

# *VSU Theatre & Dance Area*

## *Scholarship / Audition Information*

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The Theatre program at Valdosta State University offers scholarships to incoming students, whether they are of freshman or transfer standing. The amounts of scholarships vary, ranging from \$900 to \$1,500 for an academic year, depending on the audition, the interview, the financial need, and the scholastic credentials of the applicant. (Scholarships are not automatically renewed, but after their first year, students may apply/audition for returning student scholarships.) Students desiring scholarship consideration need to fill out and return the enclosed form and schedule an audition time.

The following details will be helpful as you prepare to audition:

- For an **acting** audition, the applicant should prepare two monologues of a contrasting nature (one serious, one comic; one period, one contemporary, etc.) no longer than two minutes in length a piece. The applicant has a total of four minutes.
- For a **technical audition**, the applicant should prepare a portfolio to exhibit. Each applicant will be given five minutes to discuss the contents of the portfolio.
- For a **dance** audition, the applicant should prepare a two to three minute dance, utilizing the form in which you feel most comfortable (modern, ballet, tap, or jazz). Please wear appropriate dancewear and bring music on a cassette tape or CD. A CD player will be provided.
- **AN AUDITION IS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION TO THE MUSICAL THEATRE EMPHASIS.** For a **musical theatre** audition, auditionees should prepare one monologue and thirty two bars from two separate musical pieces of contrasting nature (one up tempo/one ballad; one classical/one from musical theatre repertoire, etc.). The presentation of the monologue and the two musical selections should not exceed three minutes. An accompanist will be provided. Singing a capella or to taped accompaniment is not allowed. Sheet music must be provided for the accompanist. Auditionees will also be expected to participate in a dance audition. Participants should bring appropriate dancewear. Time will be allotted for changing clothes. The required application is enclosed for those auditioning for this emphasis who are not seeking scholarship consideration. If an applicant wishes to audition for admission to the musical theatre emphasis and scholarship consideration both the admission and scholarship forms must be returned.

Each applicant will be interviewed in addition to the audition or presentation and should be prepared to discuss career goals. The interview will also provide an opportunity for the applicant to ask any questions he or she may have concerning the theatre program.

Auditions will be conducted Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 on the VSU campus. If these dates are not suitable, other arrangements might be made. Scholarships will be awarded by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to help you.

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