

# Cedar Crest College

**FNA 100 First Fridays** 1 credit

**Fall 2008** Alumnae Hall, Little Theater Specific Fridays (see below) from 12p-1p

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**Meeting Dates :** 9/5/08  
10/3/08  
11/7/08  
12/5/08

## Course Description and Objectives:

This course is designed as a means of developing departmental communication and unity across concentrations. The course will focus on enhancing the students' ability to speak publicly and communicate electronically on historical and contemporary performing arts trends, as well as performing arts styles and aesthetic theories. The course offers a venue for students to communicate their impressions on how their academic lives are transforming into professional careers.

## Course Format:

1. Classroom: Group discussion based on current performing arts events and topics where everyone has the opportunity to participate with faculty and peers in a traditional classroom setting.
2. E-companion: on line discussion board where relevant topics are posted and discussed outside of classroom meetings. Topics and discussions from class are expected to continue on line and vice versa.
3. Student presentation: Everyone is expected to make a minimum of one presentation per academic year. The presentations are meant to encourage constructive peer and faculty discussion on common issues with varied solutions.

Presentation parameters are as follows:

10-15 minutes in length with or without Audio / Visual Aids (powerpoint, etc) and/or performance demonstrations

Presentations may be done in groups.

[ ] Sophomores may present on items relevant to their academic lives.

[ ] Juniors should be discussing potential ideas for their senior project.

[ ] Senior presentation should involve self analysis and reflection on their experiences during the past year.

## **Course Outcomes:**

1. Students will demonstrate their understanding of musical, dance and theatrical styles through traditional classroom and E-companion discussions.

Assessment: Student participation is evaluated by performing arts faculty. Students must contribute to all e-companion discussions in a thoughtful manner.

2. Students will demonstrate progress in public speaking.

Assessment: Student presentations are critiqued by performing arts faculty. Please see attached evaluation form.

## **Course Evaluation:**

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| Attendance:                | Mandatory |
| Classroom participation:   | 25%       |
| E-companion participation: | 50%       |
| Presentation:              | 25%       |