



**HIGH SCHOOL
FOR THE
PERFORMING
AND VISUAL ARTS**

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Dear Fine Arts Coordinator:

The HSPVA Theatre Guild, a division of a parent and student volunteer organization of **The High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Theatre Department, is sponsoring a workshop for middle school students on Saturday, December 12, 2009.** We hope that you will encourage your students who are interested in theatre to attend. The workshop is a fundraiser for the HSPVA Theatre Department. Over the years, it has proven to be an enjoyable educational opportunity for both the middle school participants and the HSPVA student leaders. It cannot, however, be considered leverage for admission into the Theatre Department.

The workshop will consist of three 50-minute sessions conducted by HSPVA theatre students who have been trained by HSPVA theatre faculty. Students will be grouped by grade level, with different activities at each level so that students who have attended in the past will learn new skills. **Eighth grade students will learn theatre audition procedures and techniques.** All students will attend sessions on improvisation and movement at levels of advancement appropriate to their grade level. A new session this year will feature the Magic from Backstage including special effects, lights, sets, costumes, sound design, and stage management.

At 1:00 p.m., after the three morning sessions, pizza will be served or students may bring their own sack lunch. Each participant will receive a workshop T-shirt.

After lunch, workshop participants are invited to attend a special recital from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. presented by HSPVA senior theatre students. The seniors will be performing short pieces they have prepared for college auditions and competitions.

Please post the enclosed registration form and distribute copies to interested students and teachers. **Workshop space is limited, and early registration is encouraged.** *A limited number of scholarships are available for students with financial need.*

Questions about the workshop?

Please contact me at 713-533-0048 or my e-mail address: **kfenninger@comcast.net.**

Thank you very much for your support of the HSPVA Theatre Guild Middle School Workshop!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Fenninger
Registrar - Middle School Workshop