



THE GAIETY
SCHOOL OF
ACTING
IRELAND



The Original Theater Project In Ireland's Premier Drama School

THE ORIGINAL THEATER PROJECT

- **Developing the starting points...**
- **The writing begins...**
- **Rehearsals and Performance in Dublin, Ireland...**
- **Performances at your Theater Department**

The original theater project is a four stage project that begins at your theater department with a week long intensive exploration of ideas, images and starting points. These raw materials are then taken back to Ireland where a professional writer uses them as the source for the development of a one hour original theater piece. Your actors then travel to Ireland's premier

drama school, The Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin, where the play is then rehearsed and performed. The play is then brought back to the USA for presentation at your theater department.

Join us for a unique journey to create a new and exciting theater piece.



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Chairman: Joe Dowling. **Director:** Patrick Sutton



Ireland is famous for her writers. For a small country on the edge of Europe we have produced some of the worlds most enduring and extraordinary writers.

William Butler Yeats, Samuel Beckett, Seamus Heaney and George Bernard Shaw are all Nobel Laureates. Sean O’Casey, Oscar Wilde, John Millington Synge keep Ireland confidently on the world map of great literature. Waiting for Godot, Playboy of the Western World, The Importance of Being Ernest, Juno and the Paycock rightfully take their place in the canon of great world writing, and there are many more...Marina Carr, Conor McPhearson, Frank McGuinness, Billy Roche, Mark O’Rowe are some of those following the tradition and keeping Irish writing alive, vibrant and fresh. It has been an extraordinary journey from the start of the last century to the present.

The Original Theater Project is a four part project that takes place at your Theater Department and here in Dublin, Ireland at Ireland’s Premier Drama School - The Gaiety School of Acting.

The original theater project is broken into four stages

**STAGE ONE:
DEVELOPING THE STARTING POINTS**

A week long intensive workshop in a black box studio space at your theater department in which a gaiety school of acting theater director and a writer will work with twelve (negotiable) participants on the development of a very broad range of starting points. The objective is to fire the imaginations of the participants to discover different ways of starting to develop an original theater piece. A wide range of objects and images will be explored and the week long process can also include the use of a departmental choreographer and a musician / composer.

**STAGE TWO:
THE WRITING BEGINS**

All the images and ideas and starting points are brought back to Ireland and the writer and director begin the process of drawing from the starting points with a view to creating an original piece of theater sourced in the experience of the intensive week long exploration.

**STAGE THREE:
REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCE IN DUBLIN**

The twelve participants will travel to Dublin for an intensive three week rehearsal process followed by a series of performances in a Dublin theater of the final one hour original theater piece. The Dublin visit will also include regular theater visits, a series of lectures on the Irish literary tradition, regular voice classes and a series of visits to see significant Dublin cultural landmarks. Accommodation for the duration of the Dublin visit will be at Temple Bar House, a bright and friendly hostel in Dublin’s Cultural Quarter. Accommodation is included in the cost.

**STAGE FOUR:
PERFORMANCES AT YOUR THEATER DEPARTMENT**

Following the Dublin experience, the original theater project will return to your campus and will be performed there for a home audience.

TIME LINE:
After the week long intensive experience in your department, the writer will require three months to create the original theater piece. Rehearsals will take place for three weeks.

COST:
The cost per person excluding flights and meals is €3,800. Cost based on twelve participants.

APPLICATION FORM

Ms Mr Mrs

Last Name

First Name

Address

Date of Birth

Telephone

E-mail

Please tick if you require more information on College Credit.

Relevant Medical History

College attending in U.S.A.

Telephone Number of Above

Title of course you are attending

Name of Course Director

E-mail of Course Director

Please enclose a **200 word** paragraph stating your reasons for wanting to attend the course.

Please return completed form to: **The Gaiety School of Acting, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, Dublin 2, Ireland.**