



# Shaun

## School of Theatre 2013

### Niagara Falls, NY

#### 1. *Why NYSSSA? (why audition, why did you decide to attend?)*

I chose NYSSSA because it sounded like the perfect dream come true. A chance to audition to go on a college campus where I could stay for 4 weeks and learn more about theater- who wouldn't want to be a part!?!

#### 2. *How did you find out about NYSSSA?*

My theater teacher told me about NYSSSA a day before I auditioned! I had no idea what it was or how to do it, but I just remember my eyes widening hearing about everything it had to offer.

#### 3. *Typical Day/Schedule at NYSSSA?*

Starting off the day you had a breakfast of whatever is your favorite- pancakes, bacon, eggs, toast, cereal - anything! After breakfast you got the chance of working off all the calories you just ate in a warm up. Warm ups varied- yoga, suzuki, games- it was always a good time to be ready for the day. Next was a Voice class with "The Neil Hartley" (if you don't know him he controls all the know how's of breathing and voice resignation that you will need to fill a room). After voice we had lunch, then an improv class and acting class. Both classes improve you in the craft. Then we had a night class with either a guest performer or speaker or workshop where you learned something that you could just take home with you. Finally we headed back to the dorms for snack and FREE TIME! This allowed you to get homework done, call mom and dad, or just accept the fact that you have gotten to NYSSSA and you just can't believe it. Then its bedtime and the counselors will check your bed, but you're always resting up because you're so happy to do it all again in the morning.

#### 4. *Best Moment at NYSSSA?*

Everything was so good but my favorite had to be the talent show to sit back and watch everyone perform something they were especially good at. I enjoyed a chance in staring at the crowd without blinking for a whole 5 minutes- tears were shed and laughs were everywhere!

#### 5. *Why would you encourage someone to audition for NYSSSA?*

I encourage NYSSSA to test your capabilities as a person, to see how mentally and socially fit you are. Also, you have the chance of meeting some of the best kids that have also made it into the program. Through laughs and maybe some tears, NYSSSA is an experience that will give you all the confidence you ever need in life itself.

