

## Youth Theatre Newsletter – August 2023

Dear All

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and support for our busiest ever Youth Theatre season. We started the year with some performances at Vaughan Lee. The younger group recited poems to the residents which they appreciated and enjoyed. In December several of the Youth Theatre took part in the pantomime which was great fun and they learned a lot from working alongside some more experienced adults. We then had two Summer productions. First the Encore group performed their original version of Twelfth Night to a small but appreciative audience. We also had our production of Frozen involving over 60 children. This was a huge success and the amount of hard work really paid off. Over the Summer we created an original version of "The Wizard of Oz" in a week, we performed pieces of Shakespeare and invented some superheroes and villains. Finally, 16 children achieved Arts Award qualifications with Trintiy College.

I am looking forward to another busy and productive season ahead. In order to maximise opportunities to suit everyone we have slightly restructured the groups and times. I do hope this will not cause too many problems. Here is the following timetable – please message or call if you have any questions. Further details can be found on the Youth Theatre section of the Warehouse Theatre Website [www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk](http://www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk)

### **Friday Evenings**

**Encore** – School Year 12+ - 6.00pm – 8.00pm

We will be performing a dramatic play for performance 21-22 March 2024

### **Saturdays**

**Prologue** – School Years 2/3 - 9.30 to 10.15

We will be working towards putting on a short performance in front of a friendly audience as part of the Youth Theatre presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

**Act 1** – School Years 4/5 - 10.20 – 11.20

We will be working on a non-musical performance as part of our Youth Theatre presentation evening on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024. This will give all children an opportunity to take on a speaking role.

**Act 2** School Years 6/7/8 - 11.25 – 12.25

We will be working on a play allowing all members to take on named speaking roles. This will be performed as part of the Youth Theatre presentation on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**Act 3** School Years 9/10/11 - 12.30 – 1.30

We will work towards a dramatic one-act play to be performed on 21/22 March alongside the Encore Group.

**Arts Award** – Explore/Bronze/Silver – 1.35 – 2.35 (Age 10 and upwards)

Arts Award Explore encourages children and young people to experience different art forms and artists and develop their own creativity. Along the way, they record what they've achieved and enjoyed and share it with others.

As they work through Arts Award Explore, young people build their artistic knowledge, creativity, and confidence – and gain a recognized qualification in the process. They research a range of genres, creators, and arts organisations, and make full use of their imagination and communication skills.

### **Musical Theatre Group – 2.40 – 4.40 (Age 8 – 18)**

This year we are planning another show similar to *Frozen*. This will take place on **3-6 July 2024**.

You will see from *Frozen* that it takes a lot of hard work and commitment. We hope that by creating a specific group for this that it will make it easier for everyone. We will be asking that all cast members must attend every week. During the final term of the show there will be additional rehearsals on Sunday afternoons and on the week of the performance there will be dress and technical rehearsals.

All cast members will be expected to attend all of these. Cast members will also be expected to attend **every** performance regardless of their role.

Additionally, we will encourage parents to sign up as a chaperone.

### **Volunteers**

The theatre is run by volunteers and your children are very lucky to have such a facility on their doorstep. However, without the help of volunteers it will not be possible to keep going. We need directors, producers, actors, prompts, FOH and bar staff, technical staff and chaperones to name but a few. If you feel like getting involved in any of these then do get in touch. It is a great way to meet new people and have some fun.

### **Pantomime**

There will be another opportunity for people of all ages to take part in this year's pantomime. Details to follow soon. These are a lot of fun and a great way to do something alongside your children! We will also be needing chaperones, backstage people etc so a great opportunity to get involved with the theatre.

### **T-Shirts**

I am attaching an order form for T-Shirts and Hoodies. If you wish to purchase one then please return the form and payment by 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. If you have t-shirts that you have now outgrown then I am happy for you to post on the Facebook page. Alternatively, you can donate them back to the theatre and we will resell giving proceeds towards the new Studio project.

### **LAMDA**

I have one session available for a private one to one lesson in Acting, Speaking Verse and Prose or Shakespeare. If you would like more details then please ask. This is not part of the Warehouse Theatre and is run from my house. Many of our members have taken these formal qualifications and have done extremely well as well as having lots of fun.

### **Fees**

Fees for this term are £27.00 per child. Payment must be received before the start of term.

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

6-9<sup>th</sup> September – *Forget Me Knot* – IES production

Enrolment – 16<sup>th</sup> September. – please make sure all fees are paid by this date.

22/23 September – Youth Theatre Sessions Start

29/30 September – Youth Theatre Sessions

6/7 October – Youth Theatre Sessions

13/14 October – Youth Theatre Sessions

20/21 October – Youth Theatre Sessions (Alternative Location to be confirmed)

18-21 October – *The Game's Afoot* – IES production

27/28 October – Half Term – no Youth Theatre.

3/ 4 November – Youth Theatre Sessions

10/11 November – Youth Theatre Sessions

17/18 November – Youth Theatre Sessions

24/25 November – **No Youth Theatre** (Lucy is on holiday!)

1/2 December – Final Youth Theatre Session before Christmas.

7- 9 & 14 – 16 December – Pantomime