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Dear Performing Arts – Preparation Student;

Welcome to the incoming class of Performing Arts Preparation Program at Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning! I hope you are having a productive summer, as well as getting a little vacation time before the busy school year starts in September.

Below you will find some important information about the start of the school year.

You are invited to attend **Sheridan’s “New Student Orientation” on Friday, September 3rd, starting at 10 a.m.** There will be a full day of activities including morning welcome sessions, workshops, tours, and a free BBQ at lunch time. **A Program Orientation meeting will start at 11:30 am.** At the Orientation, you will receive a copy of your final course timetable, plus an overview of the program. After this, there will be a chance to look after parking, lockers, texts and photo ID, etc. **There will be a detailed introduction to the program on the first day of classes, Tuesday September 7th, at 3:00 pm in S235 (there is no class until 3 pm that day).** During this presentation, you will get the information you need for the upcoming year, as well as your picture taken.

The purpose of our program is to show you the reality of the performing arts industry in Canada. We have a great deal of fun in the program – but you will have to do a great deal of work. There are some books and materials you will need to purchase. This information will be given to you on the first day of classes. In addition to the tuition fees you have paid to the College, expect to spend approximately an additional \$300 on books and materials.

The Performing Arts – Preparation program is designed for students who are looking for a comprehensive introduction to the many aspects of performing arts. Graduates are encouraged to apply for further study to develop their specific areas of interest. Other programs of interest may include: Media Arts, Music Theatre – Performance, Technical Production for Theatre & Live Events and Theatre and Drama Studies.

Field Trips

We have numerous field trips in this program to see professional shows. Most of these shows are in the evening. If you are currently employed, please arrange to not have shifts on the field trip days. Once the trips are confirmed, you will receive a complete list. The cost of the trips are included in your tuition fees; attendance is expected for all field trips. The field trips are part of the program and mandatory as there are assignments associated with them (over 12 in total for the year). It is important to note that you will get out of this program what you put into it – as there is much group work and many research assignments.

Semester Length

Please note that our program runs for 14 weeks each semester. First semester runs from September 7 to December 17, 2010 (reading week is October 25 – 29). Second semester will run from January 10 to April 22, 2011 (reading week is February 28 – March 4).

I look forward to seeing you at Orientation on September 3rd.

Sincerely yours,

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Performing Arts Preparation