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Content outline for teachers and lecturers

Award-winning Vamos Theatre is the UK's leading full mask theatre company, and we've been working with schools and colleges, nationally and internationally, since 2006. U i Mask Performing and Devising workshop a A ~ aae^A f i A c a^} o A [{ A SH to degree level.

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2 hour workshop includes:

- A short warm up, preparing the group physically and mentally
- Group exercises exploring non-verbal communication
- Learning how to wear the mask
- Learning how to create a character physically
- An introduction to mask techniques, such as 'clocking'
- Hot-seating in a mask
- Introductory mask scenes: meeting and communicating
- Devising mask scenes: gaining skills and confidence

4 hour/one day workshop includes:

4 hour/one day workshops begin with a similar structure to 2 hour, but also include:

- Further development of characterisation and physical clarity
- More group devising in mask, culminating in a sharing
- An exploration of the importance of music and sound in mask performance
- A critical discussion on theatre performance, and what mask theatre techniques can bring to participants' own work

Outcomes

Whichever length you choose, Mask Performing and Devising for Students aims to give participants a practical overview of mask and devising, with an insight into how Vamos Theatre makes its award-winning work. The workshop will help students grow the skills and confidence to embark on mask projects and devise their own work. The workshop is especially valuable when paired with seeing a Vamos Theatre performance.

Specific outcomes:

- Familiarising with the essential techniques of wearing and performing in mask, focusing on physical detail and isolation
- Developing students' confidence in physical storytelling
- Developing students' confidence in devising, and encouraging creative thinking
- Helping students to have physical clarity and focus on stage
- Addressing key skills required in mask and physical characterisation and performance
- Enhancing teamwork skills
- Creating an opportunity for shy or under-confident students to shine when performing behind a mask

Our workshops are challenging, creative, fast-paced, inclusive and great fun. We pride ourselves on engaging every student taking part, and being flexible to the needs of the group. All our workshop leaders hold current DBS certification.

Booking details

Suitability: SUH upwards

Course size: maximum 24 participants

To book: contact 01905 312921 or email info@vamos theatre.co.uk