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Bristol Valley Theater's 2011 Apprentice Program

July 5 – August 12

A popular six-week program taught by BVT professionals and guest artists. Learn about acting, movement, scene work, technical theater, story theater and more!

AUDITIONS will be held Saturday, May 14, from 3 p.m. til 4:30 p.m. at the theater, 151 South Main Street, Naples. You may do a short memorized piece or read from a script. Please bring the completed apprentice application with you to the audition.

Criteria for enrollment in the program:

- a genuine interest in theater
- audition for the Artistic Director
- willingness on the part of apprentices and parents/guardians to commit to a rigorous schedule
- age requirement: 11-17 years old

Description of the program:

Program meets Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Apprentices, under the direction of the Apprentice Director, Bianca Siplin, will work on theater games and exercises, improvisation, movement, acting, set construction and costumes and a variety of other activities. Special workshops led by the professionals working on the BVT main stage, will be offered throughout the summer on a variety of topics such as playwrighting, stage dialects, dance etc. Apprentices will perform a fully-mounted play which will run for two weeks on the BVT stage and tour for one week to area children's facilities and libraries. Apprentices will also have the opportunity to attend matinee performances of the main stage productions and have talk back sessions with the actors.

Tuition is \$300 for the six week program. Tuition covers the cost of everything from the Apprentice Director's salary and housing to expenses for the play including costumes, set, royalties, and scripts. *If you have a child who would like to participate but cannot afford full tuition, partial scholarships are available—see details below.*

For an application:

- Call: BVT's administrative office at 585-374-9032
- Write to: P.O. Box 218, Naples, NY 14512
- E-mail to: bvt@bvtnaples.org

Return your application in person or mail to:

Bristol Valley Theater,
Attn-Apprentice Program Coordinator,
P.O. Box 218,
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General information:

Bristol Valley Theater's Apprentice Program is designed to give individuals interested in theater an overview of the entire process of producing a play from as many different perspectives as possible. This format is provided to reinforce the concept of theater as a collaborative art form.

The entire program will be under the direction of Bristol Valley Theater's Artistic Director, Karin Bowersock and the 2011 Apprentice Program Director, Bianca Siplin. Ms. Siplin is an energetic actress, director, teacher and arts educator who currently leads the drama program at Prescott Middle School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Bianca holds a Bachelor's degree from Dillard University and received her Master of Arts degree from Miami University. Enrollment in the Apprentice Program is limited so that each candidate can receive individual attention and fulfill his or her own personal goals.

Attendance is required on all class dates, rehearsals and performances, except in the case of serious illness or personal emergencies. All conflicts must be cleared through the program coordinator prior to the start of the Apprentice Program. It is important that parents and students understand that missing sessions not only effects a student's experience of the program, but because theater is a team activity, one child's absence effects the experience of all the apprentices. The program was shortened this summer to allow more time outside of the program time for families/students to schedule vacations and other summer plans. It also means less class time to rehearse, so attendance at all classes is more important than ever.

Other important information:

Tuition payment:

Once apprentices are accepted into the program Tuition is due by June 10. Scholarship requests (based on financial need) will be handled on a case-by-case basis. In order to evaluate and award scholarships fairly, we are asking that parents complete a scholarship request form (attached). **These scholarship requests must be returned by May 23** to Karin Bowersock, Artistic Director, Bristol Valley Theater, PO Box 218, Naples, NY 14512.

The Children's Show:

Alice In Wonderland, commissioned especially for BVT's Apprentice Program from award-winning playwright, Dominic Orlando (author of last year's **Treasure Island, The Truth About Dragons** and more). This is a children's play and will be performed for an audience aged K-6.

Important Dates:

Saturday, May 14	Apprentice Program Auditions
Monday, May 23	Applications for Tuition Scholarships must be received by this date
Monday, June 6	Scholarship recipients will be notified.
Friday, June 10	Tuition due
Monday, July 6	Apprentice Program begins
Friday, July 15	Apprentice Presentation
Tuesday, July 26 - Friday, August 12	Alice in Wonderland performs, including tour
Friday, August 12	Final day of program

