



# PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

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## **MISSION**

**The Academy Theatre's mission is to enrich the Atlanta metropolitan community with an emphasis on the south metro side of town by providing space for the exploration of the arts, producing educational outreach for all ages with a focus on the family and nurturing appreciation for the performing and visual arts through presentation of quality professional artistic work at an affordable price making the work an experience that everyone can enjoy on any income.**

## **VISION**

**From its inception 67 years ago, the Academy has maintained two unique visions that have remained central to its mission. The first is that of an ensemble system, which takes as its basis the belief that, the most thought-provoking theatre is created by a group of artists working intimately over a long period of time towards the development of a specific and cohesive style. The second is the belief that theatre can be of enormous use to those members of the community for whom it would not ordinarily be a resource.**

## **BRIEF HISTORY**

**The Academy Theatre is the longest running professional theatre in Georgia. Founded in 1956 by Frank Wittow, the Academy pioneered a number of developments in Atlanta's professional theatre community including the first professional theatre in the South to be integrated, and the first Southeastern Shakespeare Festival. For its own part, the Academy has premiered over 400 new plays and has, in addition to mainstage audiences exceeding 500,000, reached over 2 million children and 200,000 adults through its outreach programs alone. Today, the Academy Theatre continues its outreach work to people without a theatrical voice, incubates new theater companies, produces mainstage works, and remains a vital component of the Southeast's theater community.**

# **Academy Theatre Programming**

## **MAINSTAGE PRODUCTIONS**



**Each season the Academy Theatre produces between 7 to 10 mainstage productions. The Academy Theatre’s season is distinguished from other theatre companies through our partnerships with our mainstage resident companies. Current resident companies include Aris Theatre, Giwayen Mata, Impact Theatre Atlanta, and Lynna Schmidt Productions. Through these partnerships we are able to reach many new patrons, and serve artists from across the metro Atlanta area—many of whom call the Academy their artistic home. The mainstage theatre seats 136. It has full lights and sound components for mainstage shows. It also has a film projector for mixed media productions and film screenings. The stage is 45 feet wide and from the proscenium to the backstage wall is 20 feet. It has a main drape and can accommodate a two story set, with legs in the wings. This includes digital sound and some LED lighting, which creates a greener theatrical experience.**

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## **SUNDAY VARIETY SERIES**



**In the summer of 2022, we launched our Sunday Variety Series Programming on the Diamond Stage (the Academy's smaller stage). Each Sunday night at 6:30 PM a different performing artist takes the stage. This program has brought so many new people to the Academy Theatre. Presenting music, magic, spoken word, improv, dance, and international artists allows us to reach out to everyone in the community. We are finding that very talented performing artists have never had a venue willing to give them a chance to have their first professional solo show. Providing this opportunity fits the Academy's mission of service to the community perfectly. The Diamond Stage seats 65 in a bistro style seating setting. This stage also has a film screen and can be used for multi media events or film screening. It has a lighting and sound component appropriate for the stage.**

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## **INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**



**The Academy Theatre’s internship program draws from high schools, colleges and the local community. For the interns, the Academy represent a rare opportunity to work with artistic professionals and to be mentored by them. Our interns both garner hands on experience and earn money when they perform a specific task which makes participation with the Academy far more valuable. Many Academy Theatre interns go on to work at some of the major theatre’s in Atlanta.**

## **HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS**



**The Academy’s Human Service Program is community outreach at its most immediate and rewarding. Our one-of-a-kind program brings the experience of creating and performing to underserved groups. Senior citizens, the mental and physically challenged, people without homes, people with substance use disorders, and others outside the social mainstream—all blossom under the guidance of our actor-teachers. Through special interactive exercises and play-development workshops, these groups create and perform productions which open new doors not only to their own self-knowledge, but to our understanding as well.**

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## **VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEACHER WORKSHOPS**

**All of us who care about public education dream of a time when we will have safe schools that are free of tension, discord, and violence. We envision schools where administrators, teachers, students and parents can join in mutual trust to achieve the highest goals of education. Unfortunately, in these difficult times, those dreams are rarely realized. For many teachers, the dream is often shattered by mistrust and hostility, leaving them with a profound sense of frustration and powerlessness. Teachers are unable to reach their students; students are failing to reach their potential. The overall objective of this Program to offer teachers techniques and innovative approaches that will help deal directly with these underlying problems.**

## **CORPORATE TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOPS**



**In today's fast-paced business world, it is more important than ever for your team to work together in unison and harmony. The Academy Theatre can help you get your team on the same page with our unique brand in interactive team building exercises.**

**Whether you want to build morale, teach your employees to work more creatively together, or want to run full-scale business scenarios, we can help you! Our interactive system lets your employees have fun as they acquire serious skills and learn more about how their teammates think! The result is happier employees who will be more effective working together.**

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## **FILM PRODUCTIONS-THEATRE FOR YOUTH**

Since 1961, The Academy Theatre For Youth Artist-In-Schools Tour Team has developed and toured original plays aimed at addressing issues affecting young people. After careful consultation with educators, psychologists, parents and students, the productions are developed and performed by a multi-racial cast of four professional actors. Show topics vary from an understanding of teenage pregnancy to the effects of bystanders on potentially violent confrontations. The Academy has been touring plays into schools for decades, however with dwindling arts education school resources and pandemic gathering issues, touring into the schools has become much more challenging. To address this change in the schools, the Academy has decided to start adapting our theatre for youth plays into films and licensing them to school systems across the country.

## **FILM PRODUCTIONS—REALITY TV**



Speed of Love is a sophisticated reality dating experience tailored for upscale African-American singles in search of genuine connections. Our show goes beyond the ordinary, offering a curated selection of accomplished and ambitious individuals who are ready to embark on a journey to find their perfect match. Imagine an exquisite setting where elegance meets excitement – a chic venue adorned with tasteful decor, creating the perfect ambiance for meaningful conversations and connections. Our contestants will experience a series of thoughtfully designed speed dating rounds, giving them the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with like-minded individuals who share their aspirations.



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