

## **AU offers residential, day theater camps for aspiring, young thespians**

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Alfred University will once again offer a Summer Theater Institute for High School Students and Day Camps for Pre-High School Students interested in theater performance and production. The Residential Theater Institute will run from Tuesday, July 5-Saturday, July 16. The two-week institute is designed for students who will enter grades 10, 11, or 12 this coming fall. The program focuses on actor training, design, technical theater, and voice development including an array of workshops such as improvisation, text analysis, character development, staging, voice production, stage managing, costume, and lighting. In addition to the workshops, participants will enjoy scheduled activities on and off campus, including picnics and campfires, and various indoor and outdoor games. Participants will also go on at least one trip to a professional theater. The institute will conclude with a public performance of scenes and at least one rehearsed short play. The day camps are for students who have completed grades three-nine (1 or 2-week program). Campers will be divided into two groups, the younger group (grades three-six) and the older group (grades seven-nine), respectively. The younger group will focus on theater games, improvisation, and preparation for a short performance on the last day of the two-week program. The older group will focus on acting, development of costumes and props, and preparation for a short production also presented on the last day. Becky Prophet, professor of theater at AU, is director of both summer programs. She teaches acting, directing, and playwriting, having spent nearly three decades teaching and working in theater. Prophet earned a Ph.D. and master of arts degree at Michigan University, and a bachelor of arts degree in English at Alfred University. Additional summer staff includes Zachary Hamm, technical director in the AU Division of Performing Arts, and Rebecca Weaver, adjunct instructor. Hamm teaches technical theater and is responsible for the organization and set of every theater production and dance concert on campus. He earned a master of fine arts degree in technical theater production from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and a bachelor of arts degree in architectural studies and art at Connecticut College. Weaver teaches voice at AU and is completing doctoral studies in voice at the Eastman School of Music, Rochester. This summer she will teach voice for actors and present master classes at the institute. The fee for the theater institute is \$1,995, including a \$200 deposit. This covers tuition, supervision, program materials, field trip, recreational activities, and room and board from dinner on the first day through lunch on the last day. Participants will stay in double rooms in the University's residence halls. The application with deposit is due Friday, April 15. Full payment of the remaining balance, i.e. \$1,795, is due by Friday, May 27, 2011. There is also a commuter rate of \$995 for the Theater Institute which includes lunch daily. Rising juniors and seniors who attend this institute can earn two hours of college credit, if desired, by completing extra assignments and paying an additional \$200. The day camp programs run from 1-4 p.m. daily, Monday, June 27-Friday, July 1 and Tuesday, July 5-Saturday, July 9. Cost is \$150 a week. Enrollment deadline is Friday, June 10. For further information, please contact the Division of Performing Arts at 607.871.262 or via e-mail at [performs@alfred.edu](mailto:performs@alfred.edu), or visit the Web site at: <http://www.alfred.edu/sum...>.