



AIDA OPEN AUDITION – AGES 6-21

Audition Date: Thursday 16th February 2012

Venue: Watersmeet, High Street, Rickmansworth, WD3 1EH

Time: 2.30pm – Registration (Please be prepared to stay until 6pm)

Audition candidates should wear comfortable clothes that they can move in and bring a bottle of water to prevent dehydration. Everyone will be taught a short song and dance combination. Selected audition candidates may also be asked to read some dialogue. There is no cost to audition for AIDA, but should your child be selected then a production fee will be payable to Sharpe Academy of Theatre Arts. Please see below for details.

TECHNIQUE & PERFORMANCE

Sharpe Academy is a performance Academy, but a large emphasis is placed on technique to allow students to learn the art of performance. These skills can be used in all walks of life, but our main aim is to build confidence and prepare a child for a career in the arts should they wish to pursue one.

Children aged 6 -13

Children attend two weekly sessions. One is a technical musical theatre class on Sundays, working on Singing (Breathing, Harmonies, Scales, Speech, Musical Theatre Songs) and Drama (Improvisations, Scripts, Individual and Group exercises, confidence building games and techniques). The second session is a production rehearsal on Tuesdays where musical numbers and dance are rehearsed in preparation for the next musical. All children perform in two performances only and must attend both weekly sessions if they wish to take part in AIDA.

Students aged 14-21

Students attend either one weekly rehearsal if they are in the ensemble of the production or two rehearsals if they are a principal. All students perform in four performances. Those aged under 16 will require a child performance licence which Sharpe Academy provide assistance with. Our staff members are also always on hand to offer our students all the help they need in order to audition for professional musical theatre colleges.

Obtaining a place

If a child is successful at our auditions they will be offered a place in one of the following classes. Sharpe Academy has three performance classes with places available. **Please note:** The Directors decision is final. Principal roles will be offered once rehearsals begin and will not be offered to audition candidates on the audition day. Roles are given to the most suitable students based on their talents, previous experience and dedication to the arts.

ACT 2 Ages 6-9	ACT 3 Ages 10-13	ACT 4 Ages 14-21
<p>Technique Venue: (Musical Theatre Class) Harrow High School Sundays 12pm-2pm</p> <p>Performance Venue: (AIDA Rehearsals) Stanmore Church House Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm</p>	<p>Technique Venue: (Musical Theatre Class) Harrow High School Sundays 12pm-2pm</p> <p>Performance Venue: (AIDA Rehearsals) Stanmore Church House Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm</p>	<p>Performance Venue: (AIDA Rehearsals) Stanmore Church House Wednesdays 7.30pm-9.30pm</p> <p>Principals Venue: (AIDA Rehearsals) Stanmore Church House Tuesdays 8pm-9.30pm</p>

Rehearsal Dates

A meet & greet for all cast members and parents is on Wednesday 29th February at 7.30pm in Stanmore.

Rehearsals begin on March 6th. Please see our website to download rehearsal schedules.

Performances take place on-
(2pm & 7pm) Saturday 30th June
(2pm & 7pm) Sunday 1st July

Production Fees

Once a student has registered with Sharpe Academy they will remain on our registers until half a terms notice is given in writing. Please see our notice and leaving policy for more information at www.SharpeAcademy.co.uk. Fees are due on 29th February 2012. If you would like to pay in two installments to spread the cost this can be arranged. Production fees include ALL technique lessons and AIDA rehearsals from February 29th to 1st July 2012. Production fees are charged to pay for venues, staff members, insurance, costumes, set and advertising. Theatre Tickets pay for our production week and theatre hire. Tickets are on sale from Watersmeet Box Office and priced at £10.00-£15.00.

Production Fee	ACT 2 ACT 3 ACT 4
First Child	£325.00
Sibling Discount	£230.50

Bursaries

If your child is very talented and you do not have the finances to pay the full production fee then we may be able to offer some form of bursary to help with the costs.

Please note: Children must be of a child West End standard to receive a bursary.

Other terms and conditions also apply. Please ask for details at your audition.

For comparison purposes to other schools or youth theatres, the above fees are for 1.5 school terms and we do not have minimum ticket order.