Dear Midsummer Theatre Student:

We are very excited that you will be attending the Midsummer Theatre Program at Indiana University in 2015. This summer we have worked to improve upon this solid and ever-evolving program. We have a talented group of faculty, staff, students, graduates and affiliates of the Indiana University Department of Theatre and Drama who are eager to work, discuss, create, and experiment in our theatres and studios with you and your peers.

We look forward to meeting you on Sunday, June 14th, for registration and check-in, from 1 -3 p.m. in the Teter Residence Center. Since arrival is on a Sunday, it is difficult to accommodate early check-ins. Please see the enclosed information if you require an early or late check-in.

Enclosed are several documents which explain arrival procedures, a campus map, and forms that must be completed for your registration to be smooth and simple. Be certain to review all these materials carefully and fill them out completely. Go over them with your parent or guardian.

*Make sure to include all the required forms when you send the remainder of your tuition, which is due by Monday, June 8th.*

In addition to the other forms that are due, you need to have some items prepared before you arrive.

**Assignments:**

- **Monologue and Shakespearean Sonnet**

  During the course of the Midsummer program we will have an Audition Workshop. In order to make this evening a success, you need to find and memorize two age-appropriate, contemporary, realistic monologues. Ideally, one should be serious and one comic. Each should be 2 minutes in length. They should be ready for presentation when you show up the first day.

  We’d like to see something that you’ve chosen recently and worked on yourself, so we can help you hone your instincts and skills in monologue preparation.

  We will also be working on scenes from Shakespeare so that we can help you discover the power of his language, and the humor and depth of his characters. Please choose and memorize one of Shakespeare’s Sonnets. Choose one that you find accessible. It will serve as a tool for helping you develop a basic acting approach to Shakespeare. The Sonnets are available at your library, bookstore, or online. There are 154 of them. All you need is 1.

- **Personal Journal**

  Find a journal of some sort to keep track of your experiences during the program. You will be absorbing a lot of new information that may not really hit you until you leave Midsummer. If you keep a journal, it will help you in the weeks after to remember what you were thinking about while you were at IU.

  A journal will also help you respond to group work in Break-Out Sessions that you will have daily with your counselors. The journal is a good thing to work on during breaks, free time and quiet study time. Remember that the journal is for you; there are not right or wrong answers, and though we may ask you to share your thoughts, you never have to let anyone else read your journal.
To help with this personal connection, find a journal that says something to you. If a normal notebook will do for you, then use it. If you like blank paper, then use a drawing pad. Find something that will invite you to write and explore thoughts and feelings.

Keep in mind, that you will want a separate notebook for class notes.

- *Short Performance*

Finally, the staff invites you to bring a short performance piece to present to your peers on our first gathering, the evening of Sunday, June 14th. The piece should be something, like your journal, that tells us who you are, what you’re interested in and what you’re capable of doing.

The format for this assignment is wide open, but here are some guidelines. Present something that lasts for 2 to 4 minutes. Feel free to act, dance, read or sing (though there will probably be no accompanist at this event, so you’ll be going a cappella or bring a media player.) Please do not tell a joke, make a speech or involve anyone else. It is about you introducing yourself to us through the presentation of material to which you feel connected.

This piece should be about you, your talents and what you find meaningful. It should also be fun! Don’t put too much pressure on yourself. We’ll all be there to support and share with one another as we begin this great adventure.

Please note that this Short Performance is in addition to the Monologue and Sonnet requirement above.

Questions, comments, concerns, quips and queries about these assignments, or indeed anything else regarding the program, should be directed to us at: mcfadden@indiana.edu or nlipschu@indiana.edu

We look forward to meeting you!

Dale McFadden
Midsummer Theatre Program
Program Director
mcfadden@indiana.edu
812-855-4080

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Midsummer Theatre Program
Professor of Acting
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812-855-6419
Arrival

Here is a URL that allows you to see the campus map online: http://www.indiana.edu/~iubmap/ 
Please note that our facility is called IU Theatre on the map. You can search for individual buildings with the online map. Please plan to arrive in Bloomington between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14th. Check-in will be at Teter Residence Center located at 501 North Sunrise Drive—off of 10th Street and East of the Library at 10th & Jordan. Parents and guardians will have an opportunity to meet the dorm counselors between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. during check-in, followed by a brief welcome from Program Director Dale McFadden.

Late Arrival

Call or e-mail Dale McFadden at (812) 855-4080 (mcfadden@indiana.edu) before Friday, June 12th if you need to schedule an early or late arrival. It is very important that you make this contact to ensure that someone is available to greet you.

Dale’s cell phone is 812-322-7324, in case you need to talk to him after June 13th and before your Sunday arrival on June 14th.

WE ARE ON EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

Orientation and Check-in at Teter Residence Center

Registration for the program and dormitory check-in will be in Teter Residence Center from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Parking will be available in the circular drive of the Teter Residence Center. After unloading and move-in, please park in the parking lot on 10th Street. The entrance is at the stop light at 10th and Sunrise. You should park there when you return for our 3:00 p.m. Sunday meeting with students and family.

Residence Hall Address

Teter Residence Center, 501 North Sunrise Drive, Bloomington, IN 47406-7506
Phone Number – 812-855-4034
Please use the following link to explore information about Teter Residence Center.
http://www.rps.indiana.edu/teterrescenter.cfml

Counselors

Counselors employed by the Midsummer Theatre Program will live in the dormitory with the students. They also supervise dorm activities, answer questions, and provide help to participants as needed.

One counselor will be responsible for the administration of medicine and serve as a first contact for student concerns in the dormitory.
Dormitories

Each air-conditioned dormitory room is double occupancy. Male and female students will be separately housed in the dormitory.

One twin bed with mattress pad is provided for each student. Each room is furnished with a desk, dresser, and a closet. Coin-operated laundry facilities and vending machines are available in the dormitory.

Keep in mind several important pieces of information. If you lose your key, it will cost $100.00 to replace. A lost meal card will cost $15.00. We will provide lanyards to help you keep your key and meal card on you at all times. If you forget your linens, the center desk can make them available to you at a rate of $2.00 per day, which will add up to $26.00 by the end of the program.

Photograph

If you have not already done so, please send us a photograph of yourself, so we can put a face with your name before you arrive. This can either be a formal photograph or a snapshot. We will have a display set up at registration so we all can identify one another. If you have a digital photograph, you may send it as a jpg file with the subject line, “Midsummer Student Photo” to mcfadden@indiana.edu. Please make sure you provide identification with the picture to ensure that we display the correct photo.

What to Pack:

Clothing

- Loose-fitting, comfortable clothing for acting, movement, and voice classes
- Clothing suitable for field trips and performances (casual, but no jeans or t-shirts)
- Black pants and dark shoes for the final presentation
- Dance shoes if you have them, clean athletic shoes if you do not, or something else to move in

You also need to bring:

- Pajamas/Robe
- Closet hangers
- Sheets (extra long twin, or two standard twin flat sheets)
- Blanket
- Pillow(s)
- Towels
- Alarm clock
- Shampoo and soap
- Flip-flops to use as shower shoes (optional)
- A small package of laundry detergent
- Umbrella
- Sunscreen
Notebook (for journal writing)
Notebook (for class notes)
Pens and pencils
Nalgene Bottle or other water bottle
Money: Students will need cash only for laundry expenses, snacks, and incidentals.

Students are NOT encouraged to bring large amounts of money to campus.

Generally, out-of-town checks will not be accepted by local merchants, and students may have difficulty cashing personal checks. We suggest the use of traveler’s checks or debit/credit cards. In addition, you may want a little mad money for our trip to Brown County. We will try to make time for other stops like the IU Bookstore on campus.

The time that you are not in class should be spent socializing with new friends, rehearsing, reading class assignments, and practicing the skills you are learning. In order to create and maintain a creative and safe theatrical community, students should NOT bring:

Pets
Cars (If you are driving yourself to the program, please contact us the week of June 1st for parking details.)
Televisions
Microwaves
Refrigerators
Candles
Tobacco products (No smoking or other tobacco use is permitted during MIDSUMMER.)

General Policies

Policies and procedures for the Midsummer Theatre Program are established by the Chairperson of the Department of Theatre and Drama and the Program Director of the Midsummer Theatre Program. Indiana University is operated by the State of Indiana and is subject to all laws, statutes, and procedures of the state.

Disciplinary action, if necessary, will be taken by the Midsummer Program and Program Director in case of non-compliance with the program or dormitory rules and regulations.

The enclosed Conduct Agreement Form, which states the rules and regulations of the Program, must be signed and submitted by each student and a parent or guardian.

Health Form

The health form must be completed, signed, and mailed with your registration materials and payment of fees. You will need to download the attached medical form from this e-mail. Please print it, complete it, and sign it. We must have a signed original for our files.

Form is available to download at http://www.indiana.edu/~thtr/news/applyMidsummer.shtml
IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR MIDSUMMER WEBSITE –download the medical consent form
Hours

Midsummer students will be expected to be on their assigned floor(s) in Teter by 10:30 p.m. each night. Curfew extensions are granted only for group field trips and by special arrangement with the counselors as approved by the Program Director.

*Breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m., and classes begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp.*

Mail

All mail to Midsummer students should be addressed as follows:

(NAME)
Midsummer Theatre Program
501 North Sunrise Drive
(Room Number)*
Bloomington, Indiana 47406-7506

*Individual room numbers will be available at registration.

It is very important to include the Midsummer Theatre Program in your address. The residence hall staff will not know how to direct it otherwise.

Contact During the Program

In the event you need to contact your child during the course of the Midsummer Theatre Program, please contact Program Director Dale McFadden during business hours at his office phone: (812) 855-4080, at his home number: (812) 829-1047, or his cell phone number: (812) 322-7324. If you need to contact us prior to June 13th, please use the office phone.

For less pressing matters and general questions, feel free to e-mail Dale McFadden at mcfadden@indiana.edu or (812) 855-4080.

Meals

All meals will be served at the Wright Quad Food Court (a five-minute walk from the Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center and Teter Residence Center). Please note that lost meal cards cost $15 to replace.

Cars

**Students should leave their cars at home.** The locations of the Midsummer Theatre Program are within easy walking distance of each other, and we will provide transportation to special events. Many local amenities are also within easy walking distance.

Students who drive to Bloomington alone must store their cars at an Indiana University parking lot for the duration of the program and must leave their keys with the counselors. *Indiana University charges a parking fee for such accommodation.* While there is an option to park by
the IU Stadium for free, you are better off not bringing a vehicle. Students should not bring and store cars unless absolutely necessary. IU is not responsible for the safety of cars stored at any university parking lot. Students are not permitted to operate any motor vehicle while attending the Midsummer Theatre Program. Let us know by June 9th if you are considering this option.

Daily Schedule

Please note that the day begins early in the morning with activities planned for virtually the entire day and evening. Students should be prepared for a vigorous and active experience.

A sample schedule of a typical day follows. Please note that a detailed schedule of each day will be provided at check-in. Some classes may shift times.

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Closing Activities and Final Presentation

Parents, teachers, and friends are invited to the final Closing Activities and Final Presentation on Saturday, June 27th in the Studio Theatre in the Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center. The events will begin at 2:00 p.m. Further details will follow. Please RSVP with the estimated number of people in your party who plan to attend. Please see the order form for details.
Return Checklist: For fee payment and registration material

Please complete this form and mail it with the required payment and materials by **Monday, June 8th** to:

**MIDSUMMER THEATRE PROGRAM**  
Department of Theatre and Drama  
Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center  
Room A300U  
275 North Jordan Ave.  
Bloomington, Indiana 47405-1101

The following material is enclosed (please check off each item):

_____ Conduct Agreement, completed and signed

_____ Consent for Medical Treatment of a Minor, completed and signed by a parent or guardian. A Social Security number **must** be provided.

_____ Photograph (formal or casual), if not already provided.

_____ Performance supplement

If we have an odd number of students, would you be willing to room by yourself?

_____ Yes  _____ No

**ALSO PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU WILL MAKE ALL TUITION PAYMENTS TO IU OFFICE OF CONFERENCES AND EVENTS BY JUNE 8th**

_____ YES

**GO TO OUR MIDSUMMER “HOW TO APPLY” PAGE and click the link under IMPORTANT INFORMATION – IU Office of Conferences and Events.**
I, (name) ___________________________ am planning to attend the 2015 Indiana University Midsummer Theatre Program from Sunday, June 14th – Saturday, June 27th.

The following regulations should be carefully read and understood by both the student and his/her parent or guardian. This form should then be signed and returned with other registration material.

1. All use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs is strictly prohibited. Possession and/or use of tobacco, alcohol, or other controlled substances will result in immediate dismissal from the Midsummer Theatre Program.

2. Males will not be permitted in the females’ dormitory rooms, and females will not be permitted in males’ dormitory rooms, without the express consent of program counselors for program sanctioned activities.

3. Students must be on the assigned dormitory floor by 10:30 p.m. each night, unless they are participating in an approved Midsummer rehearsal, field trip, or activity.

4. Students are not permitted to operate any motor vehicle while attending the Midsummer Theatre Program. Indiana University assumes no liability in case of an accident involving non-university vehicles.

5. Midsummer students may not leave the city limits of Bloomington at any time during the Program without the express permission of a student’s parent or legal guardian and the Program Director, with the exception of Program sponsored and supervised field trips and events.

6. Midsummer students are expected to behave in a mature and responsible manner. Students will be held strictly liable for damage to University property and will also be subject to disciplinary action.

7. Students are expected to be prepared and punctual for every class. Students must be at every class and event at the designated starting time.

8. Food is not permitted in classrooms, theatres, or at any special events. Students should eat meals at scheduled meal times only. The only exception is the encouragement for students to bring water to every class.

I have read and understand the above regulations. I hereby agree to comply with the policies of the Midsummer Theatre Program. I understand that if I do not comply with the program and dormitory regulations, the Program Director will take action which may lead to expulsion from the program.

Student’s signature ______________________________________ Date __________

Parent/Guardian’s signature ______________________________ Date __________
MIDSUMMER PROGRAM PAYMENT FORM

1. T-SHIRTS:
   Number ordered:  S_____  M_____  L_____  XL_____  XXL_____
   (One T-shirt is free. Please indicate your size. Additional T-shirts may be purchased for $20 each)

   ADDITIONAL T-SHIRTS: #Additional T-shirts: _______@$20  Subtotal: $________

2. ADDITIONAL MIDSUMMER THEATRE PROGRAM GROUP PHOTOS:
   One 8 x 10 (approx. size) photo is free. We will be able to provide the digital file at no charge.

   #ADDITIONAL PRINTS ORDERED: _______(@$15 each)  Subtotal: $________

3. ADDITIONAL MIDSUMMER THEATRE PROGRAM DVD ORDER:
   Additional Final Presentation DVD. One DVD is free.

   Number Ordered: _______(@$15 each)  Show DVD  Subtotal: $________

   Total Due: $________

   STUDENT NAME: ____________________________

4. MAKE PAYMENT FOR EXTRA T-SHIRTS AND/OR DVDS BY ALSO GOING TO THE IU OFFICE OF CONFERENCES AND EVENTS.

   Closing Activities and Final Presentation:
   Please let us know how many friends and family plan to attend the closing day: __________

   The final presentation begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 27, immediately followed by the Closing Ceremonies. Both events take place in The Studio Theatre in the Lee Norvelle Theatre and Drama Center.