

# VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

## PROGRAM OF CHOICE

### *Transition to Industry for Secondary Students*

#### **THEATRE PRODUCTION/TECHNICIAN PROGRAM:**

The **Theatre Production/Technician Program** will introduce students to a variety of technologies and applications focussed on careers in Technical Theatre and/or Stage and Production Management.

#### **What exactly is involved in the Theatre Production/Technician Program?**

The Theatre Production/Technician Program allows students to receive beginning and advanced training and experience in a variety of technologies that apply to theatre production and related projects, while exploring career paths in theatre and/or the performing arts industry. This program will provide opportunities to experience the wealth of theatre repertoire representing a variety of styles and forms. Through their involvement in this repertoire, students become aware of and understand the technical and theoretical aspects of theatre, and the production issues specific to these styles. Through the development of a solid foundation in all aspects of theatre production – design, technical, and management, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and skills in a chosen area of focus, that may enable them to ladder similar fields of study at the post-secondary level or to showcase their skills to potential employers.

#### **What is the role of the Theatre Production/Technician Program?**

Theatre, both as process and product, is concerned with translating ideas into dramatic form to communicate between stage and audience. In this program, students gain knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become participants in the theatre process through a study of exploration, analysis, design, technical skills, management skills, historical and cultural contexts, and the interrelated roles that comprise a theatre company. Moreover, the production of a theatre performance is collaborative in nature. Students will learn the skills and attitudes necessary to work within a production team, including teamwork, adaptability, support, and leadership. They will learn the interconnected production roles – design, technical, and management. Skills and experience working creatively with these technologies could lead to opportunities in fields such as:

- Production Management;
- Stage Management;
- House Management;
- Technical Direction;
- Set Design, Construction, and Scenic Painting;
- Lighting & Sound Operation;
- Costume, Prop, Make-up Design, and related Applications, and;
- Technology Applications (software, multimedia, pyrotechnics).

#### **Program Schedule**

- 1 year in duration during grades 11 or 12.
- Students attend the Theatre Production/Technician Program at Byrne Creek Secondary School 3 afternoons each week (TO BE DETERMINED [i.e., Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12:50 – 4:00 p.m.]), and attend their home school in the morning to complete the other academic or elective courses they require for graduation.
- During the school year and vacation periods, students complete 120 hours of unpaid work experience. These work-based or practicum hours are arranged by the Burnaby School District to fit the schedule of employers, the students and the schools.

Note: Students will be expected to purchase some of their own texts, manuals, supplies and tools.

#### **Secondary School Course Credits**

- 12 elective, graduation credits for the program.
- 4 elective, graduation credits for 120 hours of work experience.
- Up to 16 academic or elective, graduation credits – for the courses completed at the student's home school.

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## Student Profile

This program is available to Grade 11 or 12 students who demonstrate:

- evidence of interest in and commitment to learning and creating work within the scope of theatre and/or performing arts related fields;
- desire and motivation to draw and/or express individual ideas;
- ability to work effectively in a team setting;
- effective interpersonal and communication skills;
- analytical, innovative, and well organized;
- attention to detail in their approach to tasks at hand;
- effective time management;
- ability to use self-direction and initiative;
- strong team-building skills;
- a working knowledge of theatre terminology;
- interest in pursuing studies and/or careers in these fields at the post-secondary level, and;
- a good school attendance record.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

### Secondary School Graduation Credits

- 16 elective, graduation credits.
- All students will benefit from the work experience which may lead to employment.
- Students develop a skills portfolio that may enable them to ladder into a related Post-secondary program.

### Application Process

- Interested students complete and submit the school district's ACE-IT and Industry Certification Application Package to the school's Career Programs Advisor for screening. Application must include signed Teacher Reference Forms from your Grade 10 Drama and/or Tech Ed teacher and school principal.
- Applications are then reviewed and forwarded to the school district's ACE-IT Screening Committee for further review.
- Potential candidates will participate in an interview process prior to final acceptance.
- Successful applicants are required to pay a \$250.00 registration fee.

**For more information, contact Byrne Creek Secondary School or your Career Programs Advisor at your school.**

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