

AiDa | Academy of Imagination & Dramatic Arts

Creating magic is what Kaime Sherman, has done well for over 44 years, since making Hamilton home. Her imagination, vision, contagious enthusiasm and determination to make community better through arts excellence and appreciation has always been her steadfast passion and purpose.

As a multi-award winning artist, mentor, author, performer, (*acting, public speaking, communication, certified life*) coach and mom, Kaime **GIVES BACK to community**.

A graduate of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts, adjudicator 25+ years, Actor's Society Gold Member, ACTRA Member, she has been mentored by and worked with trailblazers in the industry of theatre, film and television and has been instructed by giants in their fields of expertise paying their knowledge forward as a coach.

As recipient of YWCA Woman of Distinction Arts & Culture in 2015, she gained courage, as an arts innovator, to make a **DREAM** reality creating **Academy of Imagination & Dramatic Arts | AiDa, in 2015, mission-driven arts education fostering imagination, creativity, self-discovery with diverse programming and where access to the arts is not a privilege but a right for all ages, respecting diversity, inclusivity and sparking social change.**

Her book, **"Creativity and Flow; A Journal of Ideas and Inspiration,"** (available on: www.amazon.com/author/kwsherman) weaves the thread of her mission **"to guide individuals to create positive change by self-love, confidence and intentional living, and where they can propel their inner light to shine brightest!"**

"Everyone has greatness within, it's just in development!"-KW Sherman

To quote an excerpt from her book, **"As one who is all about action, it's a journal that you can use to jumpstart flow in your life through focusing on recording your inspiration and ideas. Everyone has a story,"** as Kaime states and continues, **"Our life journeys are filled with laughter, tears, challenges, and every emotion makes us human. Challenge yourself! Become your own warrior and connect with your creative spirit!"**

Her creativity and innovation continues, to generate programming partnerships from kindergarten to post-secondary, with HWDSB, Mohawk College Continuing Education, McMaster University, Boys & Girls Club, Hamilton Public Library, Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Hamilton Arts Council, Shalom Village, Hamilton Business Centre Starter Company Plus, J Community Centre, Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Ontario Culture Days + a plethora of organizations currently in conversations for her workshops in the coming year.

As an 8X Nominee and 7X Shortlisted Nominee for The City of Hamilton Arts Awards, she remains a resilient, engaged creator, arts innovator and a bellwether of positive energy in our arts community and beyond.

The mission continues igniting creative expression, self-discovery and **support of local Artists by SPOTLIGHTING them through AiDa's Guest Mentors Initiative**. Artists have the opportunity of inspiring the next generation of Picasso's+. **AiDa's Youth Initiative Mentor Leaders** offers secondary students the opportunity to volunteer to earn not only community service credit but to enhance transferrable skills to the workplace and in life.

Kaime believes strongly that with confidence and imagination, anything is possible.

AiDa is community based for all ages offering award-winning year-round customizable acting, speaking, and creativity workshops for student- professional, year-round afterschool and Saturday Acting Workshops, all NEW Adult Acting/Improv/Art of Communicating Workshop, award-winning March and Summer Camps featuring; Drama, Nature, Art and POPUPS to build confidence, self-worth, collaboration, creativity and communication skills while promoting community, partnerships and lifting the human spirit.

All classes, workshops and camps are instructed by Kaime, owner, founder and Camp Director of AiDa.

"At AiDa, possibilities are only limited to one's IMAGINATION!"-KW Sherman

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