

Intro to Theater Syllabus

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Instructor Information

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Course Description

Intro to Theater is an all-encompassing introduction to Theater. This course will give an overview of acting techniques, backstage work, theater history, and the vocabulary anyone working on the stage should know. This is a perfect course for someone curious about theater, who wants to know more about this legendary art form.

Assignments are a combination of daily exercises, rehearsed performances, vocabulary exercises and term quizzes, and design projects.

Expectations and Goals

Attendance and participation is extremely important in this course. One third of your overall score in the class is calculated from daily participation and action. If a student attends class, actively engages in all lessons/activities during the period, and shows a willingness and effort to improve-- that student will be successful.

Course Materials

- YOURSELF!** Well rested, open-minded, fed, and ready to be active. Please communicate with the instructor if circumstances outside of class are ever inhibiting your work in school. If you are doing your best and communicating openly, you will still be successful here.

***In preparation for possible distance learning, please make sure you have access to the following materials:**

- Computer or phone with access daily
- A video recording device with clear sound quality (phone or computer will work)
- Home internet access

- ❑ Google Drive account, connection to our Google Classroom, access to MagicalMarcell.com, DAILY checking k12 school email account

****If you do not have access to materials required for this course, please let your instructor know immediately. She will work to get you the things you require.**

Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Activity	Assignment Due
Week 1	Stage Directions & Terms	theater tour	Stage Directions & Terms worksheet (20)
Week 2	Greek & Roman Theater	Character masks & storytelling	Greeks Started It! (10) Roman Spectacle (10)
Week 4	Acting Fundamentals: Body	Physical projection & stage movement	Pantomime (30)
Week 5	Acting Fundamentals: Voice	Vocal projection & tonal variety	Storytelling (30)
Week 6	Acting Fundamentals: Expression	Pantomime practice	Lip Sync (30)
Week 7	Small Group Scene Prep	Writing / blocking / rehearsing	X3 daily progress (10) Stage Term & Vocab Quiz #1 (30)
Week 8	Small Group Scene Performances	Memorization / characterization / critiques	FIRST WORLD PROBLEMS performances (50)
Week 9	Lighting Design	Color theory, special effects & mood	Lighting Terms worksheet (10)
Week 10	Sound Design	Effects, recording & mixing	Sound Terms worksheet (10)
Week 11	Costuming	Mini research board & color palette	Original Croqui (15)

Week 12	Stage Makeup	Highlights, shadows and texture technique	Original Schematic (15)
Week 13	Writing for Theater	Character design & monologue drills	Stage Terms & Vocab Quiz #2 (40)
Week 14	Monologue Practice	Solo acting discipline & critiques, in-class rehearsal	x3 daily progress & participation (10)
Week 15	Audition Structure	First impressions and professionalism exercises, in-class rehearsal	X3 daily progress & participation (10) Term & Vocab Quiz review (20)
Week 16	Acting Fundamentals: Body	Pantomime practice	Stage Terms & Vocab Quiz #3 (60) 3 minute performance (100)

Additional Information and Resources

If you are in need of accommodations for learning supports, please let your instructor know as soon as possible. Resources are available to accommodate and include all students with disabilities and exceptional circumstances. Our school has the resources to support you in many positive ways, so you can be the most successful student you are able to be.

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