

AiDa | Academy of Imagination & Dramatic Arts

AiDa is mission driven arts education to inspire creative expression, self-discovery, confidence, literacy, leadership & life skills through Dramatic Arts for SK-Grade 8. Offering innovative year round award winning classes, workshops, seasonal camps, artist in the classroom, school workshops and Mentor | Leaders in training initiative for secondary students to earn community credit. AiDa is a community builder and partner.

The vision of AiDa is to encourage imagination, creativity, self-esteem, empathy and compassion, acts of kindness, inclusion, team building, mindfulness and respect for ourselves, others, nature and the world around us through dramatic arts. AiDa ignites arts appreciation and passion for the arts while lifting the human spirit.

AiDa Founder and Artistic Director Kaime Sherman is an award winning theatre instructor, YWCA Woman of Distinction | Arts & Culture, current nominee 2017 City of Hamilton Arts Awards | Community Leadership | Arts Innovation, recipient of numerous recognitions fostering growth in the arts sector. As a Graduate of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts | Los Angeles, she was mentored by master instructors and legends in theatre, television and film. AADA is also known as “*Cradle of the Stars.*”

“Kaime Sherman is one of Canada’s most exceptional artists and her outstanding commitment to the arts has spanned over 30 years as an artistic director, performer, drama coach and representative for the prestigious American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Canada, making a profound impact on the arts in our community. As a passionate artist, she encourages excellence in the arts in our community.” –YWCA Women of Distinction Magazine 2014 & 2015

AiDa Studio Location for classes, workshops, Field Drama Nature Art Workshops and Seasonal camps (*not including artist in the classroom or school workshops which are custom developed onsite at select schools*) is Churchill Park Community Clubhouse (*owned and operated by City of Hamilton*) 167 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton, situated in the heart of Westdale, adjacent Cootes Paradise Sanctuary, The Aviary, RBG Ravine Trails and Churchill Park.

Community Building initiatives and partnerships:

- 1) Secondary Student Community Involvement: **Mentor | Leaders in Training** Initiative for secondary students to earn community service credit while assisting in Drama Workshop Tuesdays and seasonal camps offered through the year.

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AiDa is community building with focus on working as a group through collaboration, communication and teamwork based activities and challenges inspiring creativity and leadership skills. AiDa's Mentor | Leaders in Training initiative for Grades 9-12 and Summer Co-Op Placement offers an opportunity to make a difference while exploring creativity and gaining skills.

AiDa operates at Churchill Park Clubhouse: 167 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario (in Westdale)

AiDa Drama Workshop Tuesdays: offered October- June from 4:30pm-6pm

Year Round Seasonal Camps: Winter Break, March Break and Summer Camps running from 9am-4pm (*2017-2018 dates to be confirmed with school board calendar*)

AiDa Summer Camp 2017 Session One: July 3-14

AiDa Summer Camp 2017 Session Two: July 17-28

Camp Hours: 9am-4pm (*plus option of extended care 8:30am-5pm*)

- **Application attached: Full Day or morning/afternoon option**

AiDa Mentor | Leaders in Training: What they would learn: confidence, leadership and life skills while improving communication skills. MLT's learn how to assist and lead in hands on individual and team building activities, arts/crafts, drama games, improvisations, creative writing of monologues, one act plays and scene study. They improve in organizational skills, problem solving, and conflict resolution skills. Creativity is inspired through mindfulness, self-discovery, creative expression and acting styles. MLT's organize and lead in indoor-outdoor physical play and nature hikes (*during camps*) and develop skills to create, discover and explore while gaining life skills to become successful in life.

AiDa Mentor | Leaders in Training Expectations are: to have a positive attitude, passion for the arts, enjoy working with kids and display ability to encourage students to be co-operative, inclusive, kind, empathic and compassionate to others. Demonstrate commitment in attendance and have a desire to make a difference in a creative, safe environment. Submit application and attend a training session.

2) AiDa Summer Co-Op Students Placement with AiDa Opportunity

Located: Churchill Park Community Clubhouse-167 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton in the heart of Westdale, Churchill Park, Cootes Paradise Sanctuary, adjacent RBG Ravine Trails and The Aviary.

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WHEN: Session One; July 3-14th 9am-4pm (*extended care 8:30am-5pm*)
Session Two; July 17-28th 9am-4pm (*extended care 8:30am-5pm*)

AiDa Summer Co-Op Students: What they would learn: confidence, leadership and life skills while improving communication skills. Summer Co-Op Students, the same as Mentor | Leaders in Training learn how to assist and lead in hands on individual and team building activities, arts/crafts, drama games, improvisations, creative writing of monologues, one act plays and scene study. They improve in organizational skills, problem solving, and conflict resolution skills. Creativity is inspired through mindfulness, self-discovery, creative expression and acting styles. AiDa Summer Co-Op Students organize and lead in indoor-outdoor physical play and nature hikes, visits to the Splash Pad and water activities and team play that develop skills to create, discover and explore while gaining life skills to become successful in life.

AiDa Summer Co-Op Student Expectations are: (*same as Mentor | Leaders in Training*) to have a positive attitude, passion for the arts, enjoy working with kids and display ability to encourage students to be co-operative, inclusive, kind, empathic and compassionate to others. Display an ability to follow direction and instruction by the Artistic Director in all activities and awareness that the primary goal is to keep all campers safe and happy. Demonstrate commitment in attendance and have a desire to make a difference in a creative, safe environment. Submit an application and attend a training session.

AiDa Clubhouse Drama Nature Art Field Workshop: (AiDa DNA Field Workshop)

Located at: Churchill Park Community Clubhouse (*owned and operated by City of Hamilton*) 167 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton situated in the heart of Westdale, adjacent Cootes Paradise Sanctuary, The Aviary, RBG Ravine Trails and Churchill Park.

Full or Half day Workshops available during the school year for SK-Grade 8

***Cost based per child, according to group size, workshop time frame, location availability & customized needs of programming.**

The goal of The AiDa Field Workshop is to inspire **IMAGINATION** through Dramatic Arts theme based indoor/outdoor activities. Students participate in drama games, vocal and movement warm ups, improvisations, storytelling, creative writing, acting styles, team building and confidence/esteem building activities at the Clubhouse.

NATURE hikes are an important component of the **AiDa Field Workshop** to engage students in a team activity but also, ignite curiosity and respect and appreciation for the wonder of the environment, Canadian heritage, folklore, animals, insects, birds and the world around us. Hiking can be customizable and ignites creativity and imagination!

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Scientists have agreed that hiking or “*forest bathing*” in the trails can boost the immune system, so why not bring the classroom to nature with AiDa!

Arts/Crafts-a Nature craft will be made from items collected from the hike. The Field Workshop will conclude at The Clubhouse.

ARTIST IN THE CLASSROOM and/or AiDa SCHOOL WORKSHOP opportunities for SK-Grade 8

Customizable Dramatic Arts programming using: drama games, improvisations, acting styles, vocal warm ups, movement, mask, team building games/activities, to encourage creative expression, self-discovery, confidence, kindness, mindfulness, respect and inclusion while developing life skills.

COST: available upon request. Cost based per child and workshop time frame & customized needs of programming. Once terms of an Artist in the Classroom or/a School Workshop have been agreed, an invoice will be issued by AiDa to said school c/o of the person who contacted AiDa and payment due on site at school upon completion of said workshop.

AiDa Awards | Community Partners

2016 Spectator Reader’s Choice Awards | Top Ten Best: Theatre Instructor, Art School, Children’s Entertainment

2016 CHCH Business Excellence Awards | Silver Award-Art School

2017 Spectator Reader’s Choice Nominee: Theatre Instructor, Art School, Business That Gives Back to Community, Children’s Entertainment and Summer Camp

2017 City of Hamilton Arts Awards | Kaime Sherman | Community Leadership | Arts Innovation

Member Hamilton Arts Council | Kaime Sherman | AiDa

ACTRA Member

2015 YWCA Woman of Distinction | Arts & Culture recipient

2016 Absolutely Fabulous Women Over Forty | Award for Community Arts Contribution

Hamilton Health Sciences Supercrawl; Family Centre | Arts Consultant & Facilitator

Ontario Arts Council-Culture Day Drama Workshop Facilitator

Hamilton Public Library-Culture Day Drama Workshop Facilitator

Hamilton Economic Development | Small Business Enterprise | Launch Local participant

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TESTIMONIALS:

"I have been in broadcasting in Hamilton for almost 30 years and I have met many talented people in this community, Kaime Sherman is one of those unique talents that is bursting to share it with the world and more importantly young talents in this city. I am in awe of this woman's drive and determination to the arts for youth of Hamilton!"- **Sunni Genesco Morning Show Co-Host 102.9 K-Lite FM**

"Kaime keep sharing your positive infectious spirit with the world."-**Dr. David Laing, Dawson-psychiatrist, filmmaker, director, artist, author, owner Gallery on the Bay**

"Kaime's enthusiasm is infectious! My 6 year old son and 10 year old daughter had an absolute blast at AiDa's March Break Camp. They're excited to be joining Drama Workshop Tuesdays and to return for more camp fun this summer."- **Rachael Amy Shay**

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

"An outstanding program operated by an outstanding woman! Oh the places you will go!"-**Marcia Taylor**

"I love AiDa because I love the creator and leader behind it! Kaime was an inspiration to me when I was a little one! When you're using your gifts - you're living your life!"-**Lacy Riddle**

"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 we're hoping to have her back soon!" -**Paul Gilchrist, Grade 6 teacher**

"Thank you Kaime for these incredible opportunities with your beautiful program you created for us. We are so lucky to have you."-**Rabbi Daniel Green, Hamilton Hebrew Academy**

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