

the Stage Combat Studio: Programs & Workshops

The Stage Combat Studio regularly offers two multi-week programs: the Smorgasbord of Stage Combat, a beginning level class and the Skills Proficiency Test Class, an intermediate level class. We offer high-quality training with qualified, experienced instructors in a fun, supportive environment.

The Smorgasbord of Stage Combat:

This is the perfect entrée into the world of stage combat for actors, directors and movement specialists. Each time we offer this program we select three styles of stage combat to focus on. There are eight styles recognized by the Society of American Fight Directors including; unarmed, quarterstaff, broadsword, broadsword & shield, rapier & dagger, single sword, small sword and knife. Our **instructors** teach these classes.

Pre-requisite: No prior stage combat experience is required but some acting experience is recommended.

Where: the Stage Combat Studio, located at Bay State Fencers in Somerville.

Dates: TBA - Saturdays 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm for nine weeks; new this Fall you can sign up for 1 session or all three call for details.

Cost: \$285.00 - General registration

\$275.00 with current AEA, SAG, or Stage Source membership.

SAFD Skills Proficiency Class & (Re) Certification Test:

The Stage Combat Studio offers the SAFD Skills Proficiency Class & Test each year, usually in the spring. Each time the program is offered we focus on one specific style. This intensive class provides students with the opportunity to train for an extended period of time while perfecting one particular weapon style and the required skills. We teach the compulsory moves required to be performed during the actual Skills Proficiency Test. It is these required moves that are tested for safety, theatrical commitment and believability within a dramatic context.

Students are offered the opportunity to test in any or all of the weapon styles in front of a SAFD Fight Master at the conclusion of each Skills Proficiency Test Class. Please check the SAFD website for complete criteria for certification <http://www.safd.org/>.

Our **instructors** Rob Najarian, Adam McLean and/or Robert Walsh teach our SPT classes.

Sunday classes are three hours and Tuesday classes are reserved for supervised rehearsal. The test date is announced after the first class.

SAFD Skills Proficiency Test Requirements:

Single Weapon (30 hours of training)

Three Weapons (90 hours of training)

Re-Certification (6 hours minimum)

Pre-requisite: Prior participation in a Stage Combat Studio class or similar class.

Where: the Stage Combat Studio, located at Bay State Fencers in Somerville.

Dates: TBA - Sunday and Tuesday for a minimum of 30 hours.

Costs: \$485.00 (includes \$35.00 test fee) - General registration

\$455.00 (includes \$35.00 test fee) with current SAFD or Stage Source membership or for returning students of the Stage Combat Studio.