

Class Guidelines

It's healthy for everyone to know what to expect

Punctuality:

Students are expected to be at lessons on time. As time is tight it would be very hard to make your time back. In saying that, we will do all we can so you don't miss out. On the other hand, if Tutors have to miss a lesson we will make up our time to you.

Behaviour

As in a theatre space, one should feel free to express themselves and these lessons are no different. We do ask for basic manners and mutual respect at all times.

Homework

The work you do outside of tuition will progress you in tuition. If you don't do the work required, it will only slow down your learning curve. E.g. if you are asked to learn the first half of a script by next week, and you don't, we will have to wait another week for you to catch up. As time is limited, the application of the class should also be done after the lesson.

Commitment

Give it 100%. Performing only comes alive when you give yourself to it. In turn you will feel more liberated then ever.

It's your piece

Our job is not to tell you what is wrong or right, or how we would do the performance. Our job is to put you in an environment where you can own your performance. We will encourage the choices you have and question them if we feel you need more. We will give you the tools in order to find the performance inside yourself. These classes are intended to empower you and not to create a Student needing their Guru mentality. Ultimately, it is you that has to perform them, not us.

Don't take it personally

If the teacher advises a direction to take the performance, try it first before you think it's wrong. Don't take it personally, it can be very hard not to, but remember: it's about the work and nothing to do with you personally. The best trait an artist has is not to be attached to their work. Stay flexible with your decisions, and remember the part of the piece that will never change is 'you', whichever way you want to perform it.

Responsibility

Students have a responsibility to learn and perform their pieces. Teachers have a responsibility to help a student to become better at doing this.

Stand up for your choices

If a student feels strongly about a direction to take their performance, they should follow it through. If you feel strong enough about it then challenge your teacher. Inspiration through art is where greatness starts. If the teacher can't see it, it doesn't mean it's not there.

Go easy on yourself

You have days when you think you can't get through the work. Give yourself a break. No performance was ever nice to watch when it was strained and pushed. Don't be afraid to tell your tutor how you feel. All your tutors are working performers, we are used to it, and can give you tools to guide you through

You're one of a kind

If you look around and ask people if they would perform in front of people, most would say "never!" That's because it's hard. It's hard to open up and show yourself. Not many people have the courage or willingness to do that. So remember, you are one of a kind, part of a group of humans that give themselves to the service of others, to entertain them. There is nothing more noble than giving people that gift, it's an Art and a Craft, and very much worth your learning

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Student Sign:

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