

**DRAMATISTS/WRITERS' PRE-ASSIGNMENTS  
AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FIRST PHASE**

The 1st phase of the exams will be held on **Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th of August 2024**. In the 1st phase applicant participates in the exams **one evening**. The invitation letter provides a more detailed arrival time. For the second and third phase we ask you to reserve the **whole day on Saturday 31th AND Sunday 1st of September**. All exams will be held at Ilves-Theatre (Sampsantie 50, 00610 Helsinki). The jury will make decisions about the applicants between the exam days based on the given assignments.

A friendly reminder: While working with the pre-assignments and also during the entrance exams, please stay honest to yourself and your own interests. **Please be aware that the assignments should not have such content that would need content warnings.** Always go primarily towards what is meaningful to you.

With regards, the jury <3

**PRE-ASSIGNMENT 1 – APPLICATION FORM**

Fill in [the application form](#) by Monday 26th of August, 5 pm. The form is filled on Google Forms, and all pre-assignments are returned together with the form.

**PRE-ASSIGNMENT 2 — FICTIONAL FAMILY TREE**

Write a fictional family tree. You can write the text as yourself or as a fictional character. This writing assignment may be used as a material during the exams.

The maximum length of the text is 0,5 page (A4) with the font Times New Roman, font size 12 and line spacing 1,5. You can also attach an A4 size drawing. Return the assignment as a **PDF-file** and name it `Firstname_Lastname_D2`.

## **PRE-ASSIGNMENT 3**

### **3A Presentation idea**

Choose one of the materials. Take a look at the work and think about what exactly catches your attention? Are you more interested in the work as a whole or its details? Write a half-page long text about what kind of performance you would like to write based on the work. What kind of themes, events and people would be in the show?

The length of the text is half a page - a page (A4), font Times New Roman, font size 12, line spacing 1.5. Title the task with the name of your presentation. Return the assignment as a **PDF file** and name the file FirstName\_LastName\_D3A.

### **3B Write a scene**

Write an opening scene to the performance. You can use the following questions as guidance:


- What is the mood of the scene in the beginning and in the end? Does it change during the scene or remain the same?
- What is the setting of the scene?
- What characters are there in the scene and what are their relations?

The maximum length of the text is 1 page (A4) with the font New Times Roman, font size of 12 and line spacing of 1,5. Use your play's name as the heading for the text. Return the assignment as a **PDF-file** and name it Firstname\_Surname\_D3.

## **RETURNING THE ASSIGNMENTS**

Application form is filled and the assignments are returned [HERE](#) by **5 pm on Monday 26th of August**. Have fun with the assignments and see you at the exams! <3

**MATERIAL 1:**

 Paris Is Burning (1990) , watch through the timestamp 24:49-25:21 (about. 40 sec)

**MATERIAL 2:**

"Finally, Sophia's grandmother said: I know a song that you don't. He waited a moment and then he sang, right next to the note, because he had his vocal cords crossed: Pilipompaa, pilipompaa, don't throw that cowhide, pilipompaa, pilipompaa, you'll get it back if you don't stop. That shit.

What did you say, whispered Sophia, for she could not believe her ears, and so the grandmother sang the same really ugly song once more.

Sophia climbed over the edge of the ditch and started walking towards the village. Dad has never said poo, she announced over her shoulder. Where did you learn that from?

I won't say, replied the grandmother.

They came to the barn, galloped over the fences up to the steps and passed Nybondas's barn, and even before they got to the shop under the yard trees, Sophia knew the song too, and she sang it just as wrongly as her grandmother."

Summer book - Tove Jansson