

ACTORS LAB

Brennan Academy of Performing Arts introduced an exciting new acting course in September 2015 especially for teenagers. ACTORS LAB is packed with creativity, theatrical technique, screen acting, self-development, scene analysis and exploration.

ACTORS LAB classes will be taught by Ronnie McCann, Donal Courtney, BAPA tutors Noella McCann & Laura Brennan. Ronnie McCann also devised, structured and wrote the syllabus. As a professional actor for over 30 years, Ronnie brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise to this course. His credits include regular roles in BBC's Award winning drama *Casualty*, *Eastenders*, *Fair City*, *The Bill*, *Doctors*, *Taggart* and many more popular TV series. He has also starred in five feature films including *Shadow Dancer* which was directed by Oscar winner James Marsh. Ronnie has professionally performed in theatres throughout the UK, Europe and New York.

Actors Lab is based on the Actors Centre course which Ronnie attended as a teenager, a course which was instrumental in shaping his future career as a professional actor. BAPA students at Actors Lab will have all the benefits of working from books/materials and teaching resources published by the Actors Centre including:

- Improvisation
- Scene Study
- Camera Work
- Devising Scenes
- Characterisation
- Introduction to Shakespeare, Brecht and Chekov

Donal Courtney trained at the Gaiety School of Acting and has since become a tutor there. Donal has qualifications in Combat and Directing from the British Academy of Dramatic Combat and the University of Ulster. He has worked as a workshop facilitator for a range of public and private organisations including DIAGEO, IES, Kinsale College of Further Education, Kylesmore VEC, Young Gaiety Saturday School. Donal will be devising and writing scripts with all Actors Lab Students this year which will culminate in students performing their own plays at Smock Alley Theatre in Term 3.

Laura began acting at the tender age of six and toured extensively throughout Ireland and further afield as a professional performer. Upon finishing school Laura trained and received a first degree honours in performing arts from Trinity London. Laura teaches in Brennan Academy and is thrilled to work with the Actors Lab and call upon her own experiences in the industry to help shape young actors into professionally trained individuals. Laura co-runs Brennan Agency Youth Section and has a keen eye for new talent.

As part of the programme specially invited guest tutors who are currently working in the acting industry will workshop creative skills with the students each term. On completion of these modules students will perform an Actors Showcase at the end of term.

The underlying objective of ACTORS LAB is to have fun, build confidence, develop skills and explore all aspects of Acting. This course will be an excellent foundation for teenagers who would like to study acting full time and will be an eye-opener for any aspiring young actor.

In addition to providing Acting Tuition, Brennan Academy of Performing Arts run a very successful talent management agency. Our ACTORS LAB students will automatically qualify for representation by our Youth Talent Agency section and may have the opportunity to audition for professional acting work. 2015 - 2017 saw numerous Actors Lab students cast in various TV/ Feature Films & Theatre work.

ACTORS LAB – Application Info

Term Info: September 2018 – May 2019 (3 Terms, 10 weeks per term)

Term Fee: €160 per 10 week term

Venue: The Girls Presentation School, Maynooth

Lesson Dates and Time: Fridays during term time, Groups A & B: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Age Range: 12 – 18 years

Registration:

To register your child for Actors Lab and for further enquiries please email:

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