

DON'T MISS OUT!

ARTS OFFICE THEATER NEWSLETTER 25-26

Dear Theater Teachers,

Congrats on starting another (or your first) first day with students. I realize you are focused on day to day as the semester kicks off but please review and take advantage of these FREE and time sensitive Arts Office Theater offers to support you and your students immediately. All future newsletters will be at www.iteachtheater.com

New Theater Teachers:

Sign up for these free supports:

1. **New Theater Teacher Orientation** (meeting on Monday 9.15)
2. **Arthur Miller Foundation Fellows Program** (due 9.15)
3. **New Teacher Building A Theater Program in Your School** - led by two master teachers (starts Monday 10.6)
4. All offers below as well

All Theater Teachers:

1. Join us for our **Citywide Professional Learning for Theater Teachers** (on 11/4, 1/26 & 6/4).
2. Apply for our **Arthur Miller Foundation Fellows Program** (due 9.15)
3. Sign up for the **National Theater Project**
4. Apply for the **Shubert High School Theatre Festival**
5. Sign up for **American Voices** (Theater and History co-curricular) Units

See links below for more details on all. Keep visiting www.iteachtheater.com for all news and programs. And stay tuned as I am launching our first ever Theater Teacher Online Forum!

I look forward to meeting or seeing you in person soon!

Peter

FREE Events and Initiatives for New Theater Teachers

Teacher Orientation for New Theater Teachers (All Grades)

Monday, September 15th, 4:30-6:00 PM (in-person)

@Carnegie Hall, 154 West 57th Room 10A.

Join Director of Theater Peter Avery for conversational orientation on all aspects of teaching Theater in NYC Public Schools including The Blueprint, free professional learning opportunities, resources, student opportunities, navigating the school culture, funded initiatives and classroom management. Meet and network with other new teachers and join our community of theater educators across the city. Veteran teachers who are teaching theater for the first time are welcome to attend as well!

TO RSVP: Please [click here to register](#) by Wednesday 9/10.

Building a Theater Program in your School for New & Developing Teachers (years 1-3) (All grades)

Starts October 6, 10 sessions

Location: TBD

For new and developing teachers (1-3 years teaching experience). Two master veteran theater teachers cover all aspects of building a theater program as well as pedagogical and directing strategies for managing your classroom and teacher effectiveness.

Participants will articulate and work towards implementing a vision for the theater program at their school. All sessions provide hands-on activities and strategies to enhance teacher instruction and guide how to develop school community support.

Course Days & Times:

Monday, 10/6 - 4:30-7pm

Saturday, 10/11 - 10am-1pm

Tuesday, 10/21 - 4:30-7pm

Saturday, 10/25 - 10am-1pm

Monday, 10/27 - 4:30-7pm

Saturday, 11/1 - 10am-1pm

Monday, 11/3 - 4:30-7pm

Saturday, 11/8 - 10am-1pm

Monday, 11/10 - 4:30-7pm

Monday, 11/17 - 4:30-7pm

TO RSVP: [Please click here to register](#) by Monday September 22nd.

FREE Events and Initiatives for ALL Theater Teachers

2025-26 CITYWIDE THEATER PD SERIES

3 In-Person Sessions: Nov 4, Jan 26 & June 4

Igniting Curiosity & Creativity: In the Classroom, on the Stage & In Life *(For All Teachers: K-12, D75, 79)*

Information about sessions for this professional learning is forthcoming.

Session 1: Tuesday, November 4, 2024

Location: LaGuardia High School | 100 Amsterdam Ave, NYC

Time: 8:15AM – 3:00PM

Eligibility: Free for All NYC DOE teachers of theater, grades PreK-12

MUST RSVP: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) ASAP and no later than October 15th

ARTHUR MILLER FOUNDATION

FOR THEATER EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Apply Today - Open to New and Veteran Teachers - Deadline 9.15.25

Arthur Miller Foundation Fellows Program for the 2025-26 School Year

Up to 20 select NYC Public School theater teachers from across the city will receive significant mentorship and resources towards developing as teachers and building robust programs for their schools.

Currently we have over 100 Arthur Miller Foundation Fellows across all 5 boroughs at the elementary, middle and high school levels. **WATCH:** [AMF FELLOWS PROGRAM](#)

ARTHUR MILLER FOUNDATION FELLOWS PROGRAM provides teachers and schools with:

- Mentorship teachers receive 8 dedicated visits from a veteran theater educator
- Cultural Partner Residencies from top New York theater education organizations
- Resources for theater classroom studios and productions
- Theater Tickets to take students to see live professional theater
- Professional Learning sessions and workshops alongside Arthur Miller Fellow colleagues

AMF FELLOWS PROGRAM Online Application 2025-2026: [CLICK HERE](#)

DEADLINE: Monday, September 15, 2025 by 6:00pm ET

Requirement: Complete the online application process. The Fellows Program is open to any and all full-time DOE certified theater teachers in K-12 New York City Public Schools (must not have previously been an Arthur Miller Fellow).

Questions: Contact Daryl Embry, Program Manager, at daryl@arthurmillerfoundation.org.

FREE National Theatre UK Initiative 25-26



Sign-Up!: Exclusive Free Access to National Theatre Filmed Productions and Valuable Resources for NYC Public School Students.

Our initiative currently reaches over 200 teachers (Gr. 3-12) and nearly 30,000 students of all levels and abilities across all boroughs.

[The National Theatre Collection](#) -- showcasing a variety of theatrical productions, styles, diverse playwrights and creative actors, designers, and backstage crew – serves as a tremendous resource for truly blended instruction to engage students in the study of the worlds of these plays and in performance. The program includes quality educational resources for teachers and students, including study guides, director notes, and sample lesson plans. In addition, teachers also have access to curated lesson plans to activate titles in the collection, [developed by fellow NYCPS teachers.](#)

[LEARN MORE & APPLY NOW](#)

QUESTIONS? Please email Janie Slavens, Project Coordinator at janieslavens@gmail.com

NOTE: Theater, English, and History/Social Studies Teachers are encouraged to apply.

High School Teachers: Apply today for the 2026 Shubert High School Theatre Festival!



See the 2025 Festival Sizzle Video [HERE!](#)

Theater reflects life and happens in real time, in person where the intersection of artists and audiences creates a unique performance every night. We gather each year as a community to recognize and honor over 150 creative public high school students from 5 theatrical productions who share their craft and their powerful stories with you.

Experience the full Festival: [Shubert HS Theatre Festival 2025 Full Event Video](#) | Download our Festival Playbill: [Shubert HS Theatre Festival 25 Playbill](#)

2026 Festival Application: [APPLY NOW](#) Productions can be published plays and musicals or original devised pieces



American Voices is a free, fully funded theater and history co-curricular program where teachers and students (MS or HS) bring your study of theater and American history to life through a theatrical lens.

The program explores unique decades in the 20th Century through experiential learning using great American plays to complement the NYC scope and sequence for Social Studies. Social Studies and Theater education come to life for students as these Units shine a spotlight on the social, economic and/or political realities of the era being studied.

Participating schools receive FREE supports including:

- **Complete Units with 5-6 Lesson Plans for Social Studies and Theater study** (co-developed by the DOE Theater and Social Studies Teachers)
- Professional Development for activating these Units and co-teaching models
- Curriculum appropriate theater based activities
- Entire scripts of the plays (selected from texts currently taught in our schools)
- Historical resources and in-depth PowerPoints of American events (i.e. WWII, Great Depression, Levittown, etc.)
- Compilation of Popular music from each decade

SIGN UP!: Please indicate your interest in the program by filling out [this survey](#).

I hope you will join us on 11/4 for the Citywide PD with over 200 peers and I encourage you to keep visiting iteachtheater.com to stay current regarding free opportunities and resources.

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