

OPTIONAL PRE-SCREENING FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH

The Yale School of Drama trains actors who are already fluent in English. English speaking is a vital technical foundation for the training we offer. The nature of our voice, speech, dialect, and text work requires Acting students to be fluent and articulate in spoken English when they enter the program. A high degree of English proficiency is required for anyone seeking training in the Yale School of Drama acting program.

Because we understand that travel to the United States for an audition can be a significant burden, we offer non-native speakers of English the option to submit **a video recording of themselves speaking a piece of text from any published 20th- or 21st-century play written in English for advance review by the admissions committee. The speech should be no more than two minutes in length.**

THE TAPED RECORDING DOES NOT REPLACE THE IN-PERSON AUDITION.

The **optional** pre-screening will allow the admissions committee to offer non-native English speakers an honest assessment, in advance of scheduling an audition trip, as to whether their language skills appear to be adequate for the demands of the acting program. If the spoken English is not strong enough to warrant an audition, the applicant will be informed.

The recorded reading may be submitted in any of the following ways:

1. Submit the video electronically through the online application. Video files are accepted in QuickTime, AVI, FLV, MP4, or WMV format.
2. Post the video to YouTube and provide the link in the portfolio section of the application. This will embed the video in the application. If the video is removed from YouTube or marked as “private,” it will not be viewable by the admissions committee.
3. Mail a DVD to Registrar/Admissions Administrator, P.O. Box 208325, New Haven, CT, 06520-8325. If using an express or courier service, send to 149 York Street, New Haven, CT, 06511.

Videos must be submitted by December 1, 2021 in order for the Admissions Committee to review your optional pre-screening before you submit your application by the Acting department application deadline of January 3, 2022.

Applicants who submit a pre-screening video will be notified by December 16, 2021 as to whether or not they should proceed to schedule an audition.