

Certificate in Acting Programme, 2021

Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation (LCYTF):

Founded by Somalatha Subasinghe in 1981, the Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation (LCYTF) promotes theatre productions and performances meant specifically for children and youth. Along with its theatre production and training arm, Somalatha Subasinghe Play House, it is involved in the training of actors, and research on theatre studies as well. Since its inception in 1981 the organisation has produced a repertoire of theatre productions for children and youth most of which belongs to the category of musical theatre, and has created award winning mainstream art theatre productions which have been performed in the island as well as abroad. In January 2007, this institution was incorporated in the parliament under the Act No. 3 of 2007. At present LCYTF is the topmost institution for children and youth theatre productions in Sri Lanka.

Introduction:

The objective of the programme is to provide the participants with the basic understanding and training on acting, directing, script writing and dance/musical theatre. Therefore, the programme provides all round training including, acting on stage, television and cinema, script writing and analysis, directing, movement and vocal training. The participants will have the opportunity to learn free and structured movements, posture, body flexibility and physical balance, vocal training, pronunciation, voice projection, improvisation, plotting scenes, etc.

To Whom:

Anyone above seventeen years of age can apply to join the programme. Those who are interested in joining the Programme, primarily should possess a love for theatre and should be prepared to offer her/his full commitment to the training. Ambitiousness and Willingness to work hard is also expected. The candidates will be selected for the programme through an interview.

Interviews will be held at Somalatha Subasinghe Play House, 166/1, Parliament Road, Kumbukgahaduwa, Kotte in the afternoon on following days.

- 09th Janury (Saturday) from 9.00 pm to 12.30 pm
- 10th January (Sunday) from 9.00 pm to 12.30 pm

Learning Outcome:

This programme gives the participants the opportunity to learn the basics of

(i) Acting on stage, television and cinema, (ii) Dancing and free and structured movements, (iii) Script and character analysis, (iv) Plotting and scene development, (v) Vocal training, voice projection, pronunciation and, (vi) improvisation

Resource Persons:

The programme is primarily conducted by Kaushalya Fernando. Kaushalya Ferrnando has obtained international level training on acting and actor training, has won international awards and is acclaimed for her cinema acting. In addition, Prasanna Mahagamage, Mayura Perera and Nilanka Dahanayaka and Chamila Priyanka are resource persons in acting, directing and script

analysis and development. All of them have acquired national and international level experience on actor training. Training for screen acting will be conducted by Thisara Imbulana, an emerging young film director and script writer. In addition, other professional artistes from specialised fields will also conduct sessions.

Duration and Time:

The duration of the programme is eight months. Within the period, thirty-two in class sessions will be conducted on a weekly basis. Classes usually are held on Sundays from 9.00 am to 5. 00 pm. Depending on the convenience of the participants, classes may be scheduled on public holidays as well, if necessary.

The programme is conducted annually and starts in the first week of February in each year.

Participants are requested to bring their own food and drinks and suitable clothing to take part in the training sessions.

Fee:

The fee for the programme is Rs. 50,000/= per participant. The full payment is required to be paid at the registration. However, those who have financial difficulties, can pay Rs.35,000/= at the registration and the balance in three equal instalments within the first three months of the programme.

Only those who have fulfilled financial and programme attendance commitment are entitled for certification by Lanka Children's and Youth Theatre Foundation.

Venue:

Sessions are held at Lion's Club Hall, Jayanthipura Main Road, Battaramulla.