

Company—5th Period—Fall/Spring

Course Description:

A “company” of actors:

1. Promotes group edification, not self gratification
2. Problem solves together
3. Demands participation and excellence from all its members
4. Delegates responsibility fairly and without discrimination
5. Succeeds together and fails together

As students who auditioned to participate in this class, you undoubtedly demonstrated an aptitude in theatre as well as a willingness to share your theatrical skills with the community. All members of Company will be spokespeople for the drama department at Landmark Christian. Company is an opportunity for each student to excel within a specialized area of interest, but also an opportunity for you to wear many different hats throughout the entire year. Company members will be expected to behave as theatre professionals and will be treated as theatre professionals.

Outline of Course:

Topics throughout the year will include (but not be limited to)

Acting	Musical theatre
Improvisation	Dramaturgy
Movement/Dance	Stage combat
Voice	Playwriting
Shakespeare	Design (lighting, sound, costumes, sets)
Stage management	Acting for film/television
Makeup	Technical theatre
Theatre history	Directing

Supplies:

1. 3 ring notebook with pockets and plenty of notebook paper.
2. Pencil(s), Pen(s)
3. Textbooks
4. Imagination and a “yes” attitude

These should be brought to class each day (unless otherwise instructed). Failure to do so will result in loss of participation points.

During the first three minutes of class, you will have the opportunity to dress out, just as you would for gym.

Textbooks:

Advice to the Players by Robert Lewis

An Actor Prepares by Stanislavski

You will be responsible for your own textbook. If you lose the book, your student account will be charged the cost of the book. **DO NOT WRITE IN THE BOOKS.**

Grade Expectations:

Participation (20 Daily Points)

This will be a daily grade. Each student will start the class period with 20 points. Points may be taken away for failure to follow the guidelines set forth in the “Discipline” section of this syllabus **or any other activity I feel shows a lack of willingness to participate in the daily classroom activities.**

Example: You do not bring your pencil to class—that’s five points gone.

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class. The assignment will be due **two days** from the day you were absent. Failure to complete the assignment will result in a daily grade of "0".

Performances (40 Points)

At select times during the year, I will assign you deadlines or tasks. These will be graded based upon ability, preparedness, concentration, professionalism and success.

Discipline:

- * Do nothing that interferes with the development of teamwork, cooperation, dependability or learning.
- * Refrain from rude or vulgar subject matter in improvisational scenes or exercises.
- * Show unconditional kindness.
- * Bring all supplies everyday.
- * All students should strive to practice the Landmark Christian Honor Code.
- * No eating or drinking in the classroom. No candy (yes, that includes mints) or gum. Water is OK if it is in a clear container.
- * My office and the upstairs loft are off-limits to all students. Any student who enters these areas without permission will receive a "0" for that day's participation grade.
- * Do not touch, power up, or sit at the computers.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in loss of participation points. Habitual failure may result in more severe penalties.