
The Institute Admissions Committee will evaluate all applications and determine which students will be accepted. Notification letters will be sent within two weeks of the application deadline. Students requiring an earlier decision should include a note with their application indicating the date by which they need to be notified. (If a student is not accepted the $200 deposit will be refunded.)

Accepted students will receive, along with the acceptance letter, additional materials including medical history form, permission form, emergency notification form, etc. These materials must be filled out as soon as possible and must be back in our hands by May 27. Updated immunization information (including dates) is also required at that time. If you do not have updated immunization information on hand, you may want to acquire this from your physician now to avoid processing delays.

STUDENT CANCELLATIONS: Refunds, less the $200 non-refundable deposit, will be made for cancellations received by June 3. A 50% refund will be made for those received from June 4-24. Sorry, no refunds can be issued after June 24.

For further general information, please contact: Alfred University Office of Summer Programs, 1 Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. Phone: 607-871-2612. Fax: 607-871-2045. Email: summerpro@alfred.edu.

For specific information about the institute schedule or class content please contact Dr. Becky Prophet, Institute Director, at 607-871-2255, fprophet@alfred.edu.

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Comments from past participants
“Teater class was amazing every minute!” - Carol F., Lititz, PA
“I loved every aspect of the program. There was just the right amount of structure and fun. I learned how to really have motivation for every single one of my lines.” - Najah M., Beacon, NY
“The memories I share with everyone at Alfred will last a lifetime!”

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