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"There is an art of stage speech as definite and distinct from speech of the street as opera singing or ballet is from everyday life." -George Bernard Shaw

DRAMA 210: Voice and Speech – Vocal Production

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:10-3:00 McGill 125

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Aim of the course:

The purpose of this course is to begin to understand your vocal instrument, identify problem vocal areas, and master tools in an effort to expand and refine your vocal quality.

Outcomes:

At the end of the semester you will be able to:

- Identify how the voice works;
- Acknowledge the voice you have and be able to work on problem areas;
- Have the skills to free and strengthen your voice;
- Find and use voices other than your habitual ones;
- Begin to understand Standard American speech and elevated speech for classical theatre; and,
- Create a basic plan for vocal growth in the years to come.

Contents:

The course will be divided into several units:

- Knowing your instrument
- Expanding your voice
- Refining your voice
- Using other voices
- Language and pronunciation
- Approaches and strategies to continue in the future

In addition to regular performances and studio work there will be two short papers.

THERE WILL BE A MIDTERM DURING THE WEEK OF: October 11

The midterm will consist of two parts:

- 1) an individual oral presentation of a piece of children's literature
- 2) a written test covering terms and physiology presented

THERE WILL BE A FINAL EXAM DURING BOTH THE LAST WEEK OF CLASSES AND FINALS WEEK: Tuesday, December 13 3:20-5:20

The final will consist of two parts:

- 1) a collaborative performance, Shakespeare's Voices
- 2) a written exam covering the course content

Course Materials:

Small hand mirror

Tape recorder

Complete works of Shakespeare

Notebook for note taking – you are expected to take notes during this course. There will be two paper tests covering subjects and terms presented.

Course policy:

You are expected to be at every class on time and ready to work. Bring water to drink.