

Workshops



Actors of Dionysus are “*arguably the UK’s best interpreters*” of Greek drama and have earned a long-standing reputation for “*keeping the Classics alive*”.

We offer a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the genre, which our workshops allow your students to share. Different groups have their own specific needs, so we’ve devised a workshop programme which covers the areas most commonly requested.

- **from text to performance** - For students of Classics, Classical Civilisation or English, with no background in drama: How to take a play off the page and approach it as a theatrical experience, a process which in turn enhances subsequent readings of other theatre texts.

Questions of choice in staging and characterisation are addressed, and, with the help of company Actors or our Education Officer, students themselves direct and perform an extract from the play.

- **a chorus of approval** - For Drama students looking at the many roles that the chorus can play and exploring ways in which modern interpreters can use the chorus as a creative theatrical tool.

Drawing on the group’s own particular skills and talents, this workshop combines improvisation, tableaux and ensemble exercises culminating in a physical performance of a passage from the play.

- Our new **devising workshop** examines what dramatic devices and theatrical tools can be used to devise contemporary versions of ancient text and how myth shapes our lives today.
- **Antigone** - A comprehensive workshop exploring Sophocles' masterpiece, focusing on key themes and questions of staging and interpretation.

This workshop culminates with students working in focused groups toward a final short performance and post-showing discussion.

Within this framework, workshops and ancient Greek texts can be customised to suit the experience and requirements of the group and questions of interpretation, characterisation and the concept of the tragic hero may also be explored as well as ensemble exercises exploring ritual and sacred objects. The maximum size of workshop groups is 25, and the fee for a two-hour workshop begins at £250 (excluding necessary travel expenses).

For further information and for booking, contact Mark Katz, Education Officer, at mark@actorsofdionysus.com | 07903 390 087 | 01273 673 691