



Skidmore Theater
Fall 2025 Pre-Orientation Schedule

THURSDAY AUG. 28	ACTIVITY
10 am – 12 pm	Sign-in at Residence Hall Secure IDs & residence hall keys Skidmore Shop is open 9:00am – 4:00pm (buy your books early)
9 am – 1 pm	Information Walkway – Case Center Representatives on hand from various Student Services Offices
11 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch at the Murray Aikins Dining Hall 🍴
1 pm BE ON TIME!!	Meet Peer Leaders under Case Walkway & Walk to Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater
1:15 – 3:30 pm	WELCOME, INTROS, GROUP THEATER EXERCISES – with members of our Acting Faculty & Peer Leaders – JKB Mainstage Theater
1 pm – 3:30 pm	Parent Orientation – The Arthur Zankel Music Center
4 pm – 5 pm	President’s Reception for Parents of New Students
5 pm – 6 pm	All parents depart campus at 5:00 pm Pre-Or students have dinner in the Dining Hall 🍴
6:15 pm – 6:45 pm	Introduction to Theater Pre-Orientation Weekend – JKB Mainstage Theater Theater Faculty will lead a discussion about Skidmore Theater – our mission, our vision, and your learning experience.
6:45 pm – 7:30 pm	TOUR OF THE JKB THEATER with Theater Faculty and Peer Leaders.
FRIDAY AUG. 29	ACTIVITY
9 am – 10 am	Breakfast at the Dining Hall 🍴
10:15 am – 11 am	THEATER COMPANY MEETING – JKB Mainstage Theater An introduction to the Theater Department’s weekly Company meeting, including Peer Mentorship opportunities
11 am – 12:30 pm	TECH OLYMPICS – JKB Mainstage Theater & Design Shop Design Faculty will lead an interactive design & tech workshop.
1 pm – 2 pm	Lunch at the Dining Hall 🍴

2:15 pm – 4 pm	Exploring KEELY AND DU – JKB Mainstage Theater Explorations of our Fall Black Box production, which will be directed by faculty member Teisha Duncan. This session will include discussions and exercises. <i>*Please read this play over the summer! A copy will be provided to you by the Lead Peer Advisors.</i>
4 pm – 4:15 pm	BREAK
4:15 pm - 6 pm	Exploring AS YOU LIKE IT – JKB Mainstage Theater Explorations of our Fall Mainstage production, which will be directed by faculty member Dennis Schebetta. This session will include discussions and exercises. <i>*Please read this play over the summer! A copy will be provided to you by the Lead Peer Advisors.</i>
6 pm	THEATER PRE-ORIENTATION BBQ + LAWN GAMES 🍷 Faculty and students will gather near the Theater loading dock and adjacent green to enjoy food, games, and socializing
SATURDAY AUG. 30	ACTIVITY
9 am –10 am	Breakfast in the Dining Hall 🍷
10:30 am – 11:30 am	AUDITION WORKSHOP / DESIGN & TECH WORKSHOP – JKB Theater For those interested in acting, Theater Faculty and Peer Leaders will explain the audition process at Skidmore and offer valuable audition advice. For those interested in tech & design, Theater Faculty and Peer Leaders will explain how to get involved in production opportunities.
12 pm - 2 pm	BUS TRIP TO SHAKE & CO in Lenox, MA <i>(We will be boarding the Upstate Tour bus in the Zankel parking lot)</i> Peer advisors will be joining us. MEALS will be provided for all.
2:30 pm	Production of <i>Circus & The Bard</i>
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Bus trip back to Saratoga Springs. Snacks will be provided.
6:30 pm	FINAL PEER SESSION Pizza at the JKB for a final peer-to-peer info session

2025 Pre Orientation Peer Leaders

Co-Leads: Jordan Azzinaro and Katie Steele

Maggie Hogan
Katya Yurkovskaya
Lila Sandler
Sophie D'Amore
Maggie Krieg
Becca Durst
Naomi Wagner

Skidmore Theater Faculty & Staff

Theater Department Chair / Professor: Lisa Jackson-Schebetta
Associate Professor: Dr. Eunice Ferreira
Assistant Professor: Dennis Schebetta
Assistant Professor: Sara Lyons
Assistant Professor: Alicia Austin
Senior Artist-in-Residence: Garret E. Wilson
Artist-in-Residence: Teisha Duncan
Artist-in-Residence & Technical Director: Jared Klein
Costume Shop Manager & Lecturer: Samantha Garwood
Theater Management Director & Lecturer: Sue Kessler
Lecturer: Marie Glotzbach
Visiting Lecturers: Genevieve Simon, Laura Menzie
Assistant Technical Director: Brandon Sewall
Charge Artist / Paint Shop Manager & Props Supervisor: Jess Goerold
Theater Department Administrator: Suzanne Golub