THE HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CONSERVATORY AT AMDA

Residents and commuter programs in New York City and Los Angeles are open to all talented high school students completing grades 8-12 during the 2014/15 school year.


Imagine the opportunity to hone your craft on a college campus.

Imagine a world-class faculty guiding you into total immersion of styles, discipline and continuous performance.

Imagine doing it this summer.

For the last 50 years, AMDA’s faculty and curriculum have provided the master training, tools, guidance and techniques required to develop talent and prepare students to work in Hollywood, on Broadway and throughout the diverse field of performing arts.

At AMDA, we have a wonderful opportunity for talented high school performing artists.

The High School Summer Conservatory at AMDA.

Immerse yourself in acting, singing, or dance for two and a half to five weeks in New York, Los Angeles, or both cities. You’ll live on the AMDA campus of your choice and sleep in our safe and secure on-campus dormitories. You’ll be taught by the best.

What you’ll love about AMDA is the faculty. They’re not just teachers but high-level performers working in the industry. You will be taught acting by actors, dancing by dancers, and singing by singers.

We believe in craft and technique, but you will also learn many real-world fundamentals about the industry, such as getting a job, including exactly what the audition process looks like and how to prepare for it.

During your summer, you will perform. You’ll work hard preparing for those performances. Your peers will be talented students who are as serious about learning their craft as you are.

As a performer, you will be empowered to find your voice within your unique story and talents.

Join us for this special experience.
Whether you choose the Upper West Side of Manhattan or the center of Hollywood, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live the college life in the heart of one (or both) of the entertainment capitals of the world.

Our students and faculty come from all over the country and all over the world and you will make friends who share your passion for the performing arts; friends who may even be your future colleagues in the entertainment industry. You will live on the AMDA campuses, in comfortable and modern, safe and secure dormitories.

We’ll teach you about the industry and how to take who you are and do something that is fresh and new and sets you apart from other performers.

We will develop your special talents and take you to new levels. We will impart confidence, so when the time comes, you can make a place for yourself in the world. It might be that your place includes screen acting, dance fusion, or singing in a variety of pop styles.

Whether you’re in New York, or Los Angeles, the encouragement you experience and the friendships you form at the High School Summer Conservatory at AMDA will be real and lasting.

CAMPUS LIFE AT AMDA

SNAPSHOT OF YOUR DAY:

Classes in your chosen performing arts focus: Acting, Singing or Dance

Elective courses based on student interests to support your core disciplines.

Rehearsals for your Final Performance
The Acting Experience

Acting begins as a dream, and then the work begins as you reveal the talent you knew was there. Whether training for stage or film and television, the ability to command performances requires a special kind of discipline and willingness to discover.

“When I walked through the front doors, it felt like home. It kind of fit like a glove.”

— Sam Underwood, star of “Dexter,” “Homeland” and “The Following”; named one of the 14 Rising Stars to Watch by Entertainment Weekly.

July 2 - 19, 2015
July 23 - August 9, 2015

Acting for the Stage, Film and Television (NYC and LA)

Explore the best of what’s happening in contemporary theatre, film and television! This workshop intensive gives you the tools you need to navigate the world of theatrical stage performance and on-camera acting. You’ll gain an insider’s perspective to the major acting industries!

Each session concludes with a final performance, performed live on the AMDA stage in New York City or Hollywood.
Your voice will carry you far and you have the passion to take it to the next level. Ensemble or solo, in a few weeks you’ll discover skills you never knew you had.

**THE VOCAL MUSIC EXPERIENCE**

**JULY 2 - 19, 2015**
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Music Theatre and Contemporary Vocal Styles
(NYC and LA)

Explore the world of classic and contemporary vocal styles through this personal and intensive course work. Expand your vocal performance skills and develop your audition book by immersing yourself in tried and true techniques. Challenge yourself this summer and dive into vocal performance styles from musical theatre to contemporary.

Each session concludes with a final performance, performed live on the AMDA stage in New York City or Hollywood.

“I went to AMDA to make sure every aspect of performance was mastered as best as possible. I’m a performer – not just an actor, not just a singer, not just a dancer, not just a songwriter – that’s what AMDA allows you to be.”

— Jason Derulo, multi-platinum recording artist (more than 14 million tracks sold domestically) and five-time BMI Pop Award-winner
THE DANCE THEATRE EXPERIENCE

You don’t choose dance – it chooses you. Immerse yourself in the experience of dance; build strength, cultivate endurance and fine-tune your ability to compel audiences with the story your body tells.

“AMDA provides young performers a wonderful environment where they learn not only their craft and the industry, but also to find their voice and discover who they are as artists.”

– Marina Benedict, AMDA Dance Theatre Department Co-Chair

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JULY 23 - AUGUST 9, 2015

Theatre and Commercial Dance
(NYC and LA)

Work with some of NYC’s and LA’s top teachers and choreographers to take your dance dynamics and expression to a whole new level. This intensive will focus on the current trends in dance and introduce you to a cross-section of styles. You will experience total immersion in dance technique!

Each session concludes with a final performance, performed live on the AMDA stage in New York City or Hollywood.
“My daughter is still talking about her experience. In only two weeks her talent has grown. I can only imagine how talented she will become after two years in the Integrated Program.”
– Ronda B., parent, Inglewood, CA

“A huge thanks. My daughter has not stopped talking about the program. She has made life-long friends and received amazing training/feedback from the city’s top educators. Everyone is excited to hear/see the growth acquired within those two weeks. She is a more confident performer because of the experience and is excited about the possibility of attending AMDA next fall.”
– Talisha R., parent, Brunswick, GA

“Our daughter had an amazing experience and came home ready to conquer this music/dance world head on!”
– Betsy T., parent, Potomac, MD

“We couldn’t resist the total excitement and enthusiasm in our son, so I thank you for giving him this opportunity to see what it’s like in the real world of music!”
– Maryanne D., parent, Randolph, NJ

“YOU HAVE PLANS:
You are a young artist, talented, ready to challenge yourself and you love to perform. Whether that’s by immersing yourself in the art of acting, finding your voice as a singer, or telling new stories through dance, it’s all about performance.”

FINDING YOUR VOICE
AMDA ALUMNI

AMDA alumni are actively making a difference in the world. Rather than waiting for that elusive big break, they make their own breaks: Founding theatre companies, writing plays, creating musicals, performing and teaching. AMDA graduates are versatile artists who defy labels and create their own destinies.

THEY ARE CREATORS.

NINA ARIANDA
- 2012 winner for Best Actress Tony Award® for her performance as Vanda in Venus in Fur
- Nominated for a Tony Award two years in a row!
- Currently starring in the film Rob the Mob, and in the new Off-Broadway play Tales from Red Vienna

SAM UNDERWOOD
- Currently starring as murderous twins Luke and Mark on the hit Fox series “The Following”
- Recently starred as Leo on Showtime’s “Homeland” and as Dexter protege Zach Hamilton on the final season of “Dexter”
- Artistic Director of the Fundamental Theatre Project, a company he co-founded with fellow AMDA alumni

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CHRISTOPHER JACKSON
- Starred as Derek Jeter in Bronx Bombers on Broadway
- Emmy Award-winning composer and lyricist for “Sesame Street”
- Star of multiple Broadway shows, originated the role of Benny in In The Heights

ERIC LAJUAN SUMMERS
- 2013 Astaire Award winner for Outstanding Male Dancer in a Broadway Show
- Currently performing in Motown the Musical on Broadway

Visit amda.edu for more updates on our accomplished alumni.
AMDA TUITION

All-inclusive tuition includes activity fees, housing, meal plan, on-the-ground airport transit, and seven (7) t-shirts.

Tuition for the 18-day sessions is $4,195.

Session 1 | July 2 - 19, 2015
Session 2 | July 23 - 9, 2015

Both sessions, as well as all major disciplines and tracks, are available at the AMDA New York City campus and the AMDA Los Angeles campus.

Meal Plan
In both NY and LA, all students are provided a meal plan and will receive a fresh, healthy, and balanced breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily.

Deposits and Fees
A $250 deposit is required for all accepted students (amount applied to your all-inclusive tuition payments). A $25 application fee will also apply.