

Syllabus: "Acting for the Mature Actor"

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Wednesday 1:45-3:30

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"Acting is living truthfully under the imaginary circumstances of a play."...

A Practical Book for the Actor

Session #1, September 18

- ❖ Review class goals, level of experience and expectations
- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Introductions---tell us about yourself in a 3-5 minute story which exemplifies your heart, mind and soul
- ❖ Wrap-up Exercise(s)
- ❖ Review activity for next class (commercial)

Session #2, September 25

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Commercials: 1) Bring in a written commercial about a product you use. It should be 30 seconds with a beginning, middle and end; 2) Bring in a written statement about a personal item you would retrieve from your house if it were to catch fire. Again, only 30 seconds with a beginning, middle and end.
- ❖ Wrap-up Exercise(s)
- ❖ Review activity for next class (Monologue)

Session #3, October 2

(NO CLASS THIS WEEK)

Session #4, October 9

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Read the monologue you chose & explain your reason for choosing this piece
- ❖ Perform your one minute monologue again but this time, "off-book"
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercises (s)
- ❖ Review of activity for next class (Talk Show)

Session #5, October 16

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Develop Questions for Talk Show
- ❖ Divide class into guests and hosts (all perform in this role and then switch)
- ❖ Perform the "Talk Show"---class tries to identify each guest
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercise (s)
- ❖ Review of activity for next class (Book Report)

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Session #6, October 23

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ In 3-5 minutes present a synopsis of your selected book
- ❖ Share the reason for your connection to this writer and story
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercise (s)
- ❖ Review of activity for next class (song lyrics)

Session #7, October 30

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ In 3-5 minutes “sell” by reading or singing the song you selected
- ❖ Class discussion related to the intent of each song
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercise (s)
- ❖ Review of activity for next class (Scenes for 2 actors)

Session #8, November 6

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Assignment of scenes and time for each grouping to rehearse
- ❖ “Perform” scene without using dialogue
- ❖ Class discussion to identify intent of the scene
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercise (s)
- ❖ Review of activity for next class (Perform scenes)

Session #9, November 13

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Performance of scenes with minimal attire & props
- ❖ Class discussion of scenes
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercise (s)
- ❖ Review of activity for next class (class choice & party)

Session #10, November 20 (Last Class)

- ❖ Theatre Games Warm-Up
- ❖ Charades
- ❖ Wrap-Up Exercise (s)