



MIDDLESEX COUNTY ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

PREPARATION FOR AUDITION / WORKSHOP / PORTFOLIO REVIEW Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Middlesex County College

How to prepare for your Audition / Workshop at Middlesex County College,
College Center Building (Lot #1) 2600 Woodbridge Ave., Edison 08818, on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

THE AUDITION FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **Everyone must bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope (4"X9") so we can mail your results. If you are auditioning for two art forms, only one envelope is needed.**
- **ALL students will be at the Audition / Workshop for the full two hour session.**
- **Please call our office (732-566-2787) if you have two auditions at the same time or overlap.**

Your attendance and participation at the workshop / portfolio review will serve as your Arts Middle School audition. Instructors / Judges will be present to evaluate your work and will notify the Arts Middle School administration of your readiness to participate in the program.

Each student trying out for Arts Middle School will be judged on how well they apply themselves on Dec. 9th. Students will be judged on artistic ability, listening and learning skills, willingness to try new things, and successfully working with other students.

In case of inclement weather conditions, cancellations will be announced on our website – www.ArtsHigh.net, or you may call our office after 7:00 am at 732-566-2787 for a recorded message

HOME PREPARATION WILL BE NECESSARY FOR YOUR AUDITION. SEE BELOW:

CREATIVE WRITING A: 9 AM – 11 AM **CREATIVE WRITING B: 11 AM – 1 PM**

Bring pen/pencil for writing and 10 sheets of loose leaf paper. Workshop exercises will be given to stimulate both your creativity and writing flow. Student work will be shared and discussed. **You must attend during your assigned time slot. If you don't know your time slot please call our office.**

FILMMAKING: 11 AM – 1 PM

Applicants should submit audition film on a dvd or flash drive:

- 1- **A short film, no longer than 3 minutes** in length with the theme of "Trapped"
- 2- **A 1 page screenplay** incorporating the following elements:
 - a) It must happen in **1 room**.
 - b) Only **2 characters** are allowed.
 - c) There must be a line of dialogue that reads: "**Did that just move?**"
- 3- Please bring a pencil

JAZZ IMPROV: 3 PM – 5 PM

Bring your instrument (in good working order), blank music paper, and a music stand. **Piano and drum set will be provided.** Guitar and Bass players should bring an amp and the cord. Students should prepare a 1 to 3 minute solo or excerpt of your choice and all major and chromatic scales. Music for sight-reading will be provided at the workshop.

MODERN DANCE: 11 AM – 1 PM

Wear leotards, footless tights, or tight pants. Pull long hair back. No dance footwear is required. You will dance barefoot. You will be given a number at the sign-in desk. This number will serve as your identification. Pin the number to the front of your clothing. **DO NOT SWITCH NUMBERS.** During the class, students will be introduced to technical skills, individual expression and performance preparation. No individual presentation will be required.

MUSICAL THEATER A: 9 AM- 11 AM

MUSICAL THEATER B: 11AM- 1 PM

Select a song from a musical show that best demonstrates your vocal range and the quality of your voice. This selection should be memorized and sung with poise and confidence. Bring sheet music for the accompanist or a CD accompaniment without words. At the audition you will be reading from a script to demonstrate your stage presence, acting experience, and ability to interact with another character. Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to dance. Bring a wallet size photo with your name on the back and a pen or pencil.

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PHOTOGRAPHY A 11AM - 1PM

PHOTOGRAPHY B: 1 PM - 3 PM

Select 5-7 images showing your best work (unframed). Write a brief (1-2 paragraphs) statement of what interests you about photography and what you expect to learn in this class. All students should bring their camera; it must have adjustable settings (you must be able to manually adjust aperture, shutter, ISO, focus).

Photos will not be returned. No cell phone photos.

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THEATER ARTS:

6th Grade Theatre 11 AM – 1 PM

Bring a wallet-size photo (name, grade and school name on back) and a pen or pencil. Wear loose comfortable clothes you can move in easily. Prepare a 1-2 minute age appropriate monologue. During the workshop you will be introduced to theater games and improvisations.

7th Grade Theatre 11 AM – 1 PM:

Bring a wallet-size photo (name, grade and school name on back) and a pen or pencil. Wear loose comfortable clothes you can move in easily. **MEMORIZE a 1-2 minute age appropriate monologue.** During the workshop you will be introduced to theater games and improvisations.

8th Grade Theater 11 AM – 1 PM

Bring a wallet-size photo (name, grade and school name on back). Prepare an age appropriate monologue, no longer than a minute which should be memorized and performed. Please know the title of the play your monologue is taken from and the name of the playwright. Know as much as you can about this character and what you can't find out from the play, improvise!!! The character should be very close to your age, not a young child or animal. Dress comfortably (no tight fitting clothes or open toed shoes).

VISUAL ARTS – 3-D: 1 PM – 3 PM

Bring 3-5 examples of realistic, not abstract, art work you've done. This can be drawing, painting or sculpture. If submitting any 3D or large works, bring photos of the work. *No sculpting experience is required.*

VISUAL ARTS - DRAWING & PAINTING: 9 AM – 11 AM

PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU HAVE THESE ITEMS WITH YOU ON AUDITION DAY.

Students are asked to bring a key or set of keys perhaps on a key ring or chain and another object they would put in their pockets such as money, coins or bills, lip gloss, a particular art supply such as an eraser, candy, gum or wrappers. **NO CELL PHONES AS STILL LIFE OBJECTS.**

Also include three original 2-D drawings for your portfolio that best show off your technical skills, risk-taking, creativity, and visual imagination. Drawings must be from personal art work. Possibilities should include still life, landscape or a self-portrait. Please include your NAME, GRADE, and SCHOOL on each piece of art work.

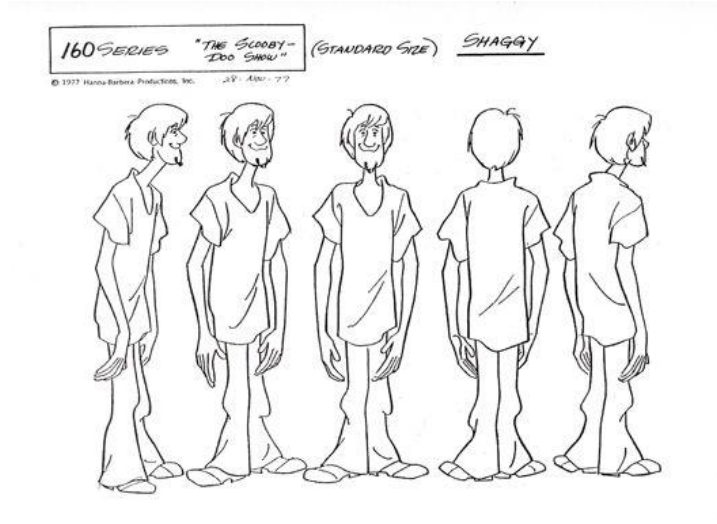
RETURN TO PICK UP YOUR WORK AT 4:00PM

VISUAL ARTS ANIME/MANGA DRAWING: 3 PM – 5 PM

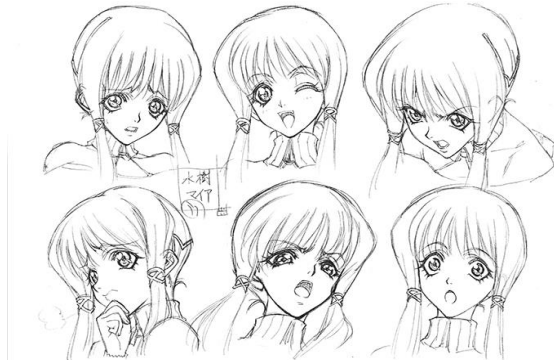
Please bring in on (3) separate sheets of drawing paper: Please include your NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL on each piece of art work. Students will also draw characters via teacher instruction during the audition.

1. **FULL BODY - Character model sheet** - displaying full body with front, side, ¾ and back views. Must be an original character created by student.

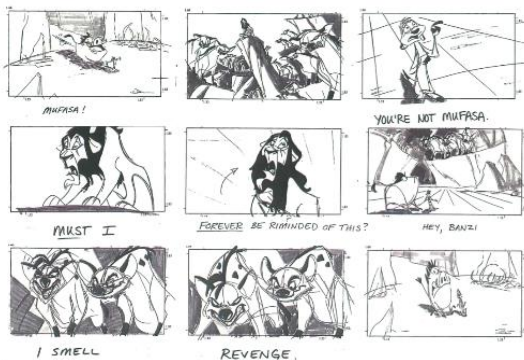
EXAMPLE:



2. **FACE EXPRESSIONS – Character Model Sheet** – displaying a minimum 6 different facial expression of the same original character.



3. **STORY BOARD** – Displaying 6 story slides featuring the student’s original character that show scenery/environment, character movement, and tells a story.



EXAMPLE:

Also bring in a sketchbook and/or a portfolio which accurately demonstrates the student’s current artistic skills

VOCAL MUSIC A: 1 PM – 3 PM

VOCAL MUSIC B: 3 PM – 5 PM

You will be asked to sing a scale, sing a simple melody, and execute musical intervals and exercises. This process is designed to assess your ability to sing in tune, your current vocal quality and flexibility, tonal memory, proper breathing, and natural voice range. The ability to read music is not necessary to enter this program, but it would help tremendously to be able to sight read. Students must prepare a short song of no more than two minutes. Bring two extra copies of the music which should be put in binder for the accompanist, or a CD accompaniment without words.

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