

# Playwriting Intensive

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Theatre at Sarah Lawrence College



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# The Play's the Thing...

...and the Sarah Lawrence College Playwriting Intensive offers  
the perfect environment for rigorous work in playwriting.

*Playwriting Intensive* is a five-day, five-night workshop designed to provide traditional and innovative guidance in the art and craft of writing plays. Student writers have the opportunity to work with our faculty playwrights, working playwrights all, in daily classes and in one-on-one meetings. Each member of the playwriting faculty offers a distinct voice and perspective, and each class is designed to lend a particular approach to the creation of a play. All students have the chance for their work to be read aloud by SLC graduate student actors, under the guidance of faculty directors. Students also have the opportunity to work with actors on structured improvisations of their written material. Guests join the faculty for seminars on a broad range of interests. All students and faculty meet together for meals, group discussions, and nightly readings of student written material. Here's a sample of the week's schedule.

#### Each morning following breakfast:

- A small-group meeting in preparation for a three-hour classroom session with a faculty playwright. Student groups move from one teacher to another over the course of the week, so each student meets with each faculty playwright in an individually designed class.

#### Each afternoon after lunch:

- Students may choose to meet privately with a playwright instructor or work alone on new material.
- In preparation for nightly readings, the works of five to six student playwrights are rehearsed by actors and faculty directors.
- Late afternoons are given over to student playwrights' work with actors on improvised scenes, or on particular playwriting problems that would benefit from actor and director participation.

#### Each evening after dinner:

- The plays rehearsed each afternoon are presented as readings after dinner. Each student has the opportunity over the week to have a short play, or a scene from a longer play, rehearsed and read aloud. Questions and answers, and a discussion moderated by a faculty playwright, follow each reading.
- Snacks are served following the readings, and playwrights and faculty can gather in the campus center or on the lawn for continued late-night discussion.

The conference structure allows ample time in the week for writing, reflection, and informal discussion. The Sarah Lawrence College Theatre Program's stages and rehearsal studios are fully available to the *Playwriting Intensive*.

#### Who Should Apply

We seek students and artists from all backgrounds. The program is open to adults, age 21 and over, at any level of playwriting experience. Enrollment is limited.

#### About Sarah Lawrence College

Sarah Lawrence is a small coeducational college of the liberal arts and sciences, offering undergraduate as well as graduate degrees. Located just 30 minutes north of Midtown Manhattan on a wooded campus, Sarah Lawrence is nationally renowned for rigorous academic standards fostered by small seminar classes and individual student-faculty conferences. Long respected as a national leader in arts education, Sarah Lawrence recognizes the creative and performing arts as integral to a liberal arts education.

#### Costs

- Tuition: \$750
- Accommodations: \$200
- Meal Plan: \$200
- Pool: \$10/day
- Application Fee: \$25

Students have the option of staying an additional two nights (Friday and Saturday) at a cost of \$40 per night, to take advantage of cultural events in Manhattan.

#### Scholarships

A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Indicate on your application that you would like to be considered, and attach a letter describing your need.

#### Academic Credit

You will be able to apply for academic credit (optional) upon acceptance into the program. Application forms will be available at the registration desk when the program begins. An additional charge of \$100 for one academic credit will be required.

#### Writing Sample

Upon acceptance into the *Playwriting Intensive*, you will be required to submit a writing sample. This can be a one-act play or portion of a play you have written.



## What to Submit

1. Application form (below). You may make additional copies of this form, or download from the Web ([www.sarahlawrence.edu/summer/](http://www.sarahlawrence.edu/summer/)).
2. A brief paragraph detailing your interest and experience in playwriting.
3. Resume (optional).
4. A \$25 nonrefundable application fee (required). Make checks payable to Sarah Lawrence College.

## Application Form

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Name

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Address

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City

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State

Zip

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Day Phone

Evening Phone

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E-mail Address

### Options

Housing

Meal Plan

Pool

### Scholarship

Attached is my request for a partial scholarship.

### Fees

Acceptance letters and registration materials will be mailed by Monday, May 5, 2008. All fees must be received by Monday, June 2.

### Application Deadline

All applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

Please mail application information and paragraph essays to:

Debra Finkelstein, Director of College Events and Summer Programs

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