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**Highfield Hall & Gardens to introduce *Summer Camp for Young Screenwriters*  
Presented by Christopher Santos  
Tuesdays in August, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2020 from 10 am – 2 pm.**

**(Falmouth, Massachusetts):** Highfield Hall & Gardens is pleased to announce a writing workshop introducing teens to the visual language of film. Students will build screenwriting skills in this summer camp for young writers and filmmakers ages 13 – 17. All movies begin with a script, and this workshop gives you the opportunity to learn the essentials of script formatting and visual storytelling, and to develop your ideas from pitch to script, just as professional screenwriters and filmmakers do. Over a four-week term in August, all participants will write two short screenplays, one original 2 – 3 pp. script without dialogue, and another 5 – 10 pp. script, with dialogue. Learn how screenwriters work, the tools they use, and how to collaborate and give feedback that matters. In class you will watch classic shorts, in the way of Buster Keaton, and examine comedy and drama from the archives of filmmaking. There will be plenty of imaginative writing in class and opportunities to practice between classes. The content of the course will be accessible and entertaining, simply a great way to conclude Summer of 2020.

The instructor Christopher Santos is a screenwriter and novelist. He is the former Vice-President of Script Development for Punch 21 Productions. As a writer and consultant, he has worked on numerous television shows, including *The United States of Tara*. He teaches at Emerson College and Boston University.

Enrollment is limited to maintain the safest environment,  
**Tuesdays in August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Registration required visit [www.highfieldhallandgardens.org](http://www.highfieldhallandgardens.org)

**Gallery Hours:**

Highfield Hall will follow health safety protocols by restricting the number of people in the gallery at one time.

Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

### **About Highfield Hall & Gardens**

The house is a rare surviving example of transitional Stick Style architecture, containing beautiful gardens located in the heart of Falmouth, Massachusetts. It is a unique combination of a historic house, expansive gardens and trails, and a vibrant cultural center. Built in 1878 as the summer home for Boston's Beebe family, the house sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and public walking trails. Highfield Hall & Gardens is not your typical historic estate. It is an example of a historic building saved by grassroots community organizing. An effort of tenacity and vision that continues as new research on the structure and its story of the people who lived here add to the building's significance. It offers world-class music, international art exhibitions, culinary classes, family programs, and year-round special events. For more information, visit [highfieldhallandgardens.org](http://highfieldhallandgardens.org).

### **Mission**

Highfield Hall & Gardens' mission is to honor the beauty and historic significance of the house and grounds by providing high-quality artistic, cultural, and educational programs for the enrichment of our community and visitors of all ages.