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## **National Theatre of the Deaf & American School for the Deaf Announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Theatre Immersion Program - August 8-18 in West Hartford**

**Monte Cristo Cottage, New London CT:** The National Theatre of the Deaf announces the Second Annual Theatre Immersion Program (TIP) in association with the American School for the Deaf from August 8 thru 18<sup>th</sup> at the ASD Campus at 139 North Main Street in West Hartford, CT.

TIP is an all-encompassing, ten-day summer program for high school-aged theatre enthusiasts from seven states including: California, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont and Virginia. The program offers students training opportunities specializing in NTD's *theatricalized* American Sign Language. The students are engaged in classes and workshops, script development, rehearsals, guest lectures and demonstrations. The students will also perform with the actors from NTD, resulting in a sample tour to venues in Connecticut, including the NTD production of *It's in the Bag*, at Hygienic Art Park in New London.

Executive Director Betty Beekman remarked, "Participants greatly benefit from this hands-on, annual opportunity to eat, sleep, and breathe theatre! It is a unique experience!"

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For more information about NTD log on to [www.ntd.org](http://www.ntd.org) or contact the NTD offices by calling 860-574-9063/VP (video phone) 860-607-1338. (Images available upon request)

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