

Fundamental of Acting- Writing assignment 1

1. Write a Letter to Me

Tell me who you are, how you work and what you love. Being creative—especially when the art form requires your body, heart and mind the way performing does—requires often more of your effort than work that can be kept separate from your SELF. At the same time, if you are able to work creatively on projects that excite you, that you feel a personal connection to, that you get passionate about and love, then the *work* becomes much stronger, and much less difficult. So I want you to start to think about this class in terms of *your interests, your passions, and your desires*.

- Write me a letter telling me a bit about what those are. Some possible questions to prompt your writing:
- Where are you from?
- Give me a sentence or two about what your family/ origin/upbringing is like.
- What do you plan to major in when you get to college (*if applicable*)?
- What do you want to do with your life?
- What about that plan excites you?
- What else excites you?
- What is/has been your relationship to performance up to this point in your life?
- Why acting?
- What drew you to this course over all the other options?
- What do you hope to gain from it?
- What are you concerned about?
- Are you nervous about anything in particular?
- What if any specific interests or desires for this class can you articulate?
- And most importantly for me: Are there any particulars about how you work/learn that you wish you could have everyone know about you but usually don't have the chance to say? This is your chance to say them.

This is a letter to me and only me. So please write articulately and candidly. Be as honest and as you can. Use this opportunity to help me tailor this class to you, knowing of course that I may not be able to accommodate everything This is not an academic thesis paper. I encourage you to allow yourself the freedom to write informally, personally and poetically. **This does not mean all your years of learning how to spell and form a sentence go out the window! Please proof read your writing. You have the freedom to be poetic...not sloppy.**