

SUNY Rockland Community College
The Performing Arts Department

and

ROCKLAND SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Are Proud to Present a very Special Summer Event

SUNY Rockland's Performing Arts Department is extremely proud to present a very special guest instructor to SUNY Rockland this August as we welcome back world-renowned Fight Master, Richard Ryan to the campus. Mr. Ryan will be conducting a two-week intensive stage combat qualification course and mentoring a select group of students in two forms of stage combat as they strive for certification by the Society of American Fight Directors.

This is a unique opportunity to work with one of the highest ranked professionals in the field of stage combat and fight direction, as well as to qualify for certification by the SAFD (SPT – Skills Proficiency Test) in *Unarmed Combat* and *Smallsword*, as well qualification renewals (Skills Proficiency Renewal) in Single Sword and Quarterstaff.

Mr. Ryan has choreographed hundreds of fights throughout his extensive career in Film, Theatre, Opera, TV, and most recently, *Sherlock Holmes 1 and 2* with Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law. Other work includes the Warner Brothers epics, *TROY* starring Brad Pitt and Orlando Bloom and *The Dark Knight* with Christian Bale and Heath Ledger and many other Hollywood blockbusters. He was also the 'Master-at-Arms' at London's famous Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and has taught stage combat extensively throughout the UK including training stage combat teachers and fight directors.

He has worked for many major theatrical companies such as Royal National Theatre, Royal Shakespeare Company as well as various West End shows and National Tours on projects encompassing a traditional diet of Shakespearean and Jacobean plays to new contemporary works to a live show in Thailand where he staged a battle with eighty actors and four Elephants.

Richard has also taught numerous workshops both nationally and internationally including The British National Workshops, COS 2000 Spain and The International Stage Combat Workshop, New York Regional Workshop. For further information on Fight Master ~ Richard Ryan, please visit his websites: at www.swordmaster.com and www.stagefight.com

Application must be received by Monday August 1st, 2011.

Program Cost: \$750 (\$300 Non-refundable deposit due July 25th)

Course runs August 8th to August 20th, 2011. All applicants must be 18 years or older.

Course acceptance and waitlist will be strictly limited. Apply early.

For Further information regarding this exciting course, please contact the Performing Arts Department of SUNY Rockland Community College at 845-574-4471.

Applications are available online at www.rocklandshakespearecompany.com and through the Performing Arts Department of SUNY Rockland Community College 145 College Road, Suffern, NY 10901.