

About Us

LSDA

London School of Dramatic Art

OUR PHILOSOPHY

The founding principals of the London School of Dramatic Art continue to remain the essence of what makes this school a unique and refreshing place to train. At the LSDA we encourage team spirit by getting our students to work as an ensemble with directors and crew. The acting profession is often a collaborative endeavour and part of the training is to prepare students for the demands of working in the theatre and film as a member of the cast.

We foster a spirit of trust and courage in our students because we believe actors need to take risks. We encourage individuality and try to draw out the special talents in each and every one of our students. They are taught that a fine performer will have a strong sense of self but is unafraid to subsume it to a dramatic role.

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WHY COME TO LSDA?

Our tutors are industry professionals

Our teachers are working professionals who are in touch with the current scene. They know what's going on and what students need to be taught to be prepared to meet the demands in the acting world today. Our staff take a practical and pragmatic approach to teaching our students the most relevant skills to become a successful actor.

Our school is small

At the London School of Dramatic Art we believe in a personal individualistic approach to learning. We admit a limited number of students per course so that they can benefit from smaller classes. Classes sizes are as small as 5 and no larger than 12. Each student receives individual tuition throughout the year.

Our fees are low

We know that studying to be an actor can be costly. That's why at the LSDA we keep our fees as low as possible without compromising our high standards. We offer limited and discretionary part scholarships in special cases. We also understand that auditioning alone is expensive and so we do not charge to audition.

We are in the heart of London

We are based in South Kensington, which is a central location, close to the West End theatre district and within walking distance to the Royal Court Theatre, cinemas, museums, cafes and restaurants.

We are Independent

More and more acting schools are affiliating with large Universities and losing a lot of the characters that made them unique places to train. Through our independence LSDA is able to avoid bureaucracy and remain flexible to the needs of individuals who come and train with us.

Courses

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WHAT WE OFFER

One Year Advanced Acting Diploma

The Advanced Diploma is an intense and practical year's training in Acting. This course covers many styles and techniques of performance as well as preparation for the profession.

More and more schools are offering one year acting courses and many graduates leave feeling that students on courses of longer duration were given greater priority. This is a real concern when you invest so much time and money into training. Along with the many advantages of training at LSDA, we pride ourselves in ensuring all students receive the best training possible and that each student's individual needs are met.

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Requirements for entry:

- You must demonstrate a talent for performance
- You must be prepared to work and be self-disciplined
- You must be imaginative and courageous
- You must show that you will benefit from the course

This course is aimed at those who are looking to enter the profession.

The hours of study are between 9.00 am and 6.30 pm Monday to Friday. It may also be necessary to work later at the end of each term.

One Year Foundation Acting Diploma (Full-Time)

This course provides basic training in acting and is for students with less experience. It is aimed at those wishing to gain experience and confidence in a drama school setting before embarking on a higher level course at drama school or university, or for those wishing to learn more about acting and the performing arts.

The year consists of twenty five weeks, delivered as three terms. The first term is designed to set in place the necessary techniques which are the foundations of performance. You will investigate the essential nature of performance. The second term is where you are able to explore creatively your individuality as an actor and begin to discover what professional direction you wish to take. The third and shorter term consists of full-time rehearsals towards an end of term production.

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LSDA may offer students a place on the Advanced Acting Diploma programme after displaying exceptional talent and discipline on this course.

The hours of study are between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Two Year Foundation Acting Diploma (Part-time)

The two year acting course is a course designed for those who are starting off in acting, coming back to it after a break and / or cannot commit to a full time training program.

The hours of study are between 7 - 9pm on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday and every other Saturday 12 - 5.30pm over six twelve week terms. Unlike many acting schools, students on this part-time course will be taught by the same instructors as the Diploma course and have access to the same facilities.

This Course in Acting is open to anyone over the age of eighteen who has some experience of acting or who shows a natural ability in performance. Although students are not expected to have a high level of experience, they are expected to have, as with most of our courses, a good work ethic and be dedicated.

The course provides a solid foundation in the skills of performance, enabling students to move on to further training or into the profession, depending on individual progress.

2010 Short Courses:

Introduction to Acting:

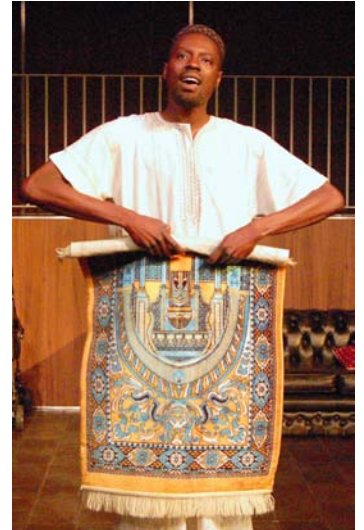
12th - 23rd July *and* 9th - 20th Aug

Acting for Camera Intro:

26th - 30th July *and* 6th - 10th Sept

Additional Courses:

TBC



PERFORMANCE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Acting

The development of each actor's individuality is central to acting studies at LSDA. It is essential that each student finds a way to develop and utilise his or her own resources. They will be helped by the use of exercises and techniques based on the works of some of the most renowned theatre practitioners: Strasberg, Meisner, Stanislavsky, Brecht, Hagan, amongst others.

There are several different acting classes in any given week, each one covering different aspects of actor development. Some of the techniques covered include the development of creative and honest transformation, the process of inhabiting the character, becoming aware of habits and tension points and how to find relaxation while being looked at. Through various exercises you will be encouraged to take away the pressure to create and freeing up the ability to listen and respond truthfully, you will experiment with simplicity and effectiveness. You will also look at observing behaviour, understanding and applying given circumstances and the actor-audience relationships.

Scene study, sight-reading and monologues modules are also covered.

Voice

Voice is a vital component for the professional actor to be heard. Within the structure of the course you will explore release and use of tension, breath capacity and effectiveness, development of tone and resonance, clarity and articulation, muscularity of the word, connection and credibility, use of the voice in varied texts. Voice blends with the acting and all other disciplines within the year training ensuring that students will leave the course able to analyse and use the voice whatever demands are placed on them as professional vocalists. On this course there are three different voice classes; Practical Voice, Technical Voice and Voice and Text.

Dance / Movement

An awareness of the physical self is essential in order to be able to change, shed and gain a new physicality in the process of character building. An actor needs to be physical fit, strong and have flexibility in order to have full dramatic expression. The Movement class starts in term one with exercises in trust and exploratory movement. This develops into exercises to increase spatial awareness and workshops in shadow work, gesture and physical characterisation leading to a Physical Theatre project in term 3. In Dance you will study a variety of Jazz, Latin and ballroom styles of Dance such as Waltz, Swing, Foxtrot, Cha-Cha, Rumba/Mambo, Argentine Tango, Quick Step and Tap. You will also work throughout the year on posture, basic fitness; strength & stretch, walking/posing and Eurhythmics.

Singing

The singing class is intended not only to develop the singing voice but also to improve the voice by increasing flexibility, improving pitch and experimenting with phrasing and tone. Students are taught to achieve a solid technique, the understanding of breath control and sound projection, and in such a way so you understand how to put it into practice - to perform and interpret a song.

Text Analysis

During the year students will study most of the important periods of theatre from Modern British to Classical Greek, from Shakespeare and Restoration to the playwright of the Spanish Golden Age. Textual analysis will address historical, political and social relevance, varying developments in styles of theatre and why writers were writing as they did.

Improvisation

The art of improvisation enables the actor to act spontaneously in a scene. Even the most courageous actor has inhibitions in one form or another. Classes in improvisation allow these to be overcome in a creative and dynamic way. Students will use a host of exercises to open up imagination and allow quickness of thinking on ones feet.

Camera and Radio Techniques

The acting industry has changed dramatically throughout the 20th and 21st Centuries. Theatre is no longer the main focus. Today, actors need to be familiar with techniques for the camera and radio while also obtaining a solid foundation in the theatre arts.

In Camera classes students will consider technical aspects through exercises including frame size, hitting the mark whilst also building on their confidence by exploring various scenes and camera exercises. Scenes will be recorded, reviewed and analysed. A Mike Leigh process of improvising scenes will also be included.

In Radio students will work on the delivery of various texts for the purpose of Radio. Sonnets, poetry, narrative, adverts and monologues will be explored. This will lead to the recording of a voiceover showreel in the third term.

Guest Tutors

Guest tutors across the profession will be invited to teach sessions each week. Students benefit from meeting working actors, directors, casting directors, agents and other industry professionals who will give practical advice and information on different aspects of the acting world.

Advanced Diploma

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PERFORMANCES AND GRADUATION

Each term, students work on a play with a professional director enabling them to put into practice the new skills learnt in the many classes undertaken. The rehearsals sessions are one afternoon a week for the first ten weeks of term and then full-time for the final two weeks of term. The first term is generally a modern play performed in-house to other students and tutors. The second term is a Classical piece that is performed in-house before being taken to local schools. The final term is a full-scale production at a Professional London Theatre.

At the London School of Dramatic Art we strive to prepare our students for life as a professional actor by providing the necessary skills and contacts. In the final term, students will have the opportunity to meet a range of industry professionals. We invite directors, agents, casting directors, accountants and other key people who will cover subjects in a series of tutorials including:

Finding an agent, the professional casting process, auditions and interviews, preparing a professional CV, choosing the right photographs, being self-employed.

Photographs of graduates will be posted on our website.

At the end of the final term we put on a performance at a Central London theatre for showcase of student scenes for directors, agents, casting directors, producers and other invited guests. Every student will have the opportunity to showcase their talent.

Students will also have the option to produce a voice-over showreel in the third term at a professional recording studio. This is a unique and useful tool to get Radio and Voice-over work.

The LSDA will endeavour to provide the skills and contacts needed for our graduates to begin life as a working actor.



FEES & FUNDING

Course fees for the academic year 2010/11 are:

£7995 per year

The first £1,500 is to be paid on confirmation of place. The remaining amount is broken up into three instalments of £2165 payable in advance before the start of each term.

Students on the Advanced Diploma are eligible to apply for a Career Development Loan to fund a large part of their fees and, in some cases living expenses may be included in the loan. The government, through the duration of the course, pays interest on the loan. More information can be found on their website www.lifelonglearning.co.uk If you want to receive an information pack about Career Development Loans, call 0800 585 505.

Local authority grants are very rare. More common are contributions from charitable trusts. It is necessary to do your own research, since your eligibility for a particular charity may depend on your region, your background and your ethnic origin. Students will be given further and more detailed information on charitable trusts once a place is offered to them.

TERM TIMES

Term Times for the academic year 2010/11 are:

Term 1
Term 2
Term 3

4th October 2010 - 17th December 2010
3rd January 2011 - 8th April 2011
25th April 2011 - 9th July 2011

Foundation Diploma

(Full-Time)

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PERFORMANCE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Acting

We teach techniques and give exercises based on key theatre practitioners including Strasberg, Stanislavsky, Brecht, Hagan and Meisner. We also help students explore character behaviour and impulse, sense memory and imagination. Through our varied programme, we strive to foster each student's individuality as an actor and help them find their own unique "voice".

Voice

Students will be taught to identify their inherent vocal habits and how to change and control their speech patterns. Voice work includes exercises to improve breath control in order to extend vocal range and flexibility. Text work helps develop physical and imaginative control of the voice. During the course of the year, students will work on a range of texts - both prose and verse.

Dance / Movement

We teach basic body conditioning and awareness as well as contemporary and jazz dance techniques. Students also study movement in relation to character development which is an intrinsic part of acting. We encourage our students to be physically fit, flexible and strong in order to have full dramatic expression.

Improvisation

Students learn to access their innate spontaneity and imagination through improvisation. Exercises help students overcome inhibitions and find expression in a creative and dynamic way.

Devised Theatre

You will use various exploratory devising techniques to devise and perform a piece of theatre. You will look at how different stimuli can contribute towards making theatre, understand how non-naturalist theatre can be used and its effect, consider how space and atmosphere contribute to performance work and work collaboratively as a group taking a joint ownership of the project.

Audition Technique

You will concentrate on the exploration of selected texts examining the clues for performance that these texts offer you. You will work on monologues as well as scene work in these sessions. Other aspects of this module are how to prepare for an audition and techniques of sight-reading.



PERFORMANCES AND GRADUATION

Each term students rehearse specific pieces culminating in performance. This gives them the opportunity to draw on the skills and techniques taught in their various classes. The rehearsals sessions are one afternoon a week for the first ten weeks of term and then full-time for the final two weeks of term. At the end of the first term, students perform a devised piece in-house to an audience of fellow students and tutors. The second term ends with a performance of a full length play to staff and fellow students. The third term is almost completely taken up with rehearsals which culminate in a graduation production that is open to family and friends.

In the final term, students will have the opportunity to meet a range of industry professionals. We invite directors, casting directors, and other key people who will cover subjects in a series of tutorials including: the professional casting process, auditions and interviews, preparing a professional CV, choosing the right photographs, being self-employed.



The LSDA will endeavour to provide the skills and support needed for our graduates to help them after they leave.

FEES

Course fees for the academic year 2010/2011 are: £6799 per year

The first £1,000 is to be paid on confirmation of place. The remaining amount is broken up into three instalments of £1933 payable in advance before the start of each term.

TERM TIMES

Term Times for the academic year 2010/2011 are:

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| Term 1 | 11th October 2010 - 10th December 2010 |
| Term 2 | 3rd January 2011 - 18th March 2011 |
| Term 3 | 11th April 2011 - 13th May 2011 |

Foundation Diploma

(Two Year Part-Time)

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PERFORMANCE AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Acting

Over the two years students will experiment with the various techniques developed by most of the leading theatre practitioners enabling each course participant to more freely access their acting potential. Finding the truth in a character is an essential aspect of any actors approach to performance. This will be the major focus during the acting classes over the two years. As with the One Year Diploma, the development of each actor's individuality is central to acting studies at LSDA. There will be studies of character behaviour and impulse as well as exercises in sense memory and imagination.

Voice / Movement

Voice is a vital component for the professional actor to be heard. Within the structure of the course you will explore release and use of tension, breath capacity and effectiveness, development of tone and resonance, clarity and articulation, muscularity of the word, connection and credibility, use of the voice in varied texts. Voice and movement blends with the acting and all other disciplines within the training ensuring that students will leave the course able to analyse and use the voice and body whatever demands are placed on them. An awareness of the physical self is essential in order to be able to change, shed and gain a new physicality in the process of character building. Much of these classes are the same as the Diploma course.

Improvisation

We teach basic body conditioning and awareness as well as contemporary and jazz dance techniques. Students also study movement in relation to character development which is an intrinsic part of acting. We encourage our students to be physically fit, flexible and strong in order to have full dramatic expression.

Additional Modules include:

- Camera and Radio Techniques
- Singing
- Text Analysis
- Guest Directors / Speakers / Practitioners

PERFORMANCES AND GRADUATION

During the course students will be involved in several rehearsal exercise projects; this is where the students rehearse specific pieces with a view to performance. It is an opportunity to put into practice the skills and techniques learnt during each of the individual classes. In the first term performances will be in-house to an audience of fellow students and tutors. At the end of the third term students will perform in a play to an invited audience. By the end of the sixth term performances will take place in an established central London theatre. Students have the opportunity to invite people from the acting Industry to see them in this Production.

Before the end of the course students will be advised on how best to take their career forward through individual tuition and guest lectures from Industry professionals.

FEES

Course fees for the academic year 2010/11 are: £1925 per year

The first £500 is to be paid on confirmation of place. The remaining amount for the first year is to be paid on the start of the first term.

TERM TIMES

Term Times for the academic year 2010/11 are:

Foundation Diploma (Part Time - 2 Year)

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| Term 1 | Mon 21 st Sept 2010 - Wed 9 th Dec 2010 |
| Term 2 | Mon 4 th Jan 2011 - Wed 24 th Mar 2011 |
| Term 3 | Mon 19 th April 2011 - Wed 23 rd June 2011 |

Year 2 to be announced



Short Courses

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SUMMER - INTRO TO ACTING

12th - 23rd July *and* 9th - 20th August 2010

The Acting Foundation Summer School is a dynamic and exciting course specifically designed for participants of varying levels of experience, including beginners, those interested in full-time actor training and for those with hopes of pursuing professional work in the industry. This course outlines the components of our main full time one year acting diploma and delivers training in all aspects of performance, including vocal work, character analysis/development, movement, improvisation, text analysis, scene study and audition techniques. The three week course culminates in a presentation of scene work to showcase some your newly acquired skills.

should consult their summer tutors.

The London School of Dramatic Art has on occasion admitted a student to its full-time acting programme after displaying exceptional Talent and discipline. Summer students wishing to be considered for admission to full-time courses should consult their summer tutors.



ACTING FOR SCREEN INTRO

26th - 30th July *and* 6th - 10th September 2010

This course is a comprehensive introduction to acting for camera. It is suitable for varying levels of experience from those who are just starting out to those with theatre experience wishing to learn more about screen techniques.

On this course students will consider technical aspects of acting for the screen through exercises including frame size, hitting the mark whilst also building on their confidence by exploring various scenes and camera exercises. The skills learnt on this acting for camera course are relevant to all forms of acting. Scenes will be recorded, reviewed and analysed.

As well as learning to work effectively on script and presenting yourself advantageously on screen you will develop an understanding of character and textual interpretation. Session will cover areas such as sight reading, building a character, improvisation, and analysing and working with text.

You will also experience "mock" castings on camera using our scripts for commercial tests, television castings and film screen-tests. You will receive handouts of tips from casting consultants and actors on their experiences in castings.



AUDITION TECHNIQUE (THEATRE)

TBC

This Course aims to inform and give you experience through mock auditions and classes in audition technique. We will cover all you need to know in order to best prepare you for the audition situation. We will look at the dos and don'ts when auditioning and help you to start to feel 'at home' in the audition space.

Topics covered will include:

- How to prepare before the audition
- How to brief yourself for the interview
- What to do on the day of the audition
- Cold reading
- Screen test techniques
- What to do after the audition
- What to do at a recall
- Audition do's and don'ts



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Staff / Tutors

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JAKE TAYLOR BA (Drama Centre) - Principal

Founder of the London School of Dramatic Art, Jake originally trained as an actor and dancer. His acting training began at the Court Theatre Training Company and culminated in a degree at the Drama Centre, London. Since graduating he has performed in numerous theatre productions in London and across the UK. He left the profession temporarily in 2000 to work as a Training Consultant for fundraising companies in the UK before relocating to Vancouver, Canada to set up and run a fundraising company. As Principal, Jake takes a hands-on approach to ensure all students have a positive learning experience during their time at LSDA.



URVASHI CHAND CDG, BA (Lond) - Director

Urvashi Chugani Chand is a Casting Director. Her credits include the feature RED MERCURY directed by Roy Battersby and produced by Michael Wearing with Pete Postlewaite, Juliet Stevenson, Stockard Channing and Ron Silver and EXITZ with Malcolm McDowell. She has also worked on 'Lagaan', the first Indian film to be nominated for an Oscar in 2001. Urvashi has also devised and directed two plays that have had over 100 performances each in Bombay and cast 'Netaji - The Last Hero' by the critically acclaimed director Shyam Benegal.



DAVID GAME MA (Oxon), MPhil (Lond) - Chairman

David Game is chairman of the David Game College Group, one of the largest groups of colleges in the UK and worldwide, providing a wide variety of courses ranging from business to the arts. Since 1974, when he founded David Game Tutorial College, David Game's aim has been to establish the most diverse range of colleges and courses, providing each with the highest quality of leadership and teaching.



Arts Administration

ALICYA EYO - Arts Admin

Alicya studied at The Court Theatre Training Company and has been working professionally for 11 years. Television credits include Casualty, Band of Gold, Doctors, The Bill, Holby City, Spooks, Hetty Wainthrop Investigates and Bad Girls, in which she spent 5 years as a regular. Film credits include The Low Down, Tube Tales and Stalin My Neighbour. Alicya has also performed at various theatres including the Royal Court and the Theatre Royal, Nottingham.



JILLIAN O'DOWD - Training and Development & Acting Coach

Jillian has twenty years industry experience in theatre, music theatre, cabaret TV and film. She trained at The National Institute of Dramatic Arts, Sydney. Her most recent acting credits were for Channel 7 Australia, on the award winning TV drama 'All Saints'; an Australian tour for 'Troubadour Theatre'; four plays for 'The Sydney Theatre Co'; working with Hugh Jackman in 'The Boy from Oz' arena musical tour of Australia; and work with 'Hair of the Dog' theatre/film company, of which she is a co-founder. Jillian also has 16 years experience as a teacher of drama and audition technique. She is the co-founder of Re:actor Acting Services at Fox Studios in Sydney and has a teacher's diploma from Trinity College London.



Acting

CAROLINE DEVLIN

Caroline has worked extensively as an actress since her graduation from the Drama Centre, London. She has enjoyed numerous roles in the theatres of Scotland, most notably the Royal Lyceum in Edinburgh, as well as theatres across the UK and the USA. While also a working actress, Caroline also holds workshops in Acting at a number of places including the City Lit Institute.



ADAM MEGGIDO

Adam studied drama at Birmingham University and trained at Webber Douglas, although he cites his years with Claude Chagrin (LeCoq) at the French Institute as the most important part of his training. From 1995-1999 he was a director of Counterpoint Theatre, an innovative company which merged business with the arts before going on to become the Artistic Director of The Sticking Place, a company committed to the development and production of new writing and improvisation. He is also an associate of the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain and the Head of Foundation at LAMDA. Adam takes time with his actors to make sense of the words and they deliver them with clarity and a genuine feel for storytelling.



JUDY BROWNE

Trained at the Guildhall. Theatre credits include 'The Rivals' with the Women's Playhouse Trust, "Extremities" at Derby Playhouse, 'Hyacinth Blue' Clean Break tour and 'Local Boy' at Hampstead Theatre. Television includes 'Bands of Gold', 'The Bill', 'Touch of Frost' and 'Kerching' CBBC. Judy has been working with the National Youth Theatre including the Shakespeare for Schools induction 2004.



HOLLY DE JONG

Holly is most famously known as Newt's Mother in Aliens and Lady Farrow in Blackadder. Her acting experience is extensive starring in the National Theatre and throughout the West End. Holly's television and film work has included: The Duchess of Duke Street, Lytton's Diary, Van der Valk, Poirot, The Detectives, The Assassination Run, Eastenders, The Chief, Doctors, Daniel, Deronda, Electric Dreams, The Hiding Place and Soaked. Most recently Holly has been involved in a couple of short horror films, one of which has just won a best foreign film award at the Fire Island film festival in New York. She will be seen shortly on Eastenders and the current series of Casualty.



Tutors

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RONNIE MCCANN - Acting for Camera and Improvisation

Ronnie is a professional Actor/Director. He trained at the Royal Scottish Academy and Lee Strasberg, New York. Television and Film credits include Casualty (2 years as a Regular), Judge John Deed, Inspector Lynlie, The Royale, The Acid House Trilogy, Heavenly Pursuits and the Last Minute. He has worked in theatres in England, Europe and Scotland and was Assistant Director at the Citizens Theatre.



Vocal Studies

FIONA CAREW - Radio

Since graduating from the Drama Centre London, Fiona has worked extensively as an actress and for a number of Theatre in Education companies leading workshops throughout the UK and Europe. Fiona has worked extensively in radio and her television credits include Spooks, Judge John Deed, Waking the Dead, Nicholas Nickleby and Come Together. Fiona also holds regular seminars on Radio and Voiceover technique at Hippocampus Recording Studios.



DANIELLE ROFFE - Voice and Text

Danielle was a successful casting director who worked with many directors such as Peter Greenaway (The Pillow Book, The Cook the Thief His Wife & Her Lover) and John Duigan (Lawn Dogs, Sirens). She went on to train at Central School of Speech and Drama as a voice coach. Danielle is working as a freelance voice coach, in various drama schools, privately with actors and for business and therapy.



SUSAN WHITE - Practical Voice

From the sounds of the Greek islands to leafy South Kensington, spoken voice is Susan's music! An experienced Coach of Voice and Personal Presence, Susan is known for her psycho-somatic approach. Developing focused-attention and body-listening, the felt sense of voice, will underpin your vocal development. Susan also specialises in 'unlocking' text and credible accent-acquisition. As well as voice for drama, Susan coaches, audio book narrators, artists, creative writers, diplomats, DJs, poets and storytellers. Susan is also a qualified and practising Clinical Hypnotherapist, not alternative, but complimentary to mainstream medicine.



INGRID UHLEN - Technical Voice

Ingrid initially studied Acting and Voice Training in her native Sweden at Kulturama, Folkuniv Vår Teater before studying Acting at Richmond Drama School, Media Arts at Royal Holloway and her MA in Voice Studies at Central School of Speech and Drama. As well as teaching at the LSDA Ingrid has taught at The LABAN Institute, The ActorWorks, Academy Drama School, Italia Conti, Central School of Speech and Drama and the Court Theatre Training Company.



IDIT ARAD - Singing

Idit is a professional singing teacher and Opera singer, Idit holds an Associate Diploma in singing and singing teaching from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and has been taught for 15 years by Vera Rozsa OBE teacher of such singers as Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and Sir Thomas Allan amongst many. Idit has taught many professional/amateur singers, dancers and actors over the last 12 years in London and Paris. She has performed with many Opera companies and Orchestras and given recitals in the UK, Spain, France, Israel and the US. Idit recently released a new solo CD with Meridian Records, July 2006.



Movement

ROISIN RAE - Movement

Roisin studied choreography, composition and movement before going on to train in acting at the Drama Centre London. Since graduating she has worked on combining the two disciplines within physical theatre, working with innovative companies such as; Trestle Theatre Company, Man Act, The Kosh and Border Crossings. Roisin is a founder member of the Crescent Theatre Workshop, for whom she writes, directs and performs.



MILES ELKINGTON - Dance

Miles is a Graduate of the National Ballet School, Canada. He's danced and choreographed for many companies including The English Character Dance, Oslo Danes Ensemble, Goh Ballet, Vancouver Dance Theatre. Collaborative film work includes Rolfe Klement, and DOP Geoff Boyle on the film Dance Untitled, Peter Darling as a dancer and advisor in the Phantom of the Opera film. Miles was part of the original cast for Peter and the Wolf in London, working with American choreographer Doug Elkins. As well as teaching at the LSDA, Miles is Ballet Master for Tavaziva Dance, he works for Disney's Lion King Company, Pineapple Dance Studios and Danceworks.



Directors, Guest and Seasonal Tutors



David Newman



Kate Pringle



Hamish Grey



James Larkin



Róisín McBrinn



Abby Ford



Stephanie Street



Ruth Carney



Brigid Zengeni



Helen Dallimore



Noella Brennan



Stephen Marcus

Ben Nealon, Jennifer Glogan, Bonnie Engstrom, Michael Colgan, Imogen Church, Valdis Arnardóttir, Ildiko Solti, Antoinette Walsh, Jane Lehrer, Paul Robinson, Peter Ansorge, Laurens Postma, Marianne Micallef, Shane Collins, Teresa Churcher, Janis Jaffa, Jessica Gerger, Aoife Smyth, Thomas McGairl, Marilyn Scott, Edna-Mairi Holywell, Bonnie Engstrom, Joanna Turner, Siggí Lindal, Wendy Dynan-Gleeson, Samantha Robinson, Christopher Holt, Darren Ormandy, Jennifer Glogan, Michael Colgan, Howard Lee, Christopher Holt

Application & Audition

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Application Criteria

The minimum age for courses is 18. Although there is no upper age limit, students must be of good general health and capable of undertaking the strenuous aspects of the courses.

A good understanding of the English Language is a crucial pre-requisite to applying to any of our courses.

Notification of audition time is usually sent within a week of receiving the application form. You normally have a few weeks then until you come to audition. However, it may occasionally be a short period of time from receipt of audition date to the audition itself; therefore it is advisable that applicants should be prepared to audition at short notice.

Audition

Upon receipt of your application we will respond within 10 days with confirmation of your audition time.

Should you have any problems attending your audition on the date specified or do not receive notification within 10 days please contact us immediately on: 020 7 581 6100, enquiries@lsda-acting.com

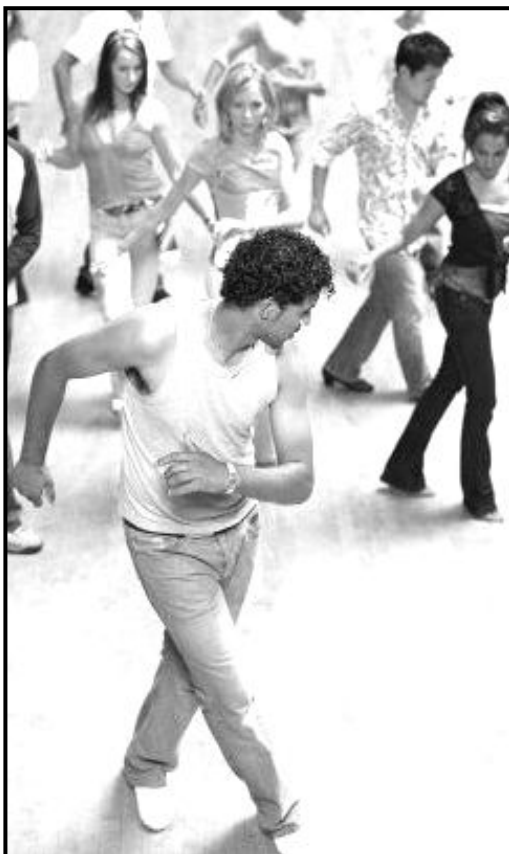
Auditions are held once a month on Saturdays at the college throughout the year. There is no fee for auditioning.

All UK applicants must do an audition in person. Overseas applicants can send us an recorded audition which can be put on a DVD and posted to us or it can be uploaded onto our YouTube site. We will provide further information for International Students on request.

For the audition, candidates must prepare two short speeches from any published play - one classical and the other contemporary. Each speech must not exceed two minutes and be learnt by heart. We ask that candidates select speeches that are relevant to their age and gender. After the audition, candidates will have the opportunity to chat briefly and informally with the audition panel.

Those applying for the either the full-time or part-time foundation Diplomas only need to do one monologue. There are no auditions for the short courses.

As a rule we do not provide feedback to candidates on their audition and the decision of the audition panel is final.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT US

Well, it was truly one of the most memorable experiences I've had so far...I did things I would never have done and read things I would never have read - *Matthew France*

I learnt a lot more than I was expecting whilst on the Diploma Course. Before LSDA I didn't realise how much there was to learn about acting. - *Leonie Blackburn*

A fantastic experience. It has helped me in so many ways. I loved the safe and supportive environment, all the different teaching methods and getting honest constructive feedback! - *Charlie Metcalf*

The voice tutors at LSDA are all great. I really liked how well planned their lessons were and the fact they talked to each other and made sure they were covering different aspects in each lesson. All the acting teachers were fab! They were all so approachable - *Alex Hall*

The acting and voice classes at LSDA were fantastic, as were the stunning directors we got to work with, I learnt so much from them all its crazy! Dance with Miles was amazing, I have learnt so much - *Samantha Powell*

I miss LSDA! It was an amazing year, and thank you so much to all the wonderful teachers who work so hard with all of the students. Good luck to all new students, take everything in that you can.... and take my advice... don't try to hard (like me!) eventually you'll start to get it and love acting in a way you that you could never have anticipated. - *Ami Solomons*

One of my favourite aspects of the training was being around people with such passion, who all loved their craft, especially the tutors and staff. - *Matthew France*

Student Services, Resources & Facilities

STUDENT SERVICES

Before the first day of term the LSDA will organise an evening for staff and students to meet each other. This gathering will give everyone the opportunity to become familiar with each other in an informal setting before the course begins.

The London School of Dramatic Art is a small institute where each student is given individual attention. All our members of staff are available for students to discuss any aspects of their training where they are experiencing difficulty. There is also a student welfare officer available at all times for other problems that may arise.

We regularly organise theatre trips at discounted prices as well as hold regular play reading and film showings to broaden knowledge of theatre and film at large.

RESOURCES AND FACILITIES

Our main campus is at Bute Street in South Kensington.

Dance and movement classes are held in the purpose built dance studios at Danceworks near Bond Street. Danceworks is a popular venue with our students who enjoy the experience of having their movement studies in an authentic professional Dance environment. Additional workshops/rehearsals take place at outside venues including the London Film Academy

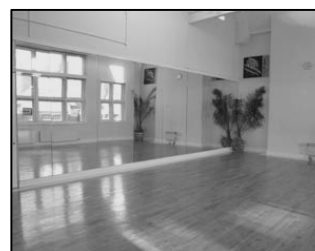
At Bute Street, we have a library of theatre, film and related books and Films and a computer suite with internet access to aid research during the course.

The Soho Theatre is the venue we use for our Showcase for the Diploma Course. It is located in the heart of Soho, where many agents, casting directors and other industry professionals have their offices.

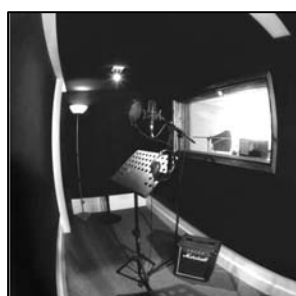
For graduating productions we use a different professional theatre. In 2006 we performed at the Battersea Arts Centre and in 2007 we performed A Midsummer Nights Dream at the Oval House Theatre. The Radio classes culminate in a recording of a voice showreel at Hippocampus Recording Studios in Kings Cross.



Bute Street SW7



Danceworks



HippoCampus Recording Studios



Soho Theatre

Location

LSDA

London School of Dramatic Art

The London School of Dramatic Art is situated in South Kensington and is part of the historic Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. It is only ten minutes away from the West End, which is the heart of London's theatre district. South Kensington is an exciting location full of art and culture. There are a number of theatres, museums and galleries near the college.



THE ROYAL COURT

The Royal Court theatre is situated in Sloane Square and opened in 1956 with a commitment to producing new British and international plays. Its focus is on the dramatist as the fundamental creative force in the theatre. At the Royal Court, the writing is more important than the actors, the director and designer. Today its work shapes contemporary drama in Britain and overseas.



THE CHELSEA THEATRE

The Chelsea Theatre is based on the Kings Road and ranks as one of London's major small theatres. It is dedicated to fostering new voices, with specific attention to Live Art and the community and aims to stage thought-provoking, innovative and groundbreaking productions.

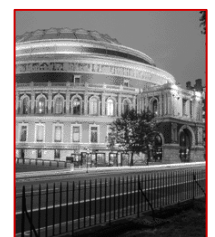
THE FINBOROUGH ARMS

Founded in 1980, the Finborough Theatre is one of London's leading new writing venues. It presents new plays, revivals, music theatre and has recently become well known for its UK premieres of foreign plays, particularly from the United States and Ireland.



THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

The Albert Hall opened in 1871 and has remained central to London's culture ever since. It is the location of the annual BBC Proms concerts and has also had performances by contemporary musicians such as Coldplay. As well as being a venue for concerts, the Albert Hall also hosts ballets, opera and talks.



THE CINÉ LUMIÈRE

The Ciné lumière is one of the best places in London to see movies, from classic revivals to emerging new talents... (Stephen Frears, director)

Launched by Catherine Deneuve in 1998, the Ciné lumière is an independent showcase for the very best in French, European and world cinema. Unlike most conventional cinemas, the Ciné lumière shows a mix of new releases and all-time classics, and regularly holds such special events as premières, retrospectives and themed seasons. Its repertory features over 900 screenings a year.



MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

There are a large number of museums and galleries within walking distance of the college. They include the Natural History Museum, which is housed in a spectacular Victorian-style Italian Renaissance building - described as the 'Cathedral of Science', the Science Museum, which is an exciting tribute to man's quest for scientific understanding, the Victoria and Albert Museum, which houses collections of every conceivable art form including textiles, furniture and metal work and the Serpentine Gallery, located in Kensington Gardens and which is now one of London's premier venues for the temporary exhibition of modern and contemporary art. Most of these Museums and Galleries are free of charge.

