



Next Actors - A program for teenagers who are aspiring actors and playwrights!

Next Actors, from Next Act Theatre, is a six-week play writing and performance program offered free-of-charge to a select group of Milwaukee area teens.

Hopeful students audition to join a cast carefully chosen to include talent from as many different cultural, ethnic, racial and economic backgrounds as possible.

Guided by professional teaching artists, Next Actors write and create their own original theatre piece, performing at venues across the metro area.



Watch the video below for a behind-the-scenes look at the Next Actors program!



This year, the program had 16 participants from Franklin High School, Marquette University High School, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Nicolet High School, Pius XI High School, Ronald Reagan IB High School, Rufus King High School, Veritas High School and West Allis Central High School.

Thoughts from the student participants:

"This program truly teaches students lessons that are not confined to the theater."

"I have learned important things about theatre and life that I will take with me forever. It is irreplaceable."

"...programs like Next Actors help people discover things about each other, as well as themselves. I believe it's a very healthy, encouraging influence among adolescents."



Photo by Timothy Moder

"I learned to let go of fears and inhibitions when doing something."

"Next Actors gives kids a chance to make bonds with people who we never suspect. A chance to get out of our comfort zone."

"I learned the value of listening and compromise."

"Next Actors changed my life and gave me a role in my community."



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