



HARTBEAT ENSEMBLE'S YOUTH PLAY INSTITUTE – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SPRING 2022

WHAT IS YPI?

HartBeat Ensemble's Youth Play Institute (YPI) is a 9-week paid internship in dramatic writing, acting, light, stage, sound, and costume design or stage management for young adults between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. In this YPI session, a group of 10-15 young people will create and perform their own one-act play.

HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

The group decides on a broad topic(s) and then conducts research and interviews. Based on their findings, the group works together to write their scenes with guidance from HartBeat teaching artists. The program culminates with a public show of the group's work, which is followed by a talkback with the audience.

WHEN AND HOW OFTEN DOES YPI MEET?

- There is a mandatory YPI orientation on Saturday, March 5th, 10am - 1pm.
- The session begins March 7 and meets Mon. and Wed. from 6p-9p for 8 weeks.
- The Stage Manager is expected to work for an additional half hour each day, starting at 5:30p
- 9th Week: Tech Week, Mandatory for all Participants, Sunday, May 8th - Friday, May 13th
- The show is on Sat., May 14 & Sun., May., 15, with a mandatory clean -up/wrap-up on Mon., May 16.

WHERE DOES YPI MEET?

All sessions will be at the Carriage House Theater, 360 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105. Masks are required for all in-door sessions. Participants must have been vaccinated to attend the program and show proof of vaccination to enter the building, including a booster.

WOULD I HAVE TO BE AT EVERY WORKSHOP/REHEARSAL?

Yes! Two pre-arranged non-paid absences are allowed if need be. They cannot be during the final week. Must be communicated ahead of time with Facilitators

HOW MUCH WOULD I GET PAID?

Each intern is paid a stipend of \$50/week. Interns are docked for absences and lateness.

DO I HAVE TO BE ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL?

No. Anyone between the ages of 16 and 21 is eligible to try out for YPI.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING WOULD I RECEIVE?

All interns have a part in creating the final show, each intern is involved in writing dramatic material, performance, poetry, interviewing and research.

WHEN ARE THE INTERVIEWS?

Mon., Feb. 14 and Wed., Feb 16, 6pm-8pm and Feb 19, 10am-1pm. Other times available upon request.

HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR AN INTERVIEW?

Please email ypi@hartbeatensemble.org or use this link: <https://forms.gle/ThAvdnxFFNUgWC5h7>

WHAT DO I NEED TO PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW?

- A resume, if you have one.
- Be ready to discuss interest in the creative arts.
- ALL applicants (including stage managers) will participate in ensemble activities and improvisations as part of the interview.
- Please be in an environment you feel comfortable moving in.