

New Theatre and Music classes at UNM-LA this semester

Spring Semester 2011 is an exciting time for the newly rejuvenated Theatre and Music programs at UNM-Los Alamos. Professor Todd LaTourrette will be instructing Acting I (Tues., 2-4:30 p.m.), Singing for Actors (Mon. 1-2:40 p.m.), Voice and Movement (Mon. 6-8:30 p.m.), and Rock Music Appreciation (Tues. 6-8:30 p.m.). Classes can be taken for a grade or as credit/no credit.

“Whether you are a seasoned actor, or simply someone who wants to learn the craft of acting or singing, register for one of these new and exciting courses,” said LaTourrette.

Voice and Movement and Acting I will have a lot in common. Both classes will help students develop their acting skills and no prior experience is needed for either class.

“I’m very hopeful that my experience in the theatre and film will impassion new students to learn the craft of acting. I believe singing to be an art of which everyone is capable. My techniques during instruction of both acting and singing are such that every student develops at his or her pace. Students are graded on effort, not talent,” said LaTourrette.

All the classes are very “hands on,” rather than lecture oriented, he said.

LaTourrette comes to UNM-LA via New York, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas, NV. He obtained his degree at UNM, training classically in voice and musical theater. LaTourrette discovered his passion for singing in 1991, and after graduating, started his career performing in Broadway Musicals. As he gained experience, his career developed to include acting in film. LaTourrette has been working as a principal SAG Actor since 1999. Todd has had the great pleasure to work, one on one, with Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman, Ewan McGregor, Dennis Hopper, Toby Keith, Ted Nugent, and many other seasoned actors.

LaTourrette desires students to challenge themselves, and have a great deal of fun during the process. And that’s just what happened in his Theatre Appreciation class this semester, he said.

“Life is a stage, and I believe that every willing student will make an impression on this vast world of ours,” said LaTourrette.

Professor LaTourrette's professional resume can be found on the Internet. Search the IMDB database, or simply Google Todd LaTourrette.

To learn more about Spring Semester classes at UNM-LA, visit www.la.unm.edu. Call 662-0332 for help with registration.