

THEATRE ACADEMY



The English College in Prague is excited to announce a new programme commencing February 4th 2012 for anyone living in Prague between the ages of 11 and 25 and keen to develop his or her drama skills. Instruction will be in English but students do not need to have perfect and fluent English to benefit from the course – indeed we believe the programme will be a good way of improving English language skills.

For many years the English College, whose founding patrons were Václav Havel and HRH Prince Charles, has been at the forefront of English language drama in Prague, through school productions including 'Marat de Sade', 'The Crucible', 'Cabaret' and 'The Memorandum', association with the Prague Drama Company Blood, Love and Rhetoric (BLR) and participation in both the Edinburgh and Prague fringe festivals and the Prague Shakespeare Festival. The Theatre Academy will build on this tradition and offer something new – the chance to develop acting skills and qualify in the prestigious LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) examinations.

The Academy will take place over two sessions on Saturday mornings one from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon and the second from 12.00 noon until 2.00 p.m. over two 15 week terms per year, February to May and September to December, at our main school site by the Vysočanská metro station, Sokolovská 139/320, Praha 9. Classes will be two hours long and teaching will be done through a combination of large group workshops for one hour and small group sessions (maximum of three per class) for the second hour. It will also be possible for one to one acting coaching after the main sessions have ended. The group workshop will focus on improvisation, sketches, cabaret and both devised work and scenes from plays and musical theatre whilst the group and individual lessons will spend time on monologues, verse and prose reading and declamation, including Shakespeare. Teaching will be by experienced practitioners who are native English language speakers. At the end of each term there will be an open review of the work done for parents and friends of the participants, but the prime aim of the Academy is to develop dramatic skills and, when appropriate, to have them recognised through LAMDA.

The cost of the Academy is 800 Kč (700 Kč for students at the ECP) per week or 10,000 Kč per 15 week term. One to one lessons can be arranged for an additional 800 Kč per hour. There is an additional charge payable directly to LAMDA for exam entry (c £50, depending on the level) which is assessed by visiting examiners from London. Students who are interested in enrolling should contact Mrs Iva Rozkošná on tel. 283 893 113 for more details or can download the form from our website (www.englishcollege.cz) and email it to iva.Rozkosna@college.cz Students should bring their payment to the first session on February 4th when it will also be possible to register if there are any places remaining. The reception will be open from 9.30a.m. for registration to allow a prompt start at 10.00a.m. and again at 11.30a.m. for the midday start.

We hope that both Czech and international students will take this opportunity to engage with some of the great works of literature, improve their English language and drama skills, gain recognition of their talents and most of all have an enjoyable, fulfilling time.

