

Acting Like A Pro: Course Overview

Acting 101

- Review the script. Is this a project that makes sense for me as an actor? Should I do this play/movie?
- Do an intense study of your character. Work with the director to see his take on this person. Who is he? What motivates his actions?
- Build a back story for this person and create a potential future for her. Characters that live only on the stage are boring to the audience and the actors.
- Learn the lines, but more importantly, learn the arc of the story and how your character fits into this story, not only on the pages of the script but before and after them.

Basic Acting Tools

- Enunciation: No matter what the part, the accent, the age of the character or any other parameter, you must be understood clearly. Practice difficult words, sentences and passages.
- Projection: You may speak eloquently, but no one will know that if most people in the audience can't hear you.
- Body language: Movement is important but must be deliberate. Know your blocking, but also know your body and how it moves. How you portray a character is as much about your physicality as it is about the words you are saying.
- White space: Create meaningful pauses and fill those pauses with meaning.

How You Will Apply This to Business

- Are you in the right field? Are you selling a product or service you understand and believe in? Do you need more training or motivation?
- Who are you? What motivates you to sell this product or service?
- What is your back story? What is your future? If you don't like your own back story, create one that you can live with and project to your potential clients (your audience). Do you have confidence in your future? Can you manifest a destiny you really want to have? Can you make others believe in you?
- Do you know the script of your sales pitch? Do you know what you are selling and why, and do you know it so well that you are part of the story? Where do *you* fit in that story?
- You can apply all the basic tools of acting when you are speaking to individuals or groups. Let us teach you how.