

## **COBALT STUDIOS — Scenic Artists Training Program Student Information**

Cobalt Studios provides quality apprentice-style training to people interested in pursuing careers in Scenic Art. It is a resident school. A secluded farm on 28 acres of fields and woods is its setting. The farmhouse is large enough to accommodate up to 12 people. Students and guest artists all stay on the grounds. Kitchen and laundry facilities are large enough for all. The painting studio is located within a short walking distance from the house. Studio facilities include a painting deck, paint mixing room, library, and drafting facilities.

The nearest municipalities are Monticello and Liberty, both about 15 minutes away. The surrounding communities in this summer vacationland are pretty quiet during the winter school months. The Catskills region offers various winter sports such as skiing, sledding and skating. The Monticello Trotters racetrack is open for most of the year. Students can anticipate having the opportunity to visit museums and see productions in New York City and nearby communities.

### **Student Life**

Based on a forty-hour week, students participate in both classwork and apprentice work. Outside of this time, students can expect to do homework and their share of maintenance work in the house, on the grounds, and in the studio. These activities, as well as meal hours, are scheduled but flexible. The remaining time is free for the students.

Cobalt Studios expects compliance with State and Federal laws concerning drugs and alcohol.

### **Admission**

Cobalt Studios will accept up to 8 students for the two-year program. Applicants for admission do not need an extensive theatre background, although a basic familiarity with theatre and art is necessary. We do consider a strong foundation in drawing to be essential. All applicants must be high school graduates. Rather than the customary academic standards, Cobalt Studios admission is based on the applicant's enthusiasm, ability, references, and potential in professional theatre. Cobalt Studios maintains a racially and sexually non-discriminating policy.

### **What You Get**

You get the most incredibly detailed training you can imagine!! After one year of training, students receive a Certificate of Completion of One Year. Upon completion of the Scenic Artist Training Program the student receives a Graduation Certificate.

Cobalt Studios is a non-accredited institution. Several accredited universities and colleges have given credit to their students for attending our program. Some of these include: North Carolina School of the Arts, University of Minnesota, Ohio University, and the Hong Kong School of Performing Arts. The option to do so lies with that institution.

### **Financial**

The non-refundable application fee covers telephone costs, application processing, and the cost of the overnight interview. It does not include the transportation to and from that interview.

Tuition covers a student's share of class and art supplies, utilities, insurance, and field trips. Room & Board includes laundry, all meals in house and on the job excluding mutually agreed upon meals eaten out. Personal expenses and equipment such as personal trips, clothing, bedding, and personal tools are NOT included in the fees. These will be provided by the student. Transportation (and Room & Board) to any contracted job site will be covered by Cobalt Studios.

Students pay for their own personal phone calls. This will be collected monthly after the phone bill accounting. A deposit will be held against nonpayment of charges. This is to be paid at registration. Upon settlement of the final month's bill the student will receive any balance on their account.

Students will be responsible for keeping their own room's clean. Any excessive wear or damage to the housing will be deducted from the responsible student's room deposit at the end of the year.

## Cost and Payment Schedule

COST	First Year	Second Year
Tuition	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Room and Board	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
Total	\$11,400.00	\$11,400.00

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Non-refundable application fee due with application \$100.00

	First Year	Second Year
August 15	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
First day of First Semester	\$9,400.00	\$9,400.00
Telephone deposit	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Room deposit	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00

## The Cobalt Loan

Because Cobalt Studios is non-accredited, loans from the usual sources are scarce. We offer our own in-house loan. Upon acceptance there is a loan limit of \$5000.00 for the first year and \$2000.00 for the second year. Information is available upon request.

Payment schedule if a loan is taken out from Cobalt (based on a loan for \$5000.00)

August 15	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
First day of First Semester	\$4,400.00	\$7,400.00
Telephone deposit	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Room deposit	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00

## CALENDAR\*

Sunday after Labor Day:	Students arrive
Friday preceding 12/25:	Vacation begins
Monday after New Year's day:	Second semester begins
Second weekend in May:	Summer vacation begins

Vacations include Thanksgiving, three weeks at Christmas and a one-week Spring Break. We also take a day off for the following national holidays: Columbus Day and Washington's Birthday.

\* Call to confirm specific dates.