

# AIDA | ACADEMY OF IMAGINATION & DRAMATIC ARTS

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## GRATITUDE AIDA COMMUNITY!

Thank you for VOTING US for the sixth year: TOP TEN BEST OF THE BEST in the 2021 Hamilton Spectator Readers' Choice Awards

Art School / Instruction

Summer Camp

Kids Camps

Children's Entertainment

Kid's Activities

Life Coaching; Kaime Sherman

2020 GOLD AWARD BEST SUMMER CAMP!

## “IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!”-UNKNOWN

It feels so good to be back in person at our HAPPY PLACE of Churchill Clubhouse! Thank you for your continued support both past and present as we navigate & pivot to continue to produce our mission-driven, award-winning arts education for all ages, despite the challenging times!

With COVID protocols and guidelines in place, we had an AWESOME FALL SESSION with the return of Afterschool Drama Tuesdays and our NEW Saturdays Pure Drama! Because many have asked, I am adding Dramarama Saturday mornings for ages 4-5 year olds to our Winter and Spring Sessions!

Spaces remain limited, with new indoor guidelines. Most students attend all school year, so please confirm your child's spot. Reminder, we start Drama Tuesdays January 18 and Dramarama/ Pure Drama Saturdays; January 29<sup>th</sup>.

We have WAITING LISTS, so please confirm ASAP. Should provincial/city restrictions change, beyond, our control, we will resume classes when allowed. WE GOT THIS! Intention is to keep everyone safe & CREATIVE!

Currently we are RESERVING spots (no payments required as of yet) for March and Summer DRAMA NATURE ART CAMPS! Registrations for BOTH are on our website! Reserve NOW! Limited Space!

**ARE YOU A SECONDARY, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY STUDENT OR KNOW ONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN OUR YOUTH INITIATIVE? THEY CAN JOIN OUR TEAM! Give back! Become a volunteer! APPLY NOW!!!!**

It is that time of year, when I start organizing our AiDa TEAM of Mentor Leaders for the coming year. Mentor Leaders are eligible to earn community service credit or enhance their CV, by assisting me with activities, team challenges, gain leadership skills, tools and strategies for success while having FUN! A Leadership Training Session is set for late Spring to “**Learn ML Expectations & Tools for Success!**” Our volunteers are our STARS!

**Have a 13 yrs. old? They can apply to be a Mentor Leader in Training!**

I have created Mentor Leaders in Training to bridge the gap between student, camper and Mentor Leader. Ask me for more details!



Since 2015 to present.....

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## ***Building confidence is your SUPER POWER!***

*I created AiDa to ignite creative expression, self and social awareness, emotional learning, relationship skills, empathy, curiosity, leadership development, mentoring, social change, positivity and self-discovery while building confidence, self-esteem, value, worth and community through arts appreciation. We connect, learn to become effective communicators and explore through dramatic arts, nature while making friendships as we lift the human spirit and our AiDa community! ☺☺☺*

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*Everyone has greatness within, it just in development.*

## Kaime Sherman

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AiDa is mission-driven Arts Education for all ages (student, entrepreneur to professional) offering Acting, Public Speaking, Communicating, Life Coaching, Mentoring and Leadership Training, Classes, Workshops, Camps, Afterschool programs, Saturday Drama, POPUPS, Community Partnerships and Customized Workshops. We instruct in person and virtual, offering private and group sessions.

### LET IT FLOW

Need a gift giving idea? Check out my book, “**Creativity and Flow; A Journal of Ideas and Inspiration,**” available on Amazon!

[www.amazon.com/author/kwsherman](http://www.amazon.com/author/kwsherman)

I wrote it to inspire everyone to write their own story! It is filled with some of my favorite inspirational quotes to motivate and to be thought provoking. I created it to be used as a working journal for you to set your intentions, add clarity to your purpose and discover your greatness within! SHINE YOUR LIGHT!

### HELP SPREAD AIDA LOVE AND AWARENESS!

It's that time of year again, when The City of Hamilton invites YOU to recognize your favorite **Arts Community Leader with the 2022 City of Hamilton Arts Award Nominations!**

I would be grateful for your support to help AiDa move forward in allowing others in our community to become aware of what we do. The past two years have been a tremendous challenge, but we have persevered, pivoted and our community has grown stronger. Pre-Covid I have been a four time Nominee in Arts Innovation and Community Leadership for The Hamilton Arts Awards. Last year, several submitted letters of support online, but we were overlooked. It was suggested to speak more clearly with examples about how I & AiDa impact community with our inclusive, whole mind, body, living/social/emotional learning, life coaching, community engagement (*such as our participation in the Westdale Butterflyway Project, inspired by environmental activist David Suzuki, painting murals on our pollinator box at Churchill Park/near the Clubhouse*) Youth Initiative Mentor Leaders; promoting volunteerism, collaboration, building confidence+

***This Year, with YOUR help, we can SHINE OUR LIGHT brighter, grow our community outreach and share our creativity, positivity and what we do, so that others might discover our “happy place!” AiDa is possibilities inspiring incredible humans!***

To nominate, you simply need, my name, our contact and social information (*listed here*) and write a brief summary of why you feel that I CREATOR of (AiDa) should be nominated in Arts Education & Community Leadership. They have included helpful guidelines for writing why a nominee should be nominated, which includes, why it matters, WHY I CREATED AIDA, how AiDa helps community, What makes AiDa DIFFERENT, (i.e. *Social Change, Leadership Development, Art, Drama, Nature*).....**Deadline is January 14, 2022. It's all online!**

**We are Social on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter @aida.hamont, YouTube Channel, Google @AIDA.HamOnt**  
[www.aidahamont.com](http://www.aidahamont.com) Simply visit: [www.hamilton.ca/artsawards](http://www.hamilton.ca/artsawards)

*The purpose is to celebrate and bring awareness of the incredible contribution CREATORS have made in our community. I would be incredibly honored and humbled if you support me in this recognition for what we do in our community. There are simple guidelines you can use to help with your content as only 8-10 will be chosen citywide. The Creator Award, recognizes excellence and innovation to artistic growth in the city, progresses the art form and expresses cultural vitality and diversity in Hamilton Art Life!*

**I CREATED AIDA, to promote imagination, creativity, collaboration, community, diversity, inclusion, confidence, social change, leadership development, mentorship and self worth for all and believe that access to the arts IS NOT A PRIVILEGE BUT A RIGHT.**

**SHARE YOUR VOICE! I invite you to write a GOOGLE REVIEW! We are PROUD OF OUR 5 STAR RATING!!! 😊😊😊**

Google aida hamont: AiDa | Academy of Imagination & Dramatic Arts <https://g.page/r/CejUMaTEJwYmEBM/review>

**Here are a few of the AMAZING Testimonials we have received! IT IS AN EXTRAORDINARY GIFT TO LIFT SOMEONE UP!**

**I LOVE HEARING FROM PARENTS, STUDENTS, MENTOR LEADERS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS! HELP SHARE OUR POSITIVE IMPACT, PASSION, PURPOSE, LOVE OF THE ARTS, SOCIAL CHANGE, COMMUNITY, SELF WORTH and CONFIDENCE BUILDING! HELP US SPREAD THE WORD and continue to make a difference! 😊😊😊 What we do at AiDa matters😊**

*"We had Kaime in our class for two full periods. With her energy and contagious enthusiasm, she quickly established a rapport with the students, that allowed her to have fun with them while maintaining control of the class. She took them through a variety of activities that everyone loved (even the shy students) that not only worked on some skills needed for drama, but that also increased self-confidence and resulted in team building. A great experience for everyone and were hoping to have her back soon!"- Paul Gilchrist HWDSB, Grade 6 teacher, Hamilton*

*"We had 3 kids there all week, and hands down they said this was the best camp they ever have been to (between them, they have been to at least 10 other camps!) The whole vibe was about fairness, respect and fun! Kaime truly believes in what she does and it shows! We would recommend AiDa to anyone who has a child who likes to use their imagination!"-Rita Steinberg, Hamilton*

*"AiDa is one of the BEST Summer Camps I have gotten to be a part of. Everyone is so loving, happy and excited to come to AiDa everyday! As a volunteer and Summer CO-OP Student for HWDSB, I have never been more comfortable, welcomed, and excited to be somewhere! The Mentors are very friendly and talk with respect! Kaime is always so positive and always has a smile on her face! I personally, have never seen as positive and loving as her!"-Mays Al-Soofi HWDSB CO-OP Student, Hamilton*

*"My 10 year old son and I had the pleasure of meeting Kaime and her amazing team of teen mentors this summer when he attended AiDa Summer Camp. We were not disappointed! My son can be a little quiet and can be lost in a sea of more outgoing kids. From the minute we arrived, Kaime met us at the door, I knew we chose a great place for him to grow and come out of his shell. Kaime has a passion for her work that is uncommon. She is fulfilling her dream of helping kids to grow through dramatic arts and it shows and that spark is infectious! My son can't wait to be a mentor when he is old enough! We will definitely be returning to AiDa!"-Dan Fu, Ancaster*

*"Kaime makes such a beautiful connection with kids and many of us have been with her for years! There are so many valuable lessons for kids by studying drama (communication, working with others, creativity, and more!) and Kaime does an amazing job at encouraging and guiding each child to SHINE!"-Bomberry Middy, Hamilton*

Thank each and every one of you for your continued support, hugs, kind words, thoughtful and caring ways! Words can not express the joy I feel when I am able to ignite a student's appreciation of excellence of the ARTS in our community!

**CONTINUE TO STAY WELL AND SAFE! Wishing you and your families A SEASON FILLED WITH JOY, LOVE, LIGHT, HEALTH, PROSPERITY, LAUGHTER, MIRACLES AND WONDER! MAY 2022 BE ALL THAT WE HOPE FOR!**

**SEE YOU IN THE NEW YEAR! 😊😊😊 Keep Shining! Xoxoxoxox!**



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