University of Louisville Theatre Arts Department 2016-2017 MFA AUDITIONS

Audition Requirements

Auditions for the 2016-2017 academic year will be held in the following locations:

- •Jan. 31, 2017 1:00pm at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
- •Mar. 1-5, 2017 SETC, Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, KY

Scheduling an Audition:

Applicants for the MFA in Performance program should contact Lo Abdelmalek at lois.abdelmalek@louisville.edu to schedule an audition/interview. In the event an applicant cannot attend any of the auditions listed above, an audition may be requested by contacting the Head of the MFA Performance Program, Dr. Nefertiti Burton, at Nefertiti@louisville.edu.

Audition & Interview Requirements:

Applicants who wish to audition for the MFA in Performance degree program should prepare two (2) contrasting monologues. One of the two pieces should be classical (pre-1800) and the other a contemporary piece. Please also have a 3rd monologue prepared. If the applicant wishes to sing, they will be afforded one (1) minute to perform approximately 16-20 bars of a song of their choosing. It is recommended singers lean more toward standard Broadway fare and avoid classic opera or heavy rock-oriented material. Both monologues, performed back-to-back, should not exceed (4) minutes in length. Singers have an additional minute (60 seconds) to sing, for a total of (5) minutes. Singing actors should bring recorded accompaniment (CD or IPOD) and a battery-operated device upon which to play their accompaniment. Do not assume an electrical outlet will be available.

- *Applicants should bring a current headshot and resume.
- *Bring copy of transcript (non-official or official).
- *There will be a cold reading and writing assignment.
- *A brief interview with theatre faculty will follow the audition.

No videotaped auditions will be accepted.

Application Requirements:

All applicants who are invited into the MFA in Performance program based on the strength of their audition must also complete the standard admissions process for the School of Interdisciplinary and Graduate Studies at the University of Louisville. All students applying to graduate programs at the University of Louisville are required to take the GRE. The GRE is required to be eligible for the Assistantships, but you do not need to take the exam before the audition. Admission requirements and online applications may be found at: http://graduate.louisville.edu/apply.

For all questions concerning the admissions process, please contact Jessica Key at Jessica.key@louisville.edu or 502-852-5922.