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# HOLMDEL THEATRE COMPANY TO OFFER THEATRE LIGHTING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

**January 2012, Holmdel, NJ** — The Holmdel Theatre Company will offer a free Theatre Lighting Certification Technical Workshop to interested high school students from January 21 to February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Participants will be introduced to the principles of plotting and executing lighting design for the theatre. Instructors will discuss/demonstrate how stage lighting works, the various types of lighting fixtures, electrical system layouts, lighting plots, creating cues, and how to use a lighting console. Upon completion of the workshop, participants will be certified to run lighting for productions staged at HTC's Duncan Smith Theatre. This program will be offered over the course of three Saturdays beginning on January 21, 28 and concluding on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am until 3pm (including a break for lunch.) This program will be offered free of charge in accordance with the Holmdel Theatre Company's mission.

Instructors for this program are Justin Vanderbeck and Courtney Keating. Justin graduated from Niagara University in 2005 with a BFA in Design and Technology in Theater and is now a sales/rental account executive at Production Resource Group, an entertainment technology company. At PRG, Justin works on projects ranging from Broadway and live television events to local high school and college theatre productions. Justin's affiliation with HTC began in 2010 as Lighting Designer for *Godspell*. He currently serves as HTC's Technical Director, as well as Set Designer for the current season. Courtney graduated from Holmdel High School in 2006. After graduation, she went on to pursue a Theatre Design and Technology BFA degree at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia. She graduated UArts in 2010 with a focus in lighting design. She has worked at HTC since 2005 as a Lighting and Set Designer as well as Stage Manager.

A limited number of places are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations may be made by calling the theatre at (732) 946-0427 or on our website at [www.holmdeltheatrecompany.org](http://www.holmdeltheatrecompany.org).

## **ABOUT THE HOLMDEL THEATRE COMPANY**

The Holmdel Theatre Company is a non-profit, semi-professional, educational theatre company dedicated to presenting classical plays as well as rarely presented dramas and comedies. The Company's unique mission seeks to integrate professional actors, technicians, designers and directors with non-professionals and young people in a synergistic artistic and educational exchange. This initiative is used in an effort to raise the level of performance and to help all performers grow artistically from the exposure to professionals in the field.

## **STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HTC**

There are many opportunities for students to become a part of the Holmdel Theater Company. The HTC casts roles for most of the main stage productions from students at the middle school and high school level. They are proud to offer many outstanding workshops in the upcoming month. They will also be looking for assistant stage managers, running crew, lighting board operators and many other technical positions for students interested in apprenticeships. If you would like to learn more about the opportunities available at the Holmdel Theatre Company, please visit the website at [www.holmdeltheatrecompany.org](http://www.holmdeltheatrecompany.org).

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