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Scottish Youth Theatre Summer Festival Apply now!

It's not all singing and dancing at Scottish Youth Theatre's Summer Festival – there is something for everyone!

Scottish Youth Theatre, Scotland's National Theatre 'for and by' young people, is reminding participants we must receive their application for this year's Summer Festival by the 6th of February.

Now in its 32nd year, SYT invites young people from all over the country to audition for their critically acclaimed annual Summer Festival programme. This opportunity is open to any young person between the ages of 8 and 25. A variety of courses on offer ensures that no matter what your experience we have one that's right for you!

SYT's Summer Festival allows participants to develop drama skills in a professional environment, whilst gaining confidence, and making some new and long lasting friendships.

This year's participants will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents in Scottish Youth Theatre's dark tale of Pinocchio, based on Carlo Collodi's famous story about a puppet who comes to life. We will be confirming the other two productions very soon. Participants of the Summer Festival can specialise in performance, choreography, directing or technical.

“She has had a fantastic summer, once again and is counting the days down until she can apply again for next year! She has learnt so much and had so much fun – Thank you!”

Parents of SF 08 Participant

Summer Festival 2008 staged three productions Geordie, Oh! What a Lovely War and Hero, to much critical acclaim. The Press and Journal described Geordie as “...stylish...flawless and a joy to watch.”

Directed by Artistic Director Mary McCluskey, Geordie toured to His Majesty's Theatre as part of the Aberdeen International Youth Festival, Eden Court in Inverness and the Crawford Theatre in Glasgow. Hero was devised by the company and gave participants the unique chance to work alongside professional directors and choreographers and perform in a professional theatre. The visually stunning Oh! What a Lovely War played at the Tron and was directed and designed by award-winning Kenny Miller.

This unique opportunity to work with a diverse range of industry professionals, combined with the chance to perform at key cultural venues across Scotland makes this one of the country's most popular youth drama programmes.

Previous participants of the Summer Festival include: Gerald Butler star of 300, Tunji Kasim from the E4 show Nearly Famous, Bafta winning comedy actor Paul Riley, and Taggart actors Blythe Duff and Colin McCredie.

Auditions dates are to be confirmed and are held in the following cities: Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Dundee and other venues. Applications for all courses can be downloaded from the website www.scottishyouththeatre.org. **All applications must be in by the 6th of February 2009 in order to guarantee an audition date.**

Ends.

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