

Advanced Training

Grades 7-12



ACTING CONSERVATORY

Incoming class: School Year 2023-2024

Thank you for your interest in the Acting Conservatory program at Imagination Stage!

OVERVIEW: The Acting Conservatory is an intensive, two semester acting technique training opportunity for students entering grades 7-12. Semester 1 works on building skills in the areas of character development, script analysis, physicality and vocal skills, and scene work. Semester 2 focuses on the actor's process in rehearsal and building performance material for their end-of-year Showcase performance.

The final Showcase is performed in the Reeve Studio Theatre for family and friends and an invited panel of guests that include area directors, casting directors, and university faculty who provide individualized feedback.

The Fall 2023 Acting Conservatory class will be taught by Associate Director of Education, Nikki Kaplan.

COMMITMENT: Because of the intensive and ensemble nature of the program, actors are accepted with the understanding that they will remain committed to the program for the full two semesters with consistent attendance, missing no more than 2 classes per semester.

- **Class Meeting Days/Times:** Mondays from 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- **Schedule:**
 - Semester 1: September 11– December 11, 2023 (no class 9/25; 10/9)
 - Semester 2: January 8- May 13, 2024 (no class 1/15; 2/19; 3/25)
 - **Final Showcase: Saturday, May 18 at 4:00pm**
- **Course of Study:**
 - Exercises designed to enhance vocal and physical dexterity and flexibility
 - Activities designed to work on character development, inner monologue, motivated actions, and objectives and tactics
 - Scene study
 - Building the actor's process towards character creation and rehearsal
- **Tuition:** \$800 per semester

AUDITIONS: Conservatory spots are open only to students selected through an audition process. Candidates should have previous acting experience (classes and shows) and be eager to learn and expand their technique. Auditions are conducted via video submission of a monologue and answer to interview questions. Materials and instructions are provided to all candidates.

- **Audition Submission Schedule:**
 - **Pre-Screen Deadline: July 30** - eligible for coaching in the event a second attempt is necessary and/or early decision acceptance.
 - Final Submission Deadline: August 28, 2023

Please email or call Nikki Kaplan (nkaplan@imaginationstage.org/301-280-1624) to ask any questions or to receive the audition instructions and materials.