



Skidmore Theater
Fall 2021 Pre-Orientation Schedule

THURSDAY SEPT. 2	ACTIVITY
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sign-in at Residence Hall Secure IDs & residence hall keys Skidmore Shop is open 9:00am – 4:00pm (buy your books early)
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Information Walkway – Case Center Representatives on hand from various Student Services Offices
11:00 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch at the Murray Aikins Dining Hall 🍴
12:45 pm BE ON TIME!!	Meet Peer Advisors under Case Walkway & Walk to Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater
1:00 – 3:30 pm	WELCOME, INTROS, GROUP THEATER EXERCISES – with Theater Acting Faculty members & Peer Advisors – JKB Mainstage Theater
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Parent Orientation – The Arthur Zankel Music Center
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	President's Reception for Parents of New Students
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	All parents depart campus at 5:00 pm Pre-Or students have dinner in the Dining Hall 🍴
6:15 pm – 7 pm	Introduction to Theater Pre-Orientation Weekend – JKB Mainstage Theater Lisa Jackson-Schebetta, Associate Professor & Chair, will lead a discussion about Skidmore Theater – our mission, our vision, and your learning experience.
7 pm – 7:30 pm	TOUR OF THE JKB THEATER with Gary Wilson & Jared Klein (Design Faculty), and Peer Advisors. Meet in the Theater Lobby.
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	DESIGN / TECH WORKSHOP – Meet in Design Studio Gary Wilson, Jared Klein, and Asst. Technical Director Taylor Jaskula will lead an interactive design & tech workshop and info session (aka Tech Olympics!).
8:30pm – 9:30 pm	AUDITION WORKSHOP – Black Box Theater Theater Faculty and Peer Advisors will explain the audition process at Skidmore and offer valuable audition advice.
FRIDAY SEPT. 3	ACTIVITY
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast at the Dining Hall 🍴

9:30 am – 11:00 am *15 minute Cookie break at 11am!	SOMEWHERE- A PRIMER FOR THE END OF DAYS PANEL – JKB Mainstage Theater Perspectives and open discussion on the Fall Seminar production of Marisela Orta’s SOMEWHERE- A PRIMER FOR THE END OF DAYS, which will be directed by Lisa Jackson-Schebetta. This session will be led along with other faculty and staff collaborators. *Please read SOMEWHERE- A PRIMER FOR THE END OF DAYS over the summer! A copy will be provided to you by the Lead Peer Advisors.
11:15 am – 12:45 pm	EXPLORING SOMEWHERE- A PRIMER FOR THE END OF DAYS Group projects, scenes, and presentations about the Fall Seminar production led by theater faculty.
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch at the Dining Hall 🍴
2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	JOHN PROCTOR IS THE VILLAIN PANEL – JKB Mainstage Theater Perspectives and open discussion on the Fall Seminar production, Kimberly Belflower’s JOHN PROCTOR IS THE VILLAIN, which will be directed by John Michael DiResta. This session will be led along with other faculty and staff collaborators. *Please read JOHN PROCTOR IS THE VILLAIN over the summer! A copy will be provided to you by the Lead Peer Advisors.
3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	EXPLORING JOHN PROCTOR IS THE VILLAIN Group projects, scenes, and presentations about the Fall Seminar production led by theater faculty.
5:15 – 6:15 pm	THEATER COMPANY MEETING – JKB Mainstage Theater An introduction to the Theater Department’s weekly Company meeting, including a brief Peer Mentor program announcement
6:15 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
9:00 pm	Pre-Orientation Outdoor Movie Night – outside the TANG Meet other first-year-students on other Pre-Orientation Programs
SATURDAY SEPT. 4	ACTIVITY
9:00 am –10:00 am	Breakfast in the Dining Hall 🍴
11:30 pm – 12:30 pm	A preview of Shakespeare & Co.’s production of MEASURE FOR MEASURE by Theater Professor Lary Opitz – JKB Mainstage Theater
2:00 pm	BUS TRIP TO SHAKES & CO. in Lenox, Mass. (We will be boarding the Upstate Tour bus in the Zankel parking lot) Peer advisors will be joining us. Meals will be provided for all. The play we will be seeing is Shakespeare’s MEASURE FOR MEASURE.
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm	Pre-show talk with Shakespeare & Co. production cast or director.

5:00 pm	Production at Shakespeare & Co., Lenox, Mass: MEASURE FOR MEASURE
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Bus trip back to Saratoga Springs from Lenox, Mass
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	EXPLORE SARATOGA SPRINGS The Peer Advisors will bring the group downtown to explore the City of Saratoga Springs!

Skidmore Theater Faculty & Staff

Theater Department Chair / Associate Professor: Lisa Jackson-Schebetta

Professor: Lary Opitz

Assistant Professor: Eunice Ferreira

Assistant Professor: Dennis Schebetta

Senior Artists-in-Residence: Kate Kelly Bouchard, Garret E. Wilson

Artists-in-Residence: John Michael DiResta, Teisha Duncan, Jared Klein

Technical Director: Jared Klein

Assistant Technical Director: Taylor Jaskula

Costume Director: Patricia Pawliczak

Lecturers: Samantha Garwood, Marie Glotzbach, Sue Kessler, Barbara Opitz

Technical Assistant: Jessica Thomas

Theater Department Administrator: Suzanne Golub

2021 Pre Orientation Peer Advisors

Lead Peer Advisor TBA

Erin Arnold

Will Davis-Kay

Isaac DeMarchi

Patrick Carter

May Halm

Juli Moreira

Sophie Pettit

Tatsu Rivera