

Dear Parents & Educators,

The Eugene O'Neill Foundation, Tao House, in partnership with the National Park Service, is pleased to present our 21<sup>st</sup> season of Student Days at Tao House, a FREE cultural and artistic enrichment program for creative, mature, and committed high school students. We invite students who might benefit from active engagement in the artistic process with guidance and assistance from actors, writers, photographers, directors, and other artistic professionals. Since 1991 nearly two thousand students from more than thirty schools in the East Bay have participated in the program.

Eugene O'Neill, who lived and wrote at Tao House in Danville between 1937 and 1944, was our country's most significant playwright. Tao House is now an historic site operated by the National Park Service, and provides the setting for our Student Days program. We offer cultural experiences for motivated high school students in four different disciplines—fine art, writing, drama, and photography.

The 2012 dates for ***Student Days at Tao House*** are:

- ART - Thursday, March 1
- DRAMA – Saturday, March 3
- PHOTOGRAPHY – Wednesday, March 7
- WRITING – Thursday March 8

At each session students from as many as fifteen other high schools in the area attend workshops provided by practicing professionals in the chosen discipline. As the students develop their own projects on site, the professionals act as mentors in furthering the students' development. In addition, the National Park Service provides a narrated tour of Tao House, and actors associated with Center Rep in Walnut Creek present scenes from O'Neill's plays.

A written application is available for download on our website [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org) and is **due by February 14, 2012**

**Submit completed, signed applications via email to [taohouse@eugeneoneill.org](mailto:taohouse@eugeneoneill.org) or by post to P.O. Box 402, Danville CA 94526-0402.**

Please encourage your students to apply for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you know of others who might be interested in the program, please share the information! Visit our website - [www.eugeneoneill.org](http://www.eugeneoneill.org) - for more information and for photographs from previous Student Days programs, or contact us directly at [taohouse@eugeneoneill.org](mailto:taohouse@eugeneoneill.org) or 820.1818.

We look forward to this artistic endeavor with your students!



Yours truly,  
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