

2016 Arts Journalism Program

Arts Journalists gain behind-the-scenes access into the work of professional theatre and arts reporting. Selected high-school students will partner with *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* theatre critic Jay Handelman along with artists and staff from Asolo Repertory Theatre.

Prior experience with theatre or journalism may be an asset, but is not required. Primarily we seek young people who enjoy writing and who bring enthusiasm, curiosity and an appetite for detailed analysis; in return we will give you a thorough and rigorous immersion into the artistry at Asolo Rep, including special backstage access and interview opportunities with theatre professionals.

Arts Journalists will attend productions and, upon completion of the program, receive a free Youth Play Pass good for additional shows through June.

Arts Journalism Program Expectations

- Participants will attend all 7 workshop sessions.
- Participants will attend 3 performances (tickets provided).
- Participants will submit 3 writing assignments (2 reviews and 1 preview article) on specified deadlines
- Participants will respond to email communication throughout the duration of the program, and communicate immediately about any questions, concerns, or unforeseen absences. (Unexcused absences may disqualify participants from completing the program.)

Planned Program Dates

- **Workshop #1: Monday 1/4, 5-7pm**
- Participants attend *The Liar* independently
- **Workshop #2: Tuesday 1/19, 5-7pm**
- Participants attend *All the Way, Living on Love, and/or Ah! Wilderness* independently
- **Workshop #3: Monday 2/15, 5-7pm**
- **Workshop #4: Tuesday 2/23, 5-7pm**
- **Workshop #5: Monday 3/7**
- **Friday 3/11, 8pm-** Attend opening night of *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*
- **Workshop #6: Wednesday 3/28, 5-7pm**
- **Workshop #7: Monday 4/11, 5-7pm**

Asolo Repertory Theatre & Sarasota Herald-Tribune Arts Journalism Program

STUDENT APPLICATION

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

Contact Information

Student Email Address:

(Note: participants will be required to communicate by email for some elements of this program, and should be prepared to check this email address regularly for announcements or updates)

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Email Address: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Optional Recommendation

Name of teacher recommending you for this program: _____

Teacher's preferred contact information: _____

Intention to participate

I have reviewed the program expectations and, if selected, will participate in all scheduled sessions and complete all program assignments. I understand that attendance is mandatory and missed sessions and/or incomplete assignments may disqualify me from completing the program.

Student signature: _____

Guardian signature: _____

Please use separate paper for the following answers if you prefer.

Please describe any previous experience you have with theatre and/or journalism activities*:

(*please note, no experience is necessary to participate, but we'd like to know about your background)

Please explain why the Arts Journalism program interests you and why you would like to participate:

Please tell us three specific things you hope to learn over the course of this program:

Please also include a brief sample (500 words or less) of your writing. Choose one of the following:

- Share an original description of any live performance (play, musical, concert, dance, etc.) or film you have attended within the last year
- Share an opinion piece about something that ignites your personal passion, indignation, or curiosity
- Share a descriptive piece of writing which you believe represents your personal writing style

Completed applications must be received by midnight on December 15, 2015.

Please send your application and writing sample to:

Asolo Repertory Theatre
Education and Outreach
ATTN: Jenna Smoger
5555 North Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34243

OR Submit Electronically to:
education@asolo.org with the subject line "Arts Journalism"

Questions? Please contact Jenna Smoger at education@asolo.org or 941.351.9010 ext. 3307

YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF YOUR APPLICATION VIA EMAIL. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN EMAIL CONFIRMATION, PLEASE CONTACT US TO ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED.