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THE ACTORS STUDIO 432 West 44th Street New York, NY 10036

WHAT IS THE ACTORS STUDIO

The Actors Studio is a theatre workshop for professional actors, directors, and playwrights, founded in 1947 by Elia Kazan, Cheryl Crawford and Robert Lewis. Lee Strasberg served as Artistic Director from 1947 until his death in 1982. Ellen Burstyn and Al Pacino were co-Artistic Directors for a year after that, and then Ms. Burstyn served as Artistic Director until 1988. Frank Corsaro has been the Artistic Director since April, 1988.

The Actors Studio was formed to provide a place where young and old professional actors could work together between jobs, or during long runs to continue to develop their craft and to experiment with new forms in creative theatre work. (It is not a beginner's dramatic School, nor should it be confused with the Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute.)

WHO HEADS THE ACTORS STUDIO?

Frank Corsaro is the Artistic Director. Patty Ewald is the Executive Director. Paul Newman is the President of the Board of Directors which also includes Carlin Glynn, Chair of the Executive Committee, Ellen Burstyn, Peter Masterson, Joanne Woodward, Robert DeNiro, Warren Beatty, Sally Field, Dennis Hopper, Al Pacino and Norman Mailer. In Los Angeles the three Directors are Sydney Pollack, Mark Rydell and Martin Landau.

HOW DOES THE ACTORS STUDIO CHOOSE ITS MEMBERS?

Any professional actor over 18 years of age is eligible for an audition. This consists of a five minute scene or monologue. Actors are advised to choose contemporary material close to themselves in age and experience. Auditions are presided over by the Artistic Director. Those interested in auditions may call the New York or Los Angeles office for further information.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE ACTORS STUDIO?

There are currently over 800 members of the Actors Studio, some invited at The Studio's inception by Elia Kazan, Robert Lewis, Cheryl Crawford and Martin Ritt. But most have become members through auditioning. The Studio is a continuing active membership group, not a school with "alumni" or "graduates". We are a cross section of White, Black, Latin, Oriental, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Pagan and Atheist, young, middle-aged and ageless, known and unknown actors.

HOW DOES THE ACTOR BENEFIT FROM THE ACTORS STUDIO?

Once admitted to membership, the actor is free to use all the facilities of the Studio in New York and Los Angeles. Members of The Studio enjoy a number of luxuries not usually available to actors in the commercial theatre. They are free to choose their own material--classical, contemporary, published, unpublished a play, novel, short story, screenplay, teleplay, poem, song,dance, musical, opera, ballet, etc. The actor can also write his own material. He or she is free to pick their own part and partners and no longer waits to be cast by others.

The actor now has a home in which to work. He or she can take as much rehearsal time as necessary and can show the work, either undirected or directed. The work is commented on by members present at the session, and guidance is given by the moderator. Frank Corsaro regularly moderates on Tuesdays and on Fridays in New York, and at the Studio West when he is in Los Angeles. Other moderators include Paul Newman, Ellen Burstyn, Shelley Winters, Lee Grant, Estelle Parsons, Arthur Penn, Carlin Glynn, Elia Kazan, Martin Landau, Frank Perry, Sydney Pollack, Mark Rydell, Bruce Dern, Burgess Meredith, Vivian Nathan, Harvey Keitel, Eli Wallach and Christopher Walken.

DOES STUDIO WORK EVER GO FURTHER THAN THE SESSIONS?

If the work shows merit, members are encouraged to develop it further at the "project" stage. A large number of Studio projects have been shown publicly in New York and Los Angeles. Some have gone on to considerable commercial success; A Hatful of Rain, The Rose Tattoo, End as a Man, East of Eden, Night of the Iguana, The Zoo Story, The Death of Bessie Smith, Sundown Beach, Any Wednesday, Marathon '33, The World of Beebee Fenstermaker, Camino Real and Sly Fox. The plays, Company and Twigs came out of the Studio in Los Angeles and went to Broadway, as well as The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas which was developed at the Studio in New York.

HAS THE ACTORS STUDIO EVER GONE COMMERCIAL?

From 1948 to 1952 The Actors Studio Television Series, a pioneering experiment in national "coaxial cable" broadcasting, produced 56 shows that consistently received excellent reviews. Mostly adaptations of short stories, each program was rehearsed by Studio members at the workshop for two weeks before being broadcast live. The Studio provided acting and directing talent, as

well as stage managers. The series was honored with a Peabody Award. In 1962 The Actors Studio Theatre presented Strange Interlude, Marathon'33, Dynamite Tonight, Baby Want a Kiss, Blues for Mister Charlie and The Three Sisters on Broadway.

CAN OUTSIDERS OBSERVE THE WORK OF THE ACTORS STUDIO?

Professional Observers' privileges are available to actors, directors and writers with sufficient theatrical experience. Those interested should apply in writing to the Artistic Director.

Working Observerships are available to any actor willing to volunteer a minimum of four hours a week in return for the opportunity to watch a session.

Foreign Observers come to us from all over the world and through an arrangement with the International Theatre Institute. They are permitted to observe a limited number of sessions.

ARE DIRECTORS AND WRITERS WELCOME AT THE ACTORS STUDIO?

Yes. The original Playwrights Unit was begun by Clifford Odets and Molly Kazan in 1952 and the first Directors Unit was formed by Lee Strasberg in 1960. William Inge started the Writers Unit at the Studio West and Jack Garfein formed the Directors Unit there.

The current Playwrights/Directors Unit in New York is lead by Frank Corsaro and Arthur Penn. In the past the Unit has been led by Elia Kazan, Joseph L. Mankiewicz and Arthur Penn. Members of the unit include Eric Bogosian, Lee Grant, A.R. Gurney, Romulus Linney, Norman Mailer, Frank Perry, Peter Masterson, Jerome Charyn, Harold Brodkey, Bernard Malamud, Jon Reynolds, Robert Anderson, and William Goldman.

The Studio West Playwrights and Directors Unit is supervised by Lyle Kessler.

For more than forty years The Actors Studio has lived a very rich artistic existence and will endure as long as talent needs a home.