



Summer Festival 2009

5 week

**Performance and Production course
Technical Theatre/Stage Management**



**The Performance and
Technical Theatre Course
is open to 14-21 year olds!**

About Summer Festival

Do you have an interest in the performing arts? Want to learn new theatre skills and meet like minded friends? Then Summer festival is for you!

Scottish Youth Theatre has been running theatre arts courses for 32 years. Summer Festival (SF) offers selected participants the opportunity to spend time in the summer taking part in intensive professional training and performances. SF also offers a great opportunity to meet friends from around the country - many of whom you will keep in touch with long after Summer Festival is over.

This years Summer Festival runs from Monday the 6th of July to Saturday the 8th of August.

The Performance and Production Course

This Five Week Course offers an opportunity to concentrate on one area of Theatre Arts. Directors, Choreographers, Actors and Technicians all work towards producing high quality productions which are performed in theatre venues to public audiences. Participants also take part in theatre skills workshops.

Technical Theatre/Stage Management

Stage management crew assist with the technical and design elements of both the Foundation Course performances and the main house productions, under the instruction of the professional technical and design staff. However, all shows are run/operated by the participants. The course is varied, and covers the following:

Lighting / Sound / Stage Management—Running the 'book' / Production Meetings & Rehearsals / Set Construction / Set Design & Scenic Painting / Costumes/ Wardrobe / Prop Making & Sourcing

Summer Festival is hard work. If you are offered a place you will be expected to work from 9.30am - 9.30pm Mon—Sat. In addition to workshops and rehearsals, there will also be a programme of talks, visits and social events during the week and at weekends.

The Application Process

- 1. Fill in the Application Form**

An application form should be included in this pack (you can get another one from our website - www.scottishyouththeatre.org, or by calling 0141 552 3988). Fill in the details about yourself, and decide the most convenient place for your audition. You must, however, provide a second choice. On the back of the form, please tell us as much about yourself as you can and why you want to apply. Here's what else you'll need to apply:

A cheque or postal order for £10.00 to cover admin fee * A passport sized photograph
* The name of a referee * The signature of your parent/guardian .

If you want us to acknowledge your application, then please enclose a stamped addressed postcard. Other than that, you will probably not hear from us until shortly before your audition date.

2. Attend a Workshop/Interview

Everyone who applies for the Performance & Production Course is guaranteed an audition in the form of a workshop and interview . We try and make it as painless as possible! Further information about the workshop/interview will be sent to you with your audition date confirmation. Usually there will be two or three Scottish Youth Theatre staff present and the audition will take place in a room - not on a stage!

You will be asked to attend an interview where you can demonstrate your interest in technical theatre. You may wish to bring along examples of set designs, 'books' etc. You will also attend a 1 hour drama workshop - this isn't to judge your acting, it's just to see how you work in a group. Further information will be sent to you with your interview date confirmation.

Don't worry about messing up your audition. Everyone gets nervous sometimes and this won't be held against you. Remember, we are looking for people who will enjoy the Performance & Production Course as a learning experience.

We try to hold auditions in as many parts of the country as possible - covering 12 regional centres. If a school or group has more than eight applicants for SF2009 then we will try to arrange for a member of staff to come out to them (ask your teacher or leader to contact us). We try our best to ensure that everyone who applies is allocated an audition as near to home as possible. It may be possible to reschedule your audition if you let us know you can't make it beforehand. However, in exceptional circumstances we may accept an audition by letter and telephone conversation.

Performance & Production Course auditions will take place in February and March 2009. As auditions are usually held between 9.30am - 6.00pm, time off school, college or work may be required. Attending the audition does not commit you to attending Summer Festival - if you are accepted you will receive a formal offer of a place which you can either accept or decline.

3. The Outcome

REMEMBER: Scottish Youth Theatre receives many more applications than there are places, so not everyone will be successful. You will hear from us either way by the end of April, and if you don't get accepted this time, please do try again next year.

4. Fundraising

Please do not let money matters stop you from applying. Fees can be paid in

instalments and Scottish Youth Theatre will provide advice on various trust funds and grants which may be available. Some local councils and education departments also provide part funding and many of our past participants have held fundraising events or sought sponsors through their local papers. Past participants have been able to raise at least half of the cost and some people manage to raise the entire amount!

Money Matters

PERFORMANCE & PRODUCTION COURSE TUITION FEES: £600 This works out at £20 per day.

Accommodation

Scottish Youth Theatre do not provide residences or residential staff for the 5 week course. However you will receive an accommodation list at your audition.

Scottish Youth Theatre has a partnership with Victoria Halls. Victoria Halls is secure affordable student accommodation located in Glasgow City Centre. Further information about booking Victoria Halls will be provided should you be offered a place on the course.

Please note that applicants for the Technical Course under the age of 16 can book a room in SYT residences. Further information will be provided nearer the time.

Further Information

If there is anything you are unsure about, then please telephone Scottish Youth Theatre on 0141 552 3988 or email info@scottishyouththeatre.org. For more information about Scottish Youth Theatre's year round programme of activities and events visit www.scottishyouththeatre.org.

Applications should be returned to:
5 week Performance and Production course.
Scottish Youth Theatre @ The Old Sheriff Court,
105 Brunswick Street, Glasgow G 1 1TF

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