

# MSU Summer Scholars

SUMMER SCHOLARS ON STAGE IS AN ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO FREE CAMP.

## 3-Week Writer's & Production Camp June 28-July 19, 2020

### Week One: Writer's Camp

Writer's scholars create and develop an original script (along with music) for the ON STAGE production. Writer's camp will be organized in two distinct and separate tracks: Scriptwriting and Songwriting. There will be a music only option under the Songwriting track. Although there will be some collaboration among campers in each track, the tracks are designed to give campers focus in either scriptwriting or songwriting. The two groups will provide input on other aspects of the story, but focus will be on the script and music to be performed.

**Week Two & Three:** All participants from Writer's Camp join Production Camp for the next two weeks.

Cost: \$1,900

**Scriptwriting Track is limited to 15.**

**Songwriting Track is limited to 10.**

Priority deadline is March 1, 2020.

## 2-Week Production Camp July 4-July 19, 2020

Campers develop their talents in music, dance, and drama through intensive classes during the first week. All scholars practice choral techniques, rehearse basics in contemporary Broadway style and jazz dance, and participate in extemporaneous role-playing activities. Since production camp involves the use of many talents, students with multiple skills, especially those who play musical instruments, will be given special consideration. Activities during the first week will consist of try-outs for the parts in the production, blocking, and initial rehearsals.

Week two is vigorous with full rehearsals, dress rehearsals, and the final productions, which are presented to the public on Friday, July 17, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday July 18, at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$1,300

Priority deadline is April 1, 2020.



## Summer Theatre Workshop (CO 2574) College Class taught June 28 – July 19, 2020

**Graduating seniors** apply to MSU for admission as a college student for the 10-week term of Summer School.

**Juniors**, who qualify for early admission, apply to MSU as special freshmen under the Special Program for Academically Talented Students.

**College credit campers must also apply for admission to Summer Scholars** and will be housed with Writer's campers and Production campers.

Under the guidance of working theatre tech professionals, campers will learn lighting, sound, set design, props, costuming and makeup. Workshop campers get hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment in one of the finest working theatres in the country. They hang the lights, run the boards, sew the costumes, build the sets and do all the things that go into staging a successful Broadway-style show.

In Summer 2020, students enrolled in Summer Theatre Workshop (CO 2574) may participate in a stage management track during Writer's Week. This track will supplement the extensive experience in set construction and design taught in the class including props, costumes, house management, publicity and more.

Workshop campers may also participate in either the scriptwriting or songwriting tracks.

Fees for the College Class are:

- \$ 650...Camp Activity Fee (paid to Summer Scholars for food, residence hall lodging, T-shirts, camp photo, etc)
- \$1,484...Academic Tuition for CO 2574 (paid to the university controller)

Applicants whose parents are MSU employees may be eligible for tuition credit.

**Total cost: \$2,134**

For additional information, please go to [www.summerscholarsonstage.msstate.edu](http://www.summerscholarsonstage.msstate.edu)

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

### REQUIRED FOR ALL CAMPERS EACH YEAR:

- Current official sealed transcript including most recent standardized test scores

### REQUIRED FOR NEW 2-WEEK PRODUCTION CAMPERS:

- A letter of recommendation from a teacher/counselor.
  - Verification of current or past participation in a state appointed program for gifted or talented students.
- OR
- Demonstration of talent. Applicants may send a five minute video audition tape/CDVD demonstrating talent in music, drama, or dance. A video of a recent production delineating character is acceptable. Live auditions may be scheduled upon request.

### REQUIRED FOR ALL 3-WEEK

#### WRITER'S/PRODUCTION CAMPERS:

- Applicants must submit all materials required for Production Camp and specify which track they prefer. In addition, applicants must submit PG-rated writing samples as follows:

**Scriptwriting Track:** An original 1,000-word short story (5-pages, double space, one inch margin) or play which they have written. (Previous participants in Writers' Camp are required to submit a new short story.)

**Songwriting Track:** 2 pages of original lyrics or a recording of an original song.

### REQUIRED FOR 3-WEEK COLLEGE CREDIT:

#### CO 2574 SUMMER THEATER WORKSHOP:

Juniors who are eligible for early college admission may earn four hours of college credit. These scholars will be working with set design, publicity, lighting, and properties.

To enroll you must meet the following requirements:

- Have completed your junior year in high school in 2020;
- Be approved by parents and endorsed by a high school official;
- Have a minimum composite ACT score of 24;
- Have evidence of immunization (2–MMR) The first MMR must be given after their first birthday.

For more information about SPATS: <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/freshmen/apply/spats/details/>

Graduating Seniors apply for admission as a regular student to Mississippi State University for the 10-week term of summer school:

To enroll, you must meet the following requirements:

- Graduation with required College Preparatory Curriculum
- Have a minimum composite ACT score of 16;
- Have evidence of immunization (2–MMR) The first MMR must be given after your first birthday.

For more information about admission: <http://www.admissions.msstate.edu/freshmen/apply/#admission-requirements>.

Participants who enroll in the Summer Theatre Workshop for credit are exempt from camp tuition. Participants enrolled for credit are required to pay \$1,484 for course tuition to the

University Controller's Office. Students will also be required to pay an additional \$650 activity fee for residence hall, camp t-shirt, camp picture, off-campus meals, and other camp activities. This fee is payable to Summer Scholars Camps.

**FINAL PAYMENTS:** Final payments are due two weeks before the date of the camp unless other arrangements are made.

- Writer's/Production Camps..... \$1,900
- Summer Theatre Workshop..... \$2,134
- Production Camp..... \$1,300

The fees include instructional materials, housing, recreation and access to university medical facilities. Meals are included for lunch and dinner during the week, and breakfast, lunch, and dinner during the weekends. Participants will be on their own for breakfast during the week.

### CAMP REGISTRATION:

Pre-registration is required and all fees must be paid in advance of the camp. A deposit of \$150 or the total registration fee must accompany the application form. You will be notified when your application is accepted, and further information about the camp will be sent to you.

Online registration is available at <https://www.ecommerce.msstate.edu/summer-scholars/1.1/> beginning January 1, 2020.

If you wish to have friends and relatives help sponsor your camp tuition, they may do so at the following link <https://www.ecommerce.msstate.edu/summer-scholars-pledge/1.1/sponsor.php>

### LATE REGISTRATION:

There will be a late fee for campers accepted after the priority deadline. (see other side)

### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP & INSTRUCTORS:

Visit our website at [www.summerscholarsonstage.msstate.edu](http://www.summerscholarsonstage.msstate.edu) or Contact Joe Ray Underwood at 662.312.2911

For more information about registration or to make alternative financial arrangements: Contact Joe Ray Underwood at 662.323.8969 or [joeray01@bellsouth.net](mailto:joeray01@bellsouth.net).

If a camper withdraws prior to June 15, 2020 a full refund will be made. Withdrawal after June 15, 2020 forfeits the deposit.

### MAIL INQUIRIES OR TRANSCRIPTS TO:

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