

Las Positas College For Immediate Release

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Las Positas College Actors Conservatory Announces Inaugural Class



(Livermore, CA) - Las Positas College (LPC) announces the inaugural class of The Actors Conservatory, a two-year certificate program seeking to inspire and prepare students for a life in the performing arts.

The foundational belief of the Actor's Conservatory is that inspired, trained and professional actors will be leaders in the next generation of artists, passionately advocating for theater as a precious art form and viable trade skill. The Conservatory challenges students to find their personal truth, inner strength, and outer artists, enriching their own career path and the communities and stages around them. "The program is wonderful, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone interested in acting professionally in any capacity," said Lyle Sahagun, member of the inaugural class. "The entire staff involved are truly invested in your success and every class you take has a purpose to further your skills as a performer."

The mission of the Actors Conservatory is to provide professional training for the intellectual, creative, and personal development of theater artists, committed to cultivating well-educated actors through engagement and experiences aimed at a deeper and more profound understanding of the craft of theater and the cultural importance of the art form. "I came for the opportunity to learn and work with like minded people, and to learn from real professionals in different parts of the industry," said Johnathan Weiss, member of the inaugural class. "An experience like this is normally found only in big cities, and I'm grateful to have found it in the area I grew up in, at an affordable price, too. I enjoy the atmosphere of the Conservatory; making sure we all have fun and can enjoy learning about what we love. In the short time I've been with the Conservatory, I've already noticed myself naturally and effectively improving, removing bad habits and improving my technique and character work."

The Actors Conservatory's goal is to ensure students leave the program with the knowledge and experience necessary to continue in the performing arts as actors. "I wanted to train with the Las Positas Actors Conservatory because I knew it would provide me with the opportunity to build upon my experience and skills as an actor, performer, and artist as part of what I knew would be a really inspiring and rewarding environment," said Ricardo Jauregi, inaugural student.

Designed for both new and returning performers, the Actors Conservatory gives students the chance to focus intensely for two years in preparation for the professional field of acting. Courses are led by faculty and professional experts with extensive backgrounds in acting and directing on stage and in film, with experience directing, acting, or teaching with companies and organizations throughout the Bay Area, the country, and around the world. "The Actors Conservatory is a great opportunity for anybody looking to make a career in the arts; all of the professors are dedicated to giving you the best education possible," said Matthew Bessiere inaugural student.

Students spend the first year learning the foundational methodologies of acting as a craft through rigorous and concentrated immersion into the program, setting the actor's intention of professionalism into action in courses such as Acting I & II, Musical Theater Workshop, Stage Speech, Movement, and Voice, while being given the opportunity to perform in a production as well. "This is not only the best place to hone my skills, but people always long for 'the good old days' and I already know that these are those days in my life and I'll cherish every moment," said inaugural member Colin Fitzmaurice

Las Positas College is the only community college in the greater northern California area to offer a dedicated vocational training program for actors, and at a more affordable rate than other similar programs. To learn more about the Actors Conservatory, and how you or someone you know can get started as the Class of 2023, visit the website for more information:

laspositascollege.edu/theater/conservatoryhome

The Actors Conservatory Inaugural Class:

Alise Bradford, Colin Fitzmaurice, Gideon Capili, Jasmine Guerrero, Lyle Sahagun, Jonathan Weiss, Kieran Fernandez, Liva Langer, Logan Schluntz, Matthew Bessiere, Osvaldo Mora, Ricardo Jauregui.

For more information about the Actors Conservatory, email tlsh@laspositascollege.edu.

About Las Positas College

Las Positas College currently enrolls 8,000 students and offers curriculum for students seeking transfer to a four-year college or university, career preparation, or basic skills education. The College provides university transfer classes, retraining classes for those in need of employment or career advancement, a first-time educational opportunity for many adults, enrichment classes for those seeking a broader perspective, and career and technical training for those entering the technical and paraprofessional workforce.

Las Positas College is a learning-centered institution focused on excellence and student success. It is fully committed to supporting Tri-Valley residents in their quest for education and advancement. Las Positas College faculty and staff are distinguished by their energy, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of the students they serve and the future of the Tri-Valley region.