



Dear Colleague,

As a New Jersey State-designated Center for Excellence in the Arts, Montclair State University feels a responsibility to address the needs of arts educators and to enhance the learning opportunities for secondary school students in the area of performing arts.

That need was articulated in *WITHIN OUR POWER: THE PROGRESS, PLIGHT AND PROMISE OF ARTS EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD*, the New Jersey Arts Education Census Project's report (9/18/07). In the Recommendations the report states, **"We recommend that the New Jersey State Department of Education and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts work with the professional arts education associations in the state and the state's institutions of higher education to develop and expand professional development opportunities for visual and performing arts educators."**

Responding to the need teachers have expressed for a more sustained professional development opportunity, we are happy to present the **MSU Summer Intensive for Theatre Teachers (SITT)**. The weeklong experience provides opportunities for arts educators in an intensive, five-day format. Teachers participate in hands-on workshops with professional specialists in stage design, speech, and movement. They also direct scenes with a carefully selected group of MSU BFA acting majors.

Participants receive 12 professional development hours for the **MSU Summer Intensive for Theatre Teachers** and the fee for each participant is \$450.

**We are offering a limited number of scholarships of \$225 (half the regular tuition) for teachers who are nominated by their school administrators or colleagues. Eligible participants may be either seasoned middle or high school theatre teachers or teachers with an arts background who are new to secondary school teaching. Self nomination will also be considered, with a recommendation from your school.**

**The deadline for nominations is MAY 1st. You may download the registration and nomination forms at:**

**<http://www.montclair.edu/Arts/teachertraining/>**

**Please fill out return to Kathleen Reddington via email at [reddingtonk@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:reddingtonk@mail.montclair.edu), or mail to:  
Montclair State University  
College of the Arts  
Office of Education & Community Outreach – Life Hall Room 130 D  
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We look forward to working with your colleagues this summer and providing the growth and support they need to continue their excellent work with NJ students in the performing arts.

Sincerely,

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