



Skidmore Theater
Fall 2023 Pre-Orientation Schedule

THURSDAY AUG. 31	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 members of our Acting Faculty & 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 – 6:45 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.
6:45 pm – 7:30 pm	TOUR OF THE JKB THEATER with Theater Faculty and Peer Advisors.
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	TECH OLYMPICS – JKB Mainstage Theater & Design Shop Design Faculty will lead an interactive design & tech workshop.
8:30 pm – 9:30 pm	AUDITION WORKSHOP – JKB Mainstage Theater Theater Faculty and Peer Advisors will explain the audition process at Skidmore and offer valuable audition advice.
FRIDAY SEPT. 1	ACTIVITY
7:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast at the Dining Hall 🍴

10 am – 12:45 am	<p>Exploring (RE)MAKING – JKB Mainstage Theater</p> <p>Explorations of our Fall Black Box production, a devised piece based on Charles Mee’s <i>(RE)MAKING PROJECT</i>, which will be directed by faculty member Jared Klein. 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></p>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch at the Dining Hall 🍴
2:15 pm – 5 pm	<p>Exploring THE COURAGE TO RIGHT A WOMAN’S WRONGS – JKB Mainstage Theater</p> <p>Explorations of our Fall MainStage production, Ana Caro de Mallén’s <i>THE COURAGE TO RIGHT A WOMAN’S WRONGS</i>, which will be directed by faculty member Lisa Jackson-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></p>
5:15 – 6 pm	<p>THEATER COMPANY MEETING – JKB Mainstage Theater</p> <p>An introduction to the Theater Department’s weekly Company meeting, including a Peer Mentorship program announcement</p>
6 pm	<p>THEATER PRE-ORIENTATION BBQ + LAWN GAMES 🍴</p> <p>Faculty and students will gather near the Theater loading dock and adjacent green to enjoy food, games, and socializing</p>
SATURDAY SEPT. 2	ACTIVITY
9:00 am –10:00 am	Breakfast in the Dining Hall 🍴
11:45 am	<p>BUS TRIP TO SEE A SHOW. Location TBA <i>(We will be boarding the Upstate Tour bus in the Zankel parking lot)</i></p> <p>Peer advisors will be joining us. MEALS will be provided for all.</p> <p>The play we will be seeing is TBA</p>
2:00 pm	Production of <i>TBA</i> followed by a brief talk-back
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Bus trip back to Saratoga Springs. Snacks will be provided.
6:30 pm	<p>FINAL PEER SESSION</p> <p>Pizza at the JKB for a final peer-to-peer info session</p>

Skidmore Theater Faculty & Staff

Theater Department Chair / Associate Professor: Lisa Jackson-Schebetta

Associate Professor: Eunice Ferreira

Assistant Professor: John Michael DiResta

Assistant Professor: Dennis Schebetta

Visiting Assistant Director: Margarita Blush

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

Artist-in-Residence: Teisha Duncan

Technical Director & Artist-in-Residence: Jared Klein

Costume Shop Manager & Lecturer: Samantha Garwood

Theater Management Director & Lecturer: Sue Kessler

Lecturer: Marie Glotzbach

Assistant Technical Director: Brandon Sewall

Theater Department Administrator: Suzanne Golub

2023 Pre Orientation Peer Advisors

Gigi Brown '24 and Chavon Patterson '24 (Co-Lead PA's)

Lillie Shelor '25

Sophie Kelly '25

Isadora Zucker '25

Ellery Shea '25

Ida Mihok '24

Max Weigel '24

Maddie Evans '24