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Accepted Students Information:

Congratulations again on your acceptance to the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television (RHA)! Robert Halmi Sr., the namesake of our school, was an influential creative movie director and producer who started his career as a photographer for Life Magazine. By the end of his career, he produced over 300 television series, mini-series and films. Mr. Halmi Sr. was a voracious reader who worked to share his love of learning with others through film and television. We are honored to continue his work at the Robert Halmi Sr. Academy of Film and Television (RHA)!

At RHA, you will complete an intensive arts education along one of three pathways:

1. Arts 4+1 Pathway

- Take one arts course per year grades 6-12 in dance, music, theater or visual arts
- Successful completion exempts you from one Regents exam requirement

2. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Pathway

- Grades 6-9: Explore careers across 3 academies
 - Production Design (e.g. makeup, set design, cinematography)
 - Production Management (e.g. marketing, directing, editing)
 - Performance & Sound Design (e.g. acting, dancing, composing)
- Grades 10-12: Select one academy to focus your CTE coursework
- Develop technical skills, apply academics, and build career-readiness

3. Higher Ed/College Link & Mentorship

- Take college-level courses related to your chosen academy at RHA or local colleges
- Complete an industry mentorship program

RHA follows a 9-period day from 7:45am-2:39pm. In addition to arts/CTE, you'll meet NYS diploma requirements for English, science, social studies, math, language, PE/health - all infused with arts integration.

The curriculum also emphasizes professional skills like time management, communication, collaboration and problem-solving through community service projects.

Entrance Task:

To enroll at RHA, you must complete a two-part entrance assignment:

1. Artwork - Create an original piece interpreting one theme: community, family, nature, relationships or the universe. Your artwork can take any form such as:

- Paintings
- Models
- Dioramas
- Films
- Storyboards
- Acting/Dance performances
- Podcasts
- Personal videos
- Musical compositions or performances

Focus on quality over quantity! Video or audio work should be no longer than 3 mins.

2. Written Pitch (Response)

- 50-100 words (incoming 6th grade) or 100-200 words (incoming 9th grade)
- Summarize and explain your artwork
- Discuss the genre/style (e.g. sci-fi, impressionist, drama)
- Describe characters, setting or other relevant details
- Format: Double-spaced, Arial font, 1-inch margins

Upload your digital artwork and written pitch to FORMS we will provide by August 15, 2024.

Attend one of the scheduled Orientation & Task Support sessions for more guidance: In person GPS Hub is 28 Wells Ave Yonkers, NY 10701 2nd Fl.

- Session 1 (In-Person): Saturday, June 22, 9am-11am at Great Point Studios Hub
- Session 2 (In-Person): Monday, June 24, 6pm-8pm at Great Point Studios Hub
- Session 3 (In-Person): Wednesday, June 26, 6pm-8pm at Great Point Studios Hub
- Session 4 (Zoom): Saturday, June 29, 9am-11am (Zoom link provided after registration)
- Session 5 (Zoom): Monday, July 15, 6pm-8pm (Zoom link provided after registration)

Please reach out to the school administrators with any additional questions!

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