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## SUMMER SESSION

2010

**Week 1 - July 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Week 2 - July 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Week 3 - August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **ActOut Summer Session Overview:**

*Philadelphia Theatre Company's ActOut Summer Session is comprised of three week-long sessions, each of which culminates in a theatre laboratory performance. With flexible enrollment, students can select to come for any one, two or all three weeks. The sessions are Monday through Friday, from 9:30am to 4pm.*

### **Exposure to the Four Main Areas of Theatre:**

The mission of ActOut is to give attendees the best of two worlds – the class dynamic, and the ensemble dynamic. In morning classes, students are given equal exposure to four areas: acting, directing, playwrighting and design. In the afternoons, students work with their ensemble and further develop their skills in these four areas by choosing how they will contribute to their ensemble's performance on Friday. *(Topics of focus within each area are outlined on reverse.)*

### **Theatre Laboratory Performances:**

ActOut Summer Session holds three laboratory performance opportunities throughout the summer session, rather than a one culminating performance. This not only allows for flexible enrollment, but also for students to experience the process of making theatre rather than just the product. The students also get the opportunity to create their own original work, rather than participating in just any play. Finally, theatre laboratory performances are a chance for students to share their efforts with their peers and parents, and have a discussion session afterwards about the work.

### **Guaranteed Enrichment:**

ActOut's weekly structure guarantees students who sign up for a single week a full-bodied theatre exploration. For those who wish to attend two or three weeks, the structure provides a number of ways to make each week a singular and different experience: a chance to change major, to take classes and experience ensemble work with different instructors, to showcase themselves in multiple performances, and to participate in special events and classes.

**Online registration: [www.philadelphiatheatrecompany.org](http://www.philadelphiatheatrecompany.org)**

## **What ActOut Summer Session 2010 Offers:**

### **Description of Morning Classes:**

#### **Acting**

- Learning the fundamentals of performing on stage.
- Exploring the different ways to show character beyond words.
- Experiencing collaborating with a director and playwright to create a character.

#### **Directing**

- Exploring the process of taking characters from the page to the actor.
- Experimenting how using the visual space can create levels, status and draw focus.
- The chance to put their learned skills to practice and direct their ensemble's performance.

#### **Playwriting**

- Learning about the who, what, where, when and want of writing a story for the stage.
- Exploring different sources of inspiration-starters for writing.
- The chance to work with their ensemble to have their words work-shopped and performed.

#### **Design**

- An introduction to basic light, set, sound and costume principles.
- Hands-on opportunities to explore theatre equipment firsthand.
- The chance to work with the ActOut Theatre Technician to design their ensemble's performance.

## **ActOut Weekly Schedule**

### **Monday—Wednesday**

9:30 - 10:00	Optional Warm-Up
10:00 - 12:30	Classes (Acting, Directing, Design and Playwriting, 3 classes a day, 45 minutes each)
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 4:00	Workshop within Ensembles
4:00	End of Day

### **Thursday**

9:30 - 10:00	Optional Warm-Up
10:00 - 12:30	Ensemble Work – Creating pieces for Friday Performance Lab
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 4:00	Ensemble Work continues
4:00	End of Day

### **Friday**

9:30 - 10:00	Optional Warm-Up
10:00 - 12:30	Ensemble Dress Rehearsals
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00	Call time for Performance Lab
2:00 - 3:30	Performance Lab and Discussion
3:30 - 4:00	Closing Celebration of Campers