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# DRAM 210.01: Voice and Speech – Vocal Production

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*“There is an art of stage speech as definite and distinct from speech of the street as opera singing or ballet is from everyday life.” -George Bernard Shaw*

**DRAMA 210: Voice and Speech – Vocal Production**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:10-3:00 McGill 125**

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**Aim of the course:**

The purpose of this course is to begin to understand your vocal instrument, identify problem vocal areas, and master tools in an effort to expand and refine your vocal quality.

**Outcomes:**

*At the end of the semester you will be able to:*

- Identify how the voice works;
- Acknowledge the voice you have and be able to work on problem areas;
- Have the skills to free and strengthen your voice;
- Find and use voices other than your habitual ones;
- Begin to understand Standard American speech and elevated speech for classical theatre; and,
- Create a basic plan for vocal growth in the years to come.

**Contents:**

*The course will be divided into several units:*

- Knowing your instrument
- Expanding your voice
- Refining your voice
- Using other voices
- Language and pronunciation
- Approaches and strategies to continue in the future

In addition to regular performances and studio work there will be two short papers.

**THERE WILL BE A MIDTERM DURING THE WEEK OF: October 11**

*The midterm will consist of two parts:*

- 1) an individual oral presentation of a piece of children’s literature
- 2) a written test covering terms and physiology presented

**THERE WILL BE A FINAL EXAM DURING BOTH THE LAST WEEK OF CLASSES AND**

**FINALS WEEK: Tuesday, December 13 3:20-5:20**

The final will consist of two parts:

- 1) a collaborative performance, Shakespeare’s Voices
- 2) a written exam covering the course content

**Course Materials:**

Small hand mirror

Tape recorder

Complete works of Shakespeare

Notebook for note taking – you are expected to take notes during this course. There will be two paper tests covering subjects and terms presented.

**Course policy:**

You are expected to be at every class on time and ready to work. Bring water to drink.