Idaho Shakespeare Festival's

2027 Apprentice Program

Details

When: May 25th - August 2nd

Cost: $900 (Scholarships and Payment Plans Available, please email or call Ryan Singh, Education Director, for a scholarship form, ryan@idahoshakespeare.org. Do not let cost deter you! We are here to help!

Classes are Tuesday-Friday from 8:00am-3:30pm. Located downtown Boise at 618 S. 8th St. (ISF's School of Theater and Administration Building). Most Mondays Apprentices have off.

Mainstage Show Assignments: Each apprentice will be assigned to work backstage for one of our plays. Switching show shifts is discouraged, but in case of emergency the switch **MUST** be approved by Davey Collins and Ryan Singh. Please note: As our theater operates from Tuesday through Sunday, Apprentices will have to work on weekends and potentially holidays during the run of their assigned show (Typically 3-4 weeks). ISF Calendar can be viewed here- https://idahoshakespeare.org/calendar/

Apprentice Showcase: August 2nd at 7pm at the ISF Amphitheater. This is the culmination of the program. A big showcase that is free and open to the public!

Typical Day for an ISF Apprentice: (Tues - Fri)

- **8:00 am-** Workout (Yoga, Dance, Run, Core, etc.)
- **9:00 am-** Ensemble Work
- **10:00am-11:30am**- Workshop with a theater professional (These are typically with our mainstage actors or tech crew on a variety of subjects from stage combat to costumes to dialects.)
- **11:30am-12pm-** Lunch (There is a breakroom with a microwave and fridge available.)
- **12-3:30pm-** Class with Apprentice Teachers, Davey Collins and Elke Meyers. This class time is spent working on monologues, scenes, and various acting exercises. This is the time they work on putting the Showcase together and perfecting acting skills.
- ***5:30 pm-** If working on a run crew, arrive out at the ISF Amphitheater (5657 Warm Springs Ave.) to work backstage. Schedule depends on which mainstage show the apprentice is assigned to.

- ***10-11 pm**- Released for the day from the theater. (Sometimes you are back in class the next day at 8:30am.)

*For the Duration of Show Assignment

The Demands of The Apprenticeship

The core philosophy of this program is aimed at preparation for the professional world of theater, and establishing expectations. This industry is quite demanding of time and energy, our goal is to give students context for what the work actually is, while providing support and guidance through that process. We do our best to treat the apprentices like true professionals, and hold them to a higher standard than they may be used to. This program is tough, there are long days, there are times when it isn't fun, but we firmly believe that if someone is genuinely interested in pursuing theater as a career, and feels ready to commit to a program like this, there are few places you could get a better leg up.

Before you fully commit to the Apprenticeship, please know that this is a rigorous and highly demanding program, not just on the apprentice themselves, but on their families as well. We ask that parents are aware of the schedule and demands of the program. There is a lot of driving to and from our downtown locations and the ISF Amphitheater at early and late hours. We want all involved to be aware of the commitment they are making. It is hard to have a job, see friends and family leisurely, and have a relaxed summer with this schedule. It is an amazing and life-changing program for those ready to make the commitment. We are looking for open-hearted students with a love for the theater, a voracious appetite for learning, and the discipline to responsibly work alongside a professional theater company. If this seems daunting, please consider whether you and your family are truly prepared for the program.

Please email or call head of the Apprentice Program and Education Associate, Davey Collins at davey@idahoshakespeare.org or (208)-429-9908 ext. 213 with any questions or concerns before committing to a spot in the 2027 Apprentice Company.

Important Apprentice Dates

Wednesday, May 12th- Parent/Apprenti informational meeting 6pm

Tuesday, May 25th- First day of class

Monday, June 7th- ISF Annual Gala 2027 - Apprentices called for the whole day

Saturday, July 31st and **Sunday August 1st**- Apprentice Showcase rehearsal- 8:30am- 3pm

Monday, August 2nd- Apprentice Showcase! Potential Rehearsal beforehand, show at 7pm