

DRAMA

ACTORS, like singers, musicians and dancers are performing artists and specialists in the field of entertainment. Actors may act on stage or become involved in film, television or radio productions. Singing, dancing and playing of instruments form part of many productions and is thus to your advantage to have knowledge of the other performing arts.

Acting is a form of communication and the actors are the media through which writers' thoughts are communicated to audiences.

A great deal of an actors' time is taken up by rehearsals. Rehearsals take place under the guidance of directors who have knowledge and experience of acting, design and stage management.

During their careers, many performers choose to specialize in a specific field of acting. Some rewarding, while others prefer acting in front of a camera. Depending on the media used, different skills are required of actors.

RECOMMENDED SCHOOL SUBJECTS

English and Afrikaans.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Senior Certificate or an equivalent qualification.

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective students must first pass an audition. Strict evaluation is necessary since it is career orientated courses, which train professional artists for a highly competitive industry.

TRAINING

UNIVERSITY

A three-year BA: Drama degree is offered.

Universities also offer various post-graduate courses as well as various diploma courses.

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

A four-year BTech: Drama degree is offered.

All the abovementioned courses incorporate practical acting and theatre productions is part of the training.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Professional stage artist, opportunities in cabaret, film, radio, television, educational theatre, industrial theatre, stage administration, private studio, children's theatre, movement and dance, director, community theatre, creator of plays, stage and theatre researcher and puppet theatre.

Actors can work through agents on a contract basis, or work on a freelance basis where they consider and take any work that is temporarily available.



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