

## Theatre Aquarius Theatre School Welcome Package

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### **Mission**

The Theatre Aquarius Theatre School offers exceptional training in theatre arts. It is led by professional artists and provides tools to develop, release, and express individual artistic voice.

### **Vision**

At the Theatre Aquarius Theatre School, we believe that a fun, nurturing, supportive, and safe environment is essential for students to learn and grow. We believe that all students must have equal access to opportunities in arts education, and that through arts education, individuals and communities find opportunities for positive and meaningful engagement.

Theatre Aquarius theatre classes promote commitment, dedication, self-regulation, work towards personal goals, teamwork and creative problem-solving. Classes offer opportunities to articulate and express one's own thoughts and feelings as well as to listen and respond to the thoughts and feelings of others, building essential skills for life.

### **Contact**

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### **Programs**

Our Arts Education Centre, located at 55 Wentworth Street South, contains three studios, designated for Performance, Music/Dance, and Creation, respectively.

The Theatre Aquarius Theatre School offers classes in Acting and Music Theatre.

Please refer to our website ([www.theatreaquarius.org/school](http://www.theatreaquarius.org/school)) for course descriptions and biographies of the instructors involved.

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### **Attending Class**

Please use the front doors to enter and exit the building.

If you will be late or absent, please email [jesdale@theatreaquarius.org](mailto:jesdale@theatreaquarius.org) or call 905.906.3277

To ensure the constant safety of everyone, please let staff know if you will be leaving the premises for any reason before the end of class, as it is important for staff to have this information during emergency procedures and evacuations.

### **Health and Wellness**

Students must be well enough to participate. If you are ill, please notify staff by phone or email and stay home to get better.

### **Withdrawal**

Please inform staff via phone or email if you need to withdraw from the program for any reason. Please visit [www.mohawkcollege.ca/ce/financial-information/refunds](http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/ce/financial-information/refunds) for information about obtaining a refund for withdrawal from the program.

### **Medication**

If you require medication, such as an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure that you have it with you at all times. Only medication that has been prescribed by a qualified medical practitioner is allowed on the premises.

### **Allergies / Food Sensitivities**

Please indicate to staff if you have any allergies or sensitivities.  
The Arts Education Centre is a strictly NO NUTS facility.

### **Emergencies**

In the case of a serious accidental injury or illness, we will make an immediate call for an ambulance, and then attempt to contact your designated emergency contact person(s).

Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and any other pertinent information on file.

### **What You Need to Bring To Class:**

- Water bottle
- Nut-free snack
- Comfortable clothes you can move in
- Any necessary prescribed medication

### **Please DO NOT Bring:**

- Anything valuable (there is no secure locker space for students)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- RESPECT ourselves, the instructors, our peers, the work.
- Creating, performing, and expressing ourselves is brave and can make us vulnerable. It is essential that we all celebrate and encourage each other as we learn, grow, and share. The instructors are theatre professionals with a great deal of experience and knowledge. Please be respectful by listening and participating.
- Attend and participate in all classes.
- Should you require absence from class, advance notice via email or phone is required.
- Respect the space and keep it clean.
- Never leave the premises during class without notifying staff.
- Never use abusive language or actions.

All students should have a fun, happy, and safe experience. If inappropriate behaviour is displayed, the staff will use their discretion in determining whether the student can safely continue the program.

If the student must leave the program due to inappropriate behaviour, no refund will be given.

### **Inappropriate behaviour includes, but is not limited to:**

- Interfering in another student's experience
- Harassment, threats, intimidation, fighting or bullying of any kind
- Possession of drugs, alcohol, weapons or harmful objects

### **Bullying**

Theatre Aquarius has a **zero tolerance** policy concerning bullying. Bullying includes, but is not limited to: actual or threat of violence, emotional abuse, or provoking hatred.