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Bristol Valley Theater's 2009 Apprentice Program

June 29 – August 14

A popular seven-week program taught by BVT professionals and guest artists. Learn about acting, movement, scene work, technical theater, story theater and more!

AUDITIONS will be held Saturday, May 16 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the theater, 151 South Main Street, Naples. You may do a short memorized piece or read from a script. Please bring the completed apprentice application with you to the audition.

Criteria for enrollment in the program:

- a genuine interest in theater
- audition for the Artistic Director
- willingness on the part of apprentices and parents/guardians to commit to a rigorous schedule
- age requirement: 11-17 years old

Description of the program:

Program meets Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tuition: \$300*

Apprentices, under the direction of the Apprentice Director, Rachel Goren, will work on theater games and exercises, improvisation, movement, acting, set construction and costumes and a variety of other activities. Special workshops led by the professionals working on the BVT main stage, will be offered throughout the summer on a variety of topics such as playwrighting, stage dialects, dance etc. Apprentices will make two public presentations during the course of the summer: a one-time exhibition of class work mid-way through the summer and a fully-mounted play which will run for two weeks on the BVT stage and tour for one week to area children's facilities and libraries. Apprentices will also have the opportunity to attend matinee performances of the main stage productions and have talk back sessions with the actors.

** If you have a child who would like to participate but cannot afford tuition, full and partial scholarships are available. Call the BVT office at 585 374 9032.*

For an application:

- Call: BVT's administrative office at 585-374-9032
- Write to: P.O. Box 218, Naples, NY 14512
- E-mail to: bvt@bvtnaples.org

Return your application today in person or mail to:

Bristol Valley Theater,
Attn-Apprentice Program Coordinator,
P.O. Box 218,
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General information:

Bristol Valley Theater's Apprentice Program is designed to give individuals interested in theater an overview of the entire process of producing a play from as many different perspectives as possible. This format is provided to reinforce the concept of theater as a collaborative art form.

The entire program will be under the direction of Bristol Valley Theater's Artistic Director, Karin Bowersock and the 2009 Apprentice Program Director, Rachel Goren, a teacher and arts educator from New York City who also lead the program last summer. Enrollment in the Apprentice Program is limited so that each candidate can receive individual attention and fulfill his or her own personal goals.

Attendance is required on all class dates, rehearsals and performances, except in the case of serious illness or personal emergencies. All conflicts must be cleared through the program coordinator prior to the start of the Apprentice Program. It is important that parents and students understand that missing sessions not only effects a student's experience of the program, but because theater is a team activity, one child's absence effects the experience of all the apprentices.

Other important information:

Tuition payment:

Tuition is due in May after apprentices are accepted into the program. Scholarship requests (based on financial need) will be handled on a case-by-case basis by Artistic Director, Karin Bowersock.

The Children's Show:

Sparky Spectre and the Case of the Snowy Summer, commissioned especially for BVT's Apprentice Program from award-winning playwright, Dominic Orlando (author of **The Truth About Dragons** and **The Mostly True Adventures of Snow White**). This is a children's play and will be performed for an audience aged K-6.

Important Dates:

Monday, June 29

Friday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.

Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 14

Friday, August 14

Apprentice Program begins

Apprentice Show

Sparky Spectre performs, including tour

Final day of program