

East 15 Acting School goes east and west and south with international developments!

As part of its new development policy, under the direction of internationally renowned theatre director Leon Rubin, East 15 Acting School is embracing performance traditions and approaches from across the world.

BA World Performance

BA World Performance is a new degree scheme, offered by the highly acclaimed East 15 Acting School at the state-of-the-art campus in Southend-on-Sea, from September 2008.

A unique programme, BA World Performance allows students to combine practical performance skills with an advanced understanding of global performance approaches and techniques.

The programme is aimed at students who have interest and skills in performance, but may not want to become a traditional, professional actor. It would also be of particular interest to students drawn towards performing arts and theatre arts programmes at universities and academies with a strong performance tradition.

Students studying BA World Performance will:

- Learn about performance forms, traditions and styles from Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America
- Look at theatre, dance-drama, masks, music and movement within different cultural environments
- Devise, research, create and perform projects that reflect the influences of performance styles worldwide
- Develop practical projects that allow them to explore creatively, whilst drawing on styles and forms of performance introduced in the last three years
- Explore historical, theoretical and skills-centred approaches to performance forms from across the world

To add to this portfolio of programmes looking at theatre and acting in an international context, East 15 is also introducing an **MA/MFA in Acting (International)** at the Southend Campus. This is aimed at overseas students and focuses on advanced practical acting skills, as well as studying Shakespeare and other classical traditions.

Both schemes are subject to validation

East 15 Acting School

East 15, one of the UK's most innovative acting schools, has been training actors, directors, producers and theatre technicians for stage, film, TV and radio for more than 40 years. The School, which grew out of the work of Joan Littlewood's famed Theatre Workshop, now offers programmes that span many areas of training and the study of performance, drawing on long and successful traditions at East 15 combined with a keen sense of the changing world of theatre today.

Graduates of East 15 include actresses Alison Steadman and Annette Badland, *Coronation Street* star Jenny Platt, playwright April de Angelis, artistic director of The Bush Theatre Mike Bradwell and director Stephen Daldry, who was nominated for an Oscar and a Golden Globe for his feature films *The Hours* and *Billy Elliott*.

The Southend Campus

East 15 became part of the University of Essex, which is one of the UK's leading academic institutions ranked tenth nationally for research excellence, on 1 September 2000. Since then a strategy has been developed to expand East 15's provision to the University's new campus in Southend-on-Sea.

The Southend Campus is on the High Street and adjacent to the town's train station, where journey times to London take just 50 minutes. It provides fully equipped rehearsal rooms and studios with panoramic views across Southend-on-Sea. There are also extensive seminar rooms, performance spaces, computer labs and media production resources and facilities, in addition to a new theatre inside a recently converted church.

Find out more

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