



**Skidmore Theater**  
**Fall 2026 Pre-Orientation Schedule**

<b>THURSDAY SEPT. 3</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
10 am – 12 pm	Sign-in at <b>Residence Hall</b> Secure IDs & residence hall keys Skidmore Shop is open 9:00am – 4:00pm (buy your books early)
9 am – 1 pm	Information Walkway – <b>Case Center</b> Representatives on hand from various Student Services Offices
11 am – 12:45 pm	Lunch at the <b>Murray Aikins Dining Hall</b> 🍴
1 pm <b>BE ON TIME!!</b>	Meet Peer Leaders under <b>Case Walkway</b> & Walk to Janet Kinghorn Bernhard Theater
1:15 – 3:30 pm	<b>WELCOME &amp; SPEED DATING – JKB Mainstage Theater</b> Break the ice with your Peer Leaders and classmates through games and activities, then explore the Theater Department's concentrations in a fast-paced, fun "speed dating" experience.
1 pm – 3:30 pm	Parent Orientation – <b>The Arthur Zankel Music Center</b>
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 <b>Dining Hall</b> 🍴
6:15 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR – JKB Mainstage Theater</b> Hear from the Theater Department Chair as they welcome you to the program and share Skidmore Theater's mission, values, and the exciting learning opportunities that await you.
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>TOUR OF THE JKB THEATER</b> with Peer Leaders
<b>FRIDAY SEPT. 4</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
9 am – 10 am	Breakfast at the <b>Dining Hall</b> 🍴
10:15 am – 11 am	<b>THEATER COMPANY INTRO – JKB Mainstage Theater</b> An introduction to the Theater Department's weekly Company meeting, a cornerstone of our community, including Peer Mentorship opportunities.
11 am – 12:30 pm	<b>TECH OLYMPICS – JKB Mainstage Theater &amp; Design Shop</b> Jump into an interactive workshop where you'll tackle creative challenges and get a taste of the exciting world of theater design and technology.
1 pm – 2 pm	Lunch at the <b>Dining Hall</b> 🍴

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<b>WHAT'S ON STAGE – JKB Mainstage Theater</b> Get a preview of the upcoming season, learn about our production process, and discover opportunities to participate in faculty-directed Seminar productions, student-directed LABs and more. <i>*Our Fall 2026 season is available to view on our website: theater.skidmore.edu.</i>
3:45 pm – 4 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
4 pm – 6 pm	<b>EXPLORE CAMPUS &amp; DOWNTOWN – Meet in JKB Lobby</b> Get to know the college campus and downtown Saratoga Springs through a series of scavenger hunts and walking tours.
6 pm	<b>THEATER PRE-ORIENTATION BBQ + LAWN GAMES 10!</b> Faculty and students will gather near the Theater loading dock and adjacent green to enjoy food, games, and socializing.
<b>SATURDAY SEPT. 5</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
9 am – 10 am	Breakfast in the <b>Dining Hall 10!</b>
10 am – 11 am	<b>AUDITION Q&amp;A / DESIGN &amp; TECH WORKSHOP – JKB Theater</b> 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.
11 am - 1 pm	<b>BUS TRIP TO WESTON THEATER COMPANY in Weston, VT</b> <i>(We will be boarding the Upstate Tour bus in the Zankel parking lot)</i> MEALS will be provided for all.
2 pm	Production of <i>Primary Trust</i> by Eboni Booth
4 pm – 6 pm	Bus trip back to Saratoga Springs. Snacks will be provided.
6 pm	<b>FINAL PEER SESSION</b> Pizza at the JKB for a final peer-to-peer info session

### **2026 Pre Orientation Peer Leaders**

Co-Leads: Emily Landolfi and Becca Durst

Ken Caron-Quin

Ben Harris

Penelope Gibeau

Lila Sandler

Sarah Neel

Daniella Solomon

George Fortin

Garin Miner Drewes

Maeve O'Toole

**Skidmore Theater Faculty & Staff**

Theater Department Chair / Assistant Professor: Dennis Schebetta

Associate Professor: Dr. Eunice Ferreira

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