

# AIDA | ACADEMY OF IMAGINATION & DRAMATIC ARTS

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## AIDA COMMUNITY GRATITUDE

VOTED TOP TEN BEST of the Best: The Hamilton Spectator 2021 Reader's Choice Awards:

\*Art School/Instruction

\*Summer Camp

\*Kids Camps

\*Children's Entertainment

\*Kids Activities

\*Life Coach-Kaime Sherman  
AiDa Owner and Founder

\*2020 GOLD WINNER BEST  
SUMMER CAMP

## ***"DO WHAT YOU LOVE AND YOU WILL FIND A WAY TO GET IT OUT TO THE WORLD!"-JUDY COLLINS***

With passion, intention and purpose we pivoted and navigated through challenging times, with grass roots innovation and resilience, to produce our 5<sup>th</sup> award-winning Drama Nature Art Summer Camp! Totally immersed in nature, for the health and safety of all, it was a huge success! We created magic, made friendships and memories to last a lifetime!

**Gratitude to our entire community, students, parents and Mentor Leader volunteers!** With renewed HOPE for better days ahead, we are proud to announce our 2021-2022 classes, workshops, camps and coaching. We celebrate the opportunity to return indoors, and face to face. Of course, we are ready, for online, should situations change.

### **AiDa is mission-driven arts education for all ages.**

As a community building and engaged partner, we offer acting, public speaking, communicating and relating programming, life coaching, mentoring and leadership development for the student to professional. All classes and sessions are customizable and can be offered as group and/or private sessions.

**AiDa's VISION** is to build confidence, communication skills, collaboration and community, while inspiring creative expression, self-discovery, mentoring, leadership development, inclusion and diversity in a safe space. We promote appreciation for excellence in the arts and believe that access to the arts is not a privilege but a right.

**AiDa's MISSION** as a community is to inspire creativity, self-discovery, positive wellbeing, "kindfulness" and social change while engaging others to believe in themselves, self-worth and their possibilities through teaching, coaching and mentoring, to lift the human spirit.

***"Everyone has greatness within, it's just in development."***  
Kaime Sherman, AiDa Owner and Founder



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introduction of new! OCTOBER we launch the return of our **Afterschool Drama Tuesdays** for kids 6-12, **4:30pm-6pm**. In addition, by popular request, we have added the **ALL NEW Saturday "DRAMARAMA" 10am-11:15am for JK/SK and "PURE DRAMA: Acting & Skill Building" 12:30pm-2:30pm for Grades 2-8!** To download a registration form visit our website [www.aidahamont.com](http://www.aidahamont.com) or email us: [aida.hamont@gmail.com](mailto:aida.hamont@gmail.com). Space will be limited so **ACT NOW!** AiDa is our happy place where, ***we build CHARACTER from the inside out!*** ☺☺☺

### **Youth Initiative Mentor Leaders and Mentor Leaders in Training:**

We are now currently accepting applications for secondary students to apply to join our AiDa Team. The initiative is for students Grade 9-12 offering them the opportunity to enrich community through creativity, gaining confidence, life skills, tools and strategies for becoming an effective communicator, mediator and eligibility to earn community service credit.

Mentor Leader in Training is for age 13, to bridge the gap between camper and Mentor Leader.

Expectations to become a ML are to have a positive attitude, passion for the arts, enjoy working with kids and display abilities to encourage students to be co-operative, inclusive, kind, empathetic and compassionate to others. They must demonstrate a commitment through attendance and have a desire to be a team player and make a difference in a creative, safe environment. No drama experience necessary, just a desire to learn!

### **The Art of Speaking, Communicating and Relating**

For the student to professional, these customizable workshops help one gain tools and strategies for success in overcoming fear of public speaking and to becoming an effective communicator in interviews, presentations, pitches, meetings and social situations.

Public Speaking is one of the top rated job skills. As a community partner, these workshops have been presented at Mohawk College Continuing Education, The Boys and Girls Club, Starter Company-The Hamilton Business Centre and can be customized for sales/management teams, human resources, entrepreneurs, schools and organizations. Book Now!

### **Life Coaching: Cultivate Your Destiny!**

Coaching to build confidence, communication skills, empower self-worth, intention, purpose while manifesting gratitude, joy and success. Offering private/or group sessions face to face or virtual with certified Life Coach Kaime Sherman, AiDa owner, founder. Contact us for session bookings.

**All AiDa classes, workshops, camps and coaching are created and facilitated by Kaime Sherman**, an award-winning community leader in arts innovation, author, artist, mentor, acting, public speaking and life coach.

Her book, "Creativity and Flow; A Journal of Ideas and Inspiration," is available at: [www.amazon.com/author/kwsherman](http://www.amazon.com/author/kwsherman) .

Kaime is a YWCA recipient of "Woman of Distinction" 2015 Arts & Culture, a multi- Nominee, of The City of Hamilton Arts Awards for Arts Innovation/Community Leadership, 2016-2020 and 2017 recipient of AFW award, Art & Culture for community leadership in the arts. Kaime has fostered growth in both the arts and in the business sector for over four decades in Hamilton.

As a graduate of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts; Los Angeles, Gold Member of The Actor's Society for alumni, she was mentored by Master Instructors and legends in theatre, film and television. She served as regional adjudicator for over 25 years for the AADA for both New York and Los Angeles campuses. Member ACTRA and Hamilton Arts Council.

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*"When I was a young man, I had the opportunity to attend an incredible acting institution called The American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Anyone who attended that program would absolutely have a powerful extensive knowledge of the whole scope of the acting process and its steps of preparation. Not only do I know, Kaime, I attended school with her and know her to be of the highest caliber of professionalism. Anybody under her tutelage would be a very lucky student indeed."*

Nick Cassavetes; American Actor, Film Director; The Notebook, Alpha Dogs, My Sister's Keeper, John Q, She's So Lovely, The Other Woman and soon to be released, God is a Bullet

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*“Developing Character from the inside out!”~Kaime*

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

**Registration is NOW OPEN** for **AFTERSCHOOL DRAMA TUESDAYS** and our **NEW Saturday DRAMARAMA** for JK/SK and **PURE DRAMA; Acting & Skill Building** for Grades 2-8.

Our plan is to run our programs as fully as possible! We currently await confirmation from The City of Hamilton for our permit application for indoor use of Churchill Clubhouse, which has been our homebase for six years.

Therefore, we are registering to **RESERVE A SPOT** in classes and no payment is required until classes are confirmed.

Should the Province or The City of Hamilton guidelines change the availability of the way we deliver our programming, we will notify you!

## HEALTH AND SAFETY IS OF UTMOST CONCERN! OUR PROTOCOLS IN PLACE:

\*Fully vaccinated instructor and volunteers, Masks worn indoors by all, Handwashing/hand sanitizing, Contact tracing, Pre-screening for symptoms before attending, visual signs on entrance regarding safety precautions, Drop off screening, Drop off held outdoors so no parents in the building, Maintain social distancing and serious approach to cleaning both before and after each session, including circulating air and sanitizing all surfaces.

## COVID REFUND CANCELLATION POLICY

If full payment is made **before classes** commence and the program is cancelled due to COVID restrictions 100% of the fees will be refunded with no administration fee. If full payment has been made and COVID cancels, refund will be issued for classes cancelled.

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*“After going to AiDa for 4 years for seasonal camps and Drama Tuesdays, I can say proudly that AiDa is truly an amazing place! I have made so many great friendships and memories there. We go outside a lot and go on many hikes. We play games and spread joy. Some of my favorite games I have played in my life are from AiDa! And we’re always trying new ones out which soon become some of the camper’s favorites. The Mentor Leaders do a great job of keeping everyone out of trouble. I’d love for lots of kids to come to come and join AiDa. I’d really like to thank Kaime for creating AiDa!”-Victoria*

*“My kids have both attended AiDa camps for two years at this point. They thoroughly enjoy it! Each day combines art, theatre, games and nature. Both of my kids are eager every morning and happy after each day. Both have made some very good friendships and one is currently on her way to being a Mentor Leader. We couldn’t be happier!”-Amy G.*

*“Kaime and all the ML’s provide a fantastic place for kids to discover the best in themselves and share that with others. AiDa is a place of belonging. We are grateful to have found you!”-M. Hull*

*“Loved the safe, non-judgmental space for creativity! I learned so many tools and take-a ways and feel comfortable for my next presentation! Kaime’s high octane energy is contagious!”~Student, Mohawk College Continuing Education*