We are drawn to the stories humans tell. Together we will explore the ways that the people and sites of the United Kingdom tell stories of empowerment, agency, and education as we survey the cultural, political, social, and religious representation that occurs through personal stories, social and political action, and public performance.

We plan to think critically together about the ways communities, individuals, and sites tell stories about women, children, and families. We will also treat the city of London as a unique performative space capable of rendering meaning when placed in the broader context of its expressions of culture, society, religion, and politics. In addition to encountering London through the traditional storytelling and performance venues for which the city is well known, students will also encounter examples of empowerment, agency, and education as they explore stories in city’s parks and greenspaces, markets and restaurants, religious and government buildings, and other cultural sites. Our studies will also take us from London to Northern Ireland and parts of Germany.

DATES
2 July—19 August 2024 (approx.)

HOUSING AND MEALS AT THE LONDON CENTRE
Students reside and take classes in the London Centre in the vibrant, conveniently located West End neighborhood of Bayswater. The Centre is a short Tube ride from most central London attractions and just minutes by foot from Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, and Notting Hill. Program costs include breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday, and students can generally lunch on sandwiches or leftovers. The Centre offers free laundry facilities, a library, a lounge, and Wi-Fi access.

All dinners and breakfasts at the London Centre are prepared and served communally. Students are required to help in food preparation and clean-up. Because of the communal nature of the meals, the BYU London Centre cannot meet all special dietary needs nor can it ensure a safe environment for those with food allergies. Please also note that other than a microwave, students do not have individual cooking access in the Centre, and may not bring their own small appliances to the Centre and prepare food for themselves individually. If you have dietary or allergy concerns we recommend that you speak with the International Study Programs office, or program directors, before you apply.
COURSES
Accepted students will be required to register for the following courses:

UNIV 214R—Performance and the City. This survey or introductory approach to issues in the arts. Topics may include but are not limited to music, dance, fine art, design, film, interdisciplinary humanities, or area studies. This course satisfies the GE Arts Requirement.

UNIV218R—Topics in Social Sciences. This course will introduce students to some of the tools social scientists use to understand how relationships, sociohistorical time, and sociopolitical contexts impact the stories women, children, and families tell. We will read texts varying from empirical social science articles to historical fiction. Through these stories, students will deepen their understanding of empowerment, education, agency.

Participants may not take any other courses on this program, including BYU Online courses, without approval by the program director and ISP. All accepted students must also register for IAS 201R (1 credit), a required pre-departure preparation course to be taught by Professors Jensen and Holmes during the second block of Winter semester.

COST
$6,800—7,300
Includes full-time Latter-day Saint undergraduate tuition (costs higher for graduate and Non-Latter-day Saint students); housing at the Centre; breakfast and dinner all days except Saturday; admission to program-related plays, museums, and historical sites; transportation within London; travel, lodging, and meals on program excursions; and international health insurance coverage.

Does not include airfare to/from London, preparation course tuition, lunches and Saturday meals, passport fees, or personal expenses. Part-time BYU and non-BYU students must pay an additional $300 for the Winter preparation course.

TRAVEL
All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination by the time the preparation course begins. Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU Travel agent at: BYU Travel | 801-422-6293 | travel@byu.edu | 280 HRCB

FUNDING SOURCES
BYU tuition scholarships, Pell Grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to study abroad programs. BYU students are strongly encouraged to request experiential or inspired learning funding through their major/minor department and/or college. Those who complete the financial aid section of the ISP application and file a current FAFSA form at BYU's Financial Aid Office (A-41 ASB) will be considered for a need-based study abroad scholarship. Students may also pursue private grants and scholarships, including those listed online at kennedy.byu.edu/scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Applications are available online at kennedy.byu.edu/isp-apply. The first payment is due upon acceptance.

Priority Deadline: 1 November 2023
Final Deadline: 1 February 2024

FACULTY
Amy Petersen Jensen, College of Fine Arts and Communications Associate Dean over faculty development and Professor of Theatre and Media Arts. She is the Executive Producer for the BYU Bravo Professional Performing Arts Series at BYU. Her research interests include youth performance and identity in live and online spaces and arts literacies in educational contexts.

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PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS
International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.