Study where? Ecole Production Center and Eralash Theater, Moscow, Russia

When? May 28 – June 12, 2016 (travel dates)
Who goes? Anyone who has completed Russian 1122
Who leads? Viktoria Tsimberov
Who else teaches? Russian theater-arts instructors
How do I get there? Apply through Cornell Abroad and sign up for RUSSA 1127
Cost? See below or call Kathy Lynch 607-255-8918
Living where? Mary Gold Hotel, Moscow, Voznesensky St, building 5, tel. +7(495) 740-20-65, +7(495) 697-05-03 http://hotelmarygold.com

Web sites to check out: [http://www.teatr-eralash.ru] [http://www.ecoleart.ru] [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_5EcDVOzwU]
Eralash Acting Classes in Moscow: May 28 – June 12, 2016 (travel dates)

If you took RUSSA 1122 in 2015 or 2016, you are eligible to join us in Moscow, Russia, for two weeks of unusual Russian classes: acting lessons with Russian drama instructors at the Eralash Theater Studio and Ecole Production Center, in Russian! Hundreds of young Russians take those lessons every year. This summer for the first time the Ecole Production Center will open its doors to American students—you! The program was designed by Viktoria Tsimberov and set up with help from Cornell Abroad.

You will have three classes a day with Russian stage instructors, and as preparation for that, one class each day with Viktoria to go over the linguistic issues, for a total of four 50-minute classes each weekday for two weeks. Several Eralash episodes that you have not yet seen will be rehearsed and produced, plus anything else that the Russian instructors may add to the program. Your stay in Moscow will include museum and city tours, a visit to the theater, and other cultural events as well free time to explore the Russian capital. We think this will be an invaluable international experience and a fun way to try out immersion in the Russian language and culture.

RUSSA 1127: Russian Through Acting

2 credit hours. The course counts as part of your spring registration unless you exceed your credit limit. Letter grade or S/U option. Taught in Moscow, Russia, at the Eralash Theater and Ecole Production Center. Class dates: May 30–June 10, 2016. Prerequisites: completion of RUSSA 1122.

Four fifty-minute classes each weekday: three classes taught in Russian by the Moscow acting instructors who train and select the young actors for the Eralash humor magazine; and one taught by Viktoria Tsimberov in Russian and English as preparation for the acting classes. The course objectives are a) reinforce the communicative and other linguistic skills learned in our first-year Russian courses; b) learn to express yourself in ways that are close to the way the Russian young people express themselves in their everyday life in today’s Russia; c) experience the social ambiance of non-academic instruction in the entertainment world in Russia; and d) benefit from the two-week immersion in summertime Moscow. Attendance at a special all-day celebration at the Eralash Theater is part of the course. A cultural program on weekends and nights includes museum and city tours, a visit to the theater, and similar activities. Instructor's permission required. Course may be cancelled for insufficient enrollment.
Program fee: $1,985

Program fee covers:

- instruction at Ecole Production Center
- accommodations in a twin room in a boutique hotel in the center of Moscow (Mary Gold Hotel, Voznesensky Pereulok 5)
- 2 meals a day
- cultural activities and excursions
- airport transfer in Moscow

Program fee does not cover:

- international airfare
- Russian visa costs
- additional meals and incidentals

Application deadline: March 1, 2016

Commitment deadline: March 20, 2016

Student contact at Cornell Abroad: Kathy Lynch, kl16@cornell.edu; phone 255-8918. A direct link to this program’s page on the CUA website is forthcoming.

Regular financial aid does cover the costs of participation in this program. Students with demonstrated financial need can apply for scholarships via Off-Campus Opportunity Fund (OCOF). Application deadline for that fund – March 1, 2016. Funding notification – March 18, 2016.

The program may be cancelled for insufficient enrollment.