

WRITING AN ACTOR BIOGRAPHY

BIOS ARE DUE WITHIN THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF REHEARSALS

- Write in third person as if someone else is talking about you.
- Writing an actor bio is to be short; about one paragraph with about 8-12 sentences. Keep the bio short and concise in order to maintain the reader's interest. A paragraph is ideal; your bio should not exceed one page in length
- DO NOT write personal messages or funny remarks, comments, or sayings. List facts, not wishes: Be truthful, do not make up things and people are not interested in your wishes just the facts.
- Tell the reader about you in relation to theatre and who you are.
- Include a few show credits (no more than 5), if you have none, then say this is She/he acting debut.
- Avoid listing your wishes and aspirations. Focus instead on presenting facts without using adding overly-wordy filler language.
- Mention a non theatre related tidbit or two, for instance a hobby or amusing anecdote. In addition to providing an interesting hook, this information allows the reader to get to know you as a person. Do not feel forced to include very personal details that you are not comfortable with sharing
- Add a hook: Perhaps you can mention an unusual hobby, or something else that will twitch the reader's smiling muscles? Gives your bio that extra little color
- Write tight: This is a good rule in all your writing, and particularly in your bio. The reader is checking out your bio only for a moment, write more than a few lines, or you have lost them.
- Now write your Bio on the Reverse side of this page or present a nice type-written page. to the Stage Manager.

Here is a form to write some of the information to include in your FINAL WRITTEN bio.

Your Name	Class
Character name in this production:	Number of years with FTC, or this is debut. Debut

List of Acting Companies	date span with them

List Title of plays	dates you were in them	character name

Who do you wish to thank for your support
A closing comment

Include some of the above and write about you.