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From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

October 30, 2020

A Fall Note From Dr. Chris

As Autumn has fully transformed the leaves into their magnificent and vibrant fall colors, we are reminded of how quickly time is passing. We started our 2021 School year over eight weeks ago, and it has been a joy to see so many new and familiar faces that make up our incredible community.



Our connections may have taken on different iterations but all the same, we have created and reimagined ways to remain united. Similarly, the pandemic that has become a part of our daily lives has also made us more aware and conscious of one another. As we move into celebrations for the holiday season with family and friends, we understand that travel outside of New York State may be under consideration for many of you. If this is the case per New York State, if you have traveled to or through one or more of the restricted states for more than 24 hours, you must quarantine when you enter New York. The quarantine duration is 14 days from the last date of travel to any restricted state.

Restricted States, international travel information, and much more can be found here: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

COVID App

In case you didn't know - there's a COVID Alert app that sends you a notification if you have been within six feet of someone who tested positive for more than 10 minutes: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-alert-ny>

Marymount Manhattan Theatre Arts Virtual Workshop Series

A promotional image for the Marymount Manhattan Theatre Arts Virtual Workshop Series. The image features a group of diverse young adults sitting on a stage in a semi-circle, each on a folding chair. They are dressed in colorful, contemporary clothing. The background is dark with faint musical notes. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with 'MM' and the text 'MarymountManhattan'. The text 'THEATRE ARTS' is written in a white, serif font, and 'Workshop Series' is written in a large, white, cursive font. At the bottom, there is a black banner with white text listing dates: 'NOVEMBER 9 | NOVEMBER 11 | NOVEMBER 12' and 'NOVEMBER 17 | NOVEMBER 18'. To the right of the banner is a yellow button with the text 'CLICK HERE TO REGISTER'.

Marymount Manhattan is hosting a *Virtual Workshop Series* hosted by their Department of Theatre Arts. This Workshop Series will equip interested students with the necessary tools to successfully navigate the College Theatre Audition & Interview process.

[Click for more information and to register.](#)

Master Class with LIHSA Alum Hubert Point-Du Jour

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020 LIHSA's Advanced Scene Study students had an insightful master class with Hubert Point-Du Jour. Hubie is a LIHSA alumni who graduated in 2000 and has gone on to work as a professional actor in Theatre, Film and Television since graduating from NYU. He can currently be seen in *The Good Lord Bird* on Showtime, co-starring Ethan Hawke and Daveed Diggs. Hubie is now filming a new television show called Dr. Death which will air on The Peacock network.

The students had the opportunity to ask many questions about Hubie's process as an actor. He

was asked about the difference between auditioning for Theatre verses Film or Television, and emphasized the importance of knowing all their lines by rote so that they can focus on their relationship with the camera. He told the students that the best way to play a part realistically is to personalize every character, which means to find the connection between the actor's life and the life of the character.

He reminded our students that not getting a part does not mean you are a bad actor, it is because you are not what that director is looking for at that moment. Be you, embrace who you are and where you come from. Keep working, learning, and growing as an actor and never give up.

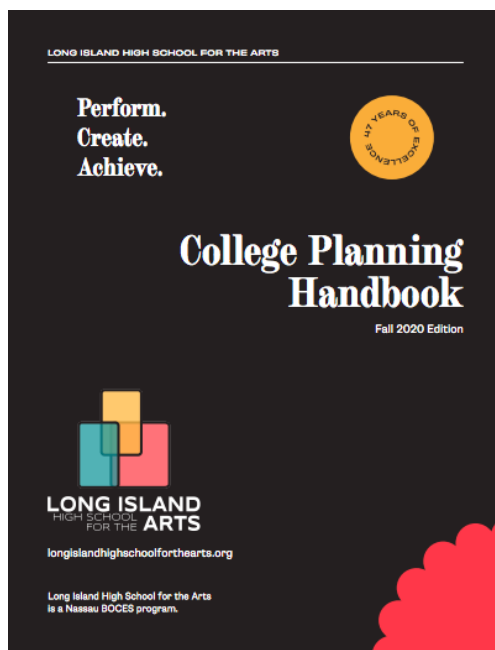


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College Handbook

As our seniors work hard on college applications this fall, please keep in mind that we have a college handbook that provides valuable guidance as well as reassurance. It's found [on our website and through this link](#).

As always, please contact Melissa Stencel, Guidance Counselor, for additional information and with your specific questions.

Introducing our Industry Advisors: Jon Squitieri

LIHSA is so fortunate to have an extraordinary and most talented group of industry advisors involved in reviewing our curriculum and opening doors for our students experiences. We are pleased to introduce you each week to one of our advisors. Please meet Jon Squitieri who is a new advisor for this year.

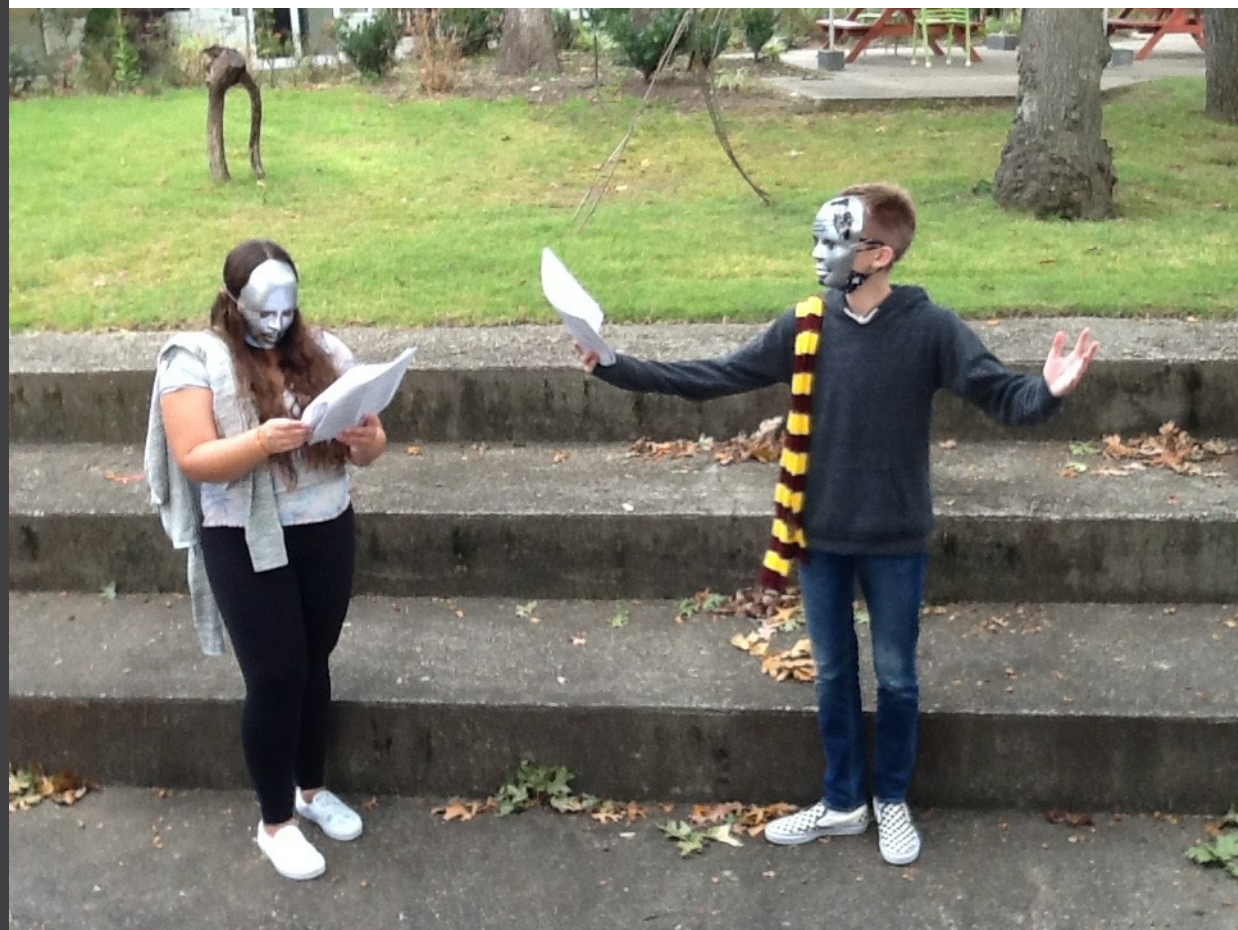


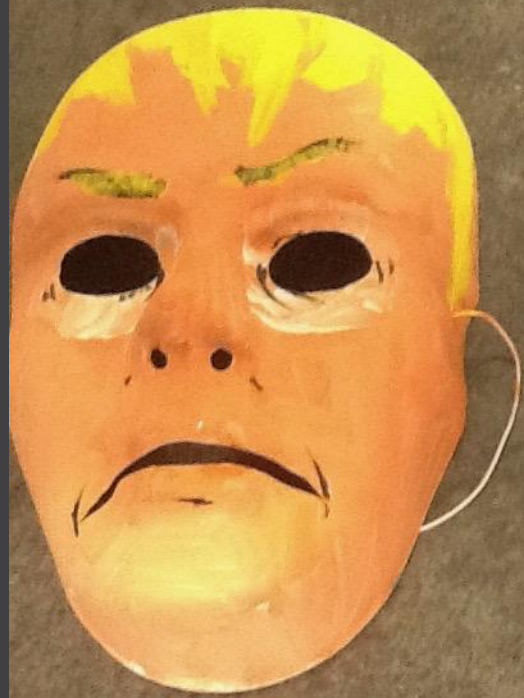
Jon Squitieri has been in the entertainment, motion capture, and animation industry for over 20 years. As a director, project manager, studio manager and animator, Jon has worked on award winning AAA title video games, feature films, television shows, and Broadway stage productions. As a project manager for NASA, he worked on the Orion capsule assignment using motion capture software for a previously planned manned mission to Mars. Serving in the roles of consultant and a director, Jon has worked with national and international law enforcement agencies to develop virtual reality training as a supplement to physical training.

For the past five years Jon has been directing real time virtual productions for commercial clients such as Kraft, Pepsi, Nabisco, Hershey, and Planters among many others.

Jon likes to paint and draw in his spare time, is a film and comic book geek, an avid motorcyclist, and lives on Long Island with his wife and son.

Comedy & Tragedy Masks









Just in time for Halloween, theatre students made comedy and tragedy masks that the students while studying Greek Theatre.

Casting Call!

An exciting opportunity for LIHSA students to submit audition tapes for Netflix's new project: a film adaptation of Jason Robert Brown's Broadway Musical **13.**



[Check out this information](#), noting the November 20, 2020 deadline.

New Artistic Residency Begins in Music



Mike Coppola began his multi-week residency with our Mixing and Mastering for the Electrician class. This week he discussed how to mix music in Logic Pro X, using compression, eq, and effects. He also listened to original student projects and gave practical advice on how to best mix the music.

We look forward to his return!

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