



College of Education

Ensemble Theatre Techniques Workshop June 16-19, 2007 Stratford, Ontario

Course: TE 894 Laboratory and Field Experiences in Curriculum, Teaching, and Schooling
TOPIC: Ensemble Theatre Techniques in the Classroom - 3 semester credits

Location: Stratford, Ontario

Dates: June 16 - 19, 2007

Content: This workshop and field course offers teachers an opportunity to learn ensemble theatre techniques that will enable cooperative learning and community building in their classrooms focusing on student awareness of self, group interaction, and interpersonal communication skills. Ensemble building relies on games and exercises used in theatre work to build the trust, cooperation, and interaction that engender more effective learning and collegial teamwork in the classroom. Participants will learn creative uses of theatre techniques to develop their students' interactive learning skills.

In addition, there will be an opportunity to see two theatre performances, chat with actors after their performance, participate in a back stage tour of the Festival Theatre, and enjoy an actor-led session by a member of the Stratford Festival Company. In the fall, a follow up session will be held on the MSU campus to continue the ensemble experience and review the successes and struggles of implementing ensemble techniques in teachers' classroom.

Participants in this workshop will become their own Ensemble, composed of all class members, and will follow and learn the process leading to creative uses of Ensemble Techniques by dividing into small groups according to similar age levels or subject areas taught. Teachers are asked to bring any ideas that they may have created, worked on, thought about, even struggled with in their work with students, which may apply.

Tentative Workshop and Theatre Schedule:

Saturday, June 16:

- 9:00 – 10:30 am: Arrival and welcome at the Nurses' Quarters in Stratford
- 11:00 am – Noon: Workshop Class with Ted Miltenberger
- Noon: Catered lunch with an introduction to the Stratford Festival and plays by Pat Quigley, Festival Education Manager
- 2:00 – 4:30 pm: Tickets will be requested for *Oklahoma*
- 6:00 pm: Pizza dinner at the Nurses' Quarters
- 7:00 – 9:00pm: Workshop Class with Ted Miltenberger

Sunday, June 17:

8:30am – 12 Noon: Workshop class with Ted Miltenberger

Lunch: On your own

2:00 - 4:30 pm: Tickets will be requested for *Of Mice and Men*.
Actor chat following the performance.

7:30 pm: Group Dinner at a local Stratford restaurant TBA

Monday, June 18:

9:00 - 11:00 am: Back Stage Tour of the Festival Theatre with Pat Quigley

Lunch: On your own; check out a few shops

2:00 pm: Shakespeare actor-led session

Dinner: On your own

7:30 pm: Confrontational Drama Session with Stephanie Niescier or Creating Theatre in the Primary Classroom (to address issues and present a unit of study) with Ted Miltenberger

Tuesday, June 19:

9:00 - 11:30 am: Workshop Class with Ted Miltenberger and Wrap Up

11:30: Light lunch

Noon: Dismissal

October 20:

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Fall follow up session on campus in East Lansing

Course Requirements for TE894: The workshop may be taken on Life Long Education (LLE) status or may apply to MACT program requirements with academic advisor approval. Students will sign up for three credits of TE 894 for the Summer 2007 semester, begin their work in Stratford and conclude it with a one-day follow-up class in East Lansing in the fall. During the summer, participants will write a plan to use ensemble in their classrooms and will implement the plan in early fall. Reflection and feedback on classroom implementation will be part of the follow-up class. With the exception of Summer 2007 graduates who complete their course work before August 1, ET (extended) grades will be issued for the Summer 2007 semester. Course requirements must be completed no later than the Spring 2008 semester. Check with your advisor for course approval on your program. An Independent Study/Lab and Field Experience project agreement form will be signed by the student, the instructor, and MACT academic advisor. TE 894 is a Pass/No Grade course.

MACT Requirements: TE894 serves as an elective in the Master of Arts Curriculum and Teaching program or partially fulfills the requirements for subject-oriented investigation. Advisor approval is necessary.

Workshop Instructor: Ted Miltenberger has worked with Michigan State University for the past ten years in developing a course applying ensemble techniques to the classroom. He has worked in theatre education for more than 30 years, establishing theatre curricula in

Madison, Wisconsin; Milan, Italy; and Paris, France, where he has been the head of the theatre department at the American School of Paris. He was co-founder of the International Schools Theatre Association (ISTA) and is a past president. He continues to host and participate in ISTA theatre festivals, workshops and symposia throughout the world.

ARRANGEMENTS and COSTS:

Tuition and Fees: Three semester credits is \$1398 US. Registration for this course is through GSEO in the College of Education at the address cited in the last paragraph, not through the MSU on-line or telephone system. Please be aware that if you have been pursuing your degree in Michigan and are attending a GSEO program, you will receive a bill from the Student Accounts Office for the applicable matriculation fee, student taxes, and an additional per credit charge for MA candidates in the College of Education, which exceeds the standard graduate per credit amount. Teachers should check with their districts to see if this workshop qualifies for professional development reimbursement.

Activity Fee: The activity fee is estimated at \$203 and includes two theatre tickets, two lunches, a pizza dinner, breaks and group dinner on Sunday evening, June 18. For meals not provided by the program, good restaurants abound in Stratford.

Housing: Accommodations, including a continental breakfast, will be available at the Nurses' Quarters for approximately \$145 US single and \$86 US per person for double occupancy for the program period. Rooms are compact. Only central bathroom facilities are available. Although the rooms are dormitory style, this is a comfortable, convenient and inexpensive place to stay. Participants are welcome to arrange their own hotel or B&B accommodations in Stratford. Check the Festival web site at www.stratfordfestival.on.ca for more information.

Transportation: Stratford is readily accessible by car. Parking is provided at the Nurse's Quarters for overnight guests and class. The trip to Stratford from Lansing by car takes approximately 3½ to 4 hours. It is recommended that US citizens carry a valid passport for ease of entry into Canada and re-entry into the US; however, until January 1, 2008, the combination of photo ID and birth certificate is also an acceptable form of ID if arriving by land.

Application deadline and deposit: March 31, 2007 is the application deadline. To sign up, submit the Ensemble Techniques reservation form below and required deposit(s) to Graduate Studies in Education Overseas, 253 Erickson Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1034. Checks should be made payable to Michigan State University. Orientation materials and any updates will follow via email.

Dates, costs and arrangements are subject to change.

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Reservation Form For:

**Ensemble Theatre Techniques Workshop
June 16 – 19, 2007
Stratford, Ontario**

Application Deadline: March 31, 2007

Name: _____

For Housing Purposes: Male Female MSU Student Number (PID) A _____

Date of birth ____/____/____
Month Day Year Citizenship _____

Mailing Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Work Phone _____

_____ Fax _____

_____ Email _____

(Zip/Postal Code) (Country)

Undergraduate Degree Awarded from:

School, location _____

Degree (Major/Minor) _____

Month/Years of Attendance _____

Employer _____

Current Teaching Position (check one): Admin Pre-K 1-3 4-6 5-8 9-12

Subject Interests _____

I am applying to the Federal Direct Student Loan Program. You must be enrolled for a minimum of 5 credits.
A second summer enrollment will be necessary to be eligible.

I am receiving tuition assistance from _____.

I intend to enroll in 3 credits of TE894

I wish accommodations at the Stratford Hospital Nurses Quarters (circle one): Single Double
Double with _____ who is enrolling too. Double with Spouse/Friend who is coming with me.

I am a current MSU Master's candidate in _____. My advisor is _____

I plan to graduate (semester/year) _____/_____

Return this form with a US \$100 tuition deposit, plus US \$100 per person housing deposit, if housing is requested to:

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48824-1034, USA
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Check enclosed or to follow by mail (US funds only) made payable
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