



Bringing visual entertainment to the visually impaired

AUDIO DESCRIPTION TRAINING RETREAT—LEVEL 1

Thursday, August 17 through Monday, August 21, 2017

Raleigh, North Carolina

Cost: \$950 all-inclusive (details below)

Instructors: Jan Vulgaropulos and Colleen Connor

Included:

- 20 hours of formal instruction in audio description
- Participation limited to maximum of 8 students
- 4 nights in rental home in Raleigh
- Transportation to and from RDU airport can be arranged
- Private bedroom, shared bath, kitchen privileges
- Sheets, towels and household supplies provided
- All meals provided (3 lunches, 4 dinners and 4 breakfasts)
- Lunches and dinners prepared by staff, breakfasts will be self-prepared
- Lake Johnson close by, with paddleboat rentals and walking trails
- 2 hours free time in afternoons for rest and recreation
- Optional evening viewing of audio described movies, with discussion

Curriculum:

- History of audio description, issues and future trends
- Disability sensitivity and statistics of our audience members
- Overview of jobs in audio description of live theatre, film, TV and more
- Introduction to equipment used in live audio description in theatre
- Review of complex rules of audio description
- Our top ten tips, highlighting how to organize and approach description
- Emphasis on practice time—this is an art learned by doing!
- Feedback and critique from leaders and fellow participants
- Do-over opportunities allow fine-tuning to improve your description
- Informational curriculum handouts, notebooks, pens and highlighters
- Recording of description session to review after the retreat

Discounts and Options:

- \$100 per person discount for any students sharing a room for 4 nights
- A limited number of non-student partners may be able to share room and meals. *Please contact us for surcharge, details, and space*

Schedule:

- Check into house is 4 PM Thursday August 17, 2017
- Check out from house is 11 AM Monday August 21, 2017
- Training begins Friday morning and ends Sunday night
- Classes will be held in the rental house

Links:

- The house (listing #731611) can be viewed at www.vrbo.com

Visit our website ADTrainingRetreats.com.

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Instructor Bios:

Jan Vulgaropulos works for Arts Access in North Carolina and has been providing audio description of theatre and movies in the Raleigh-Durham area for the past 12 years. She is the lead teacher for AD Training Retreats, created in collaboration with her partner, Colleen Connor. Jan also writes and edits audio description scripts for film, through Serafino Sound Studio in Vancouver, BC. Jan is a graduate of Tufts University, with a BS degree in Mental Health. She lives with her husband Spyro in Cary, NC.



Colleen Connor is a consultant, advocate, motivational speaker, performer, and podcast host (www.BlindIC.com). She graduated from The Catholic University of America with a Bachelor's in Music Theatre and Drama, and is certified by The London Dramatic Academy in the UK. Being visually impaired, Colleen brings a unique perspective on life to all that she does and provides a valuable 'voice of the consumer' for those training in Audio Description. She has worked on the AD tours of both The International Spy Museum and The George W. Bush Heritage Library and Museum. Colleen consults for Sefafino Sound Studio, reviewing and editing audio description tracks. She is also a voice and dialect coach.