

Frequently Asked Questions about

BACKSTAGE 101



When is the orientation?

Two orientations will be offered. Content will be repeated, so participants need only attend one:

Saturday, October 11, 10 AM to noon

Wednesday, October 15, 6-8 PM

What is the orientation?

The purpose of the orientation session is to provide a framework for thinking and learning that can be applied to future individual topic sessions in the Backstage 101 learning collaborative. Participants will also get a “taste” of each of five (5) broad backstage areas at the orientation:

Sound	Lighting	Costumes	Scenery	Stage Management
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The orientation will give the facilitators the opportunity to learn more about the participants, helping to craft future topic sessions to fit the needs, interests, and skill levels of participants.

How many individual topic sessions will be offered?

Approximately twenty-four (24) sessions will be offered, with the expectation that all Backstage 101 participants will sign up and attend at least six (6) sessions but are welcome to attend ALL! There are plans to offer approximately eight (8) sessions from mid-October to early December; approximately eight (8) sessions in January through February; and approximately eight (8) sessions in March through April.

What kinds of individual topic sessions will be offered?

Sessions will be offered in the five (5) broad backstage areas named above. Additionally, there will be occasional miscellaneous sessions that don't fall into one of these categories. Each session will be titled to give participants an idea of what to expect, such as “Sound Mixing and Board Operation” or “Set Painting Techniques: Scumbles, Bricks, and Stones”. As the learning collaborative continues, winter and spring sessions will be scheduled to fit the interests and learning needs of the participants. If there are requests from participants to repeat a session topic from earlier in the year, or flesh out content that hasn't been fully addressed, the facilitators will try to honor these requests.

What if I am only interested in one of the content areas?

Participants will sign up to attend the individual topic sessions of their choice. However, it may not be possible to attend a full complement of sessions if participants only exclusively attend topic sessions in one content area. The orientation might help participants draw connections between their preferred area and other areas with overlap.

When will individual topic sessions be announced?

We anticipate announcing several of the fall sessions by September 20, enough time for participants still to register by the October 6 deadline.

More questions? Contact any of our facilitating staff:

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