



Dear First Year Media Arts Students,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in one of Canada's most sought-after college programs! We know you will find this academic year challenging yet rewarding and all of us in Media Arts look forward to meeting you on the first day of class, which begins Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The orientation for 1<sup>st</sup> year students will take place 3-4pm in the TV studio, D102 (follow the signs). Those with classes that start earlier should follow your timetable and go directly to your class. Your instructor will bring you to the TV Studio for 3p.m.

For those who don't have a scheduled class, go directly to the TV Studio at 03:00 pm. There will be a brief information session so you can meet the faculty and staff as well as pick up information on equipment required and so on. Please remember to bring your timetable.

As Media Arts is a mobile program **you must have your computer for the first day of class.** Here are the details on the type of computer you will need to purchase:

### **School of the Arts Mobile Programs - Laptops for Fall 2010**

#### **Minimum Model:**

**13" Macbook with FireWire & DVD Burner or 13" Macbook Pro**

**Model Date:** Late 2007 or newer

**CPU:** Core 2 Duo Processor/2 GHz or higher

**RAM:** 2GB (4GB Strongly Recommended)

**Hard Drive:** 80GB or higher

**Video:** Intel GMA X3100/144MB or higher

**Mac OS:** 10.5 or higher

**Used Specs Link:** <http://tinyurl.com/SAAD4>

**Apple Store Link:** <http://tinyurl.com/SAAD2>



#### **Performance Model:**

**15" Macbook Pro**

**Model Date:** Brand New

**CPU Type:** Core i5 or i7 Processor

**CPU Speed:** 2.4 GHz

**RAM:** 4GB

**Hard Drive:** 320GB

**Video:** nVidia GT330M 256 MB

**Mac OS:** 10.6

**Apple Store Link:** <http://tinyurl.com/SAAD2>



**Minimum models are valid for only 1 Academic year (Sept through to August) after which you may be required to upgrade or purchase a new model**  
**Media Arts strongly recommends the Performance Model**  
**Students can purchase online or from any Apple Store at Education pricing provided they show a valid student number. [http://store.apple.com/ca\\_edu\\_108148](http://store.apple.com/ca_edu_108148)**  
**Purchase of the AppleCare Protection Plan is recommended for all Apple laptop purchase**

For more information on what type of computer you should buy or rent, you can check the Sheridan website at: <http://it.sheridanc.on.ca/mobile.html>

In order to meet the curriculum requirements you will also need to buy the items listed below:

- FireWire adapter 6-pin to 9-pin, connects FireWire 400 devices to FireWire 800 Ports
- Cat6 Ethernet cable
- Head phones for use with laptop when you are performing audio and video editing, (lower quality head phones are sufficient but if your interest is in audio professional headphones are preferred – Sony MDR7502, MDR7505, MDR7506, MDR7509HD)

#### **Portable Hard drive Requirements – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Media Arts**

Students are required to have a portable hard drive with the following specifications in order to store assignment and project files:

- 320GB – 1TB or greater capacity
- Rotational Speed (rpm): 7200 rpm
- **FireWire** (IEEE1394) interface to connect to laptops and desktop computers. A USB2.0 interface in addition to the fireWire port would be an asset.

#### **Recommended models:**

##### **LaCie Rugged Hard Disk**

FireWire 400 & 800 | Hi-Speed USB 2.0  
320GB | 320GB (7200 rpm) | 500GB | 500GB (7200 rpm)

##### **LaCie d2 Quadra Hard Disk**

eSATA 3Gbits | USB | FireWire 400 & 800 - 500GB

##### **LaCie Hard Disk Quadra**

eSATA 3Gb/s, USB 2.0, FireWire 400 & 800 1TB

[www.lacie.com](http://www.lacie.com)

Regards,

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