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Scottish Youth Theatre Summer Festival Auditions begin in the run up to the summer festivities!

Scottish Youth Theatre, Scotland's National Theatre 'for and by' young people begin their Summer Festival 2009 auditions today at the Festival Theatre in Edinburgh. The Company is looking for talented young people aged 8-21 from across the country to take part – enthusiasm is a must! **Participants of the festival will experience all that is involved in creating live theatre and have the chance to present their work on some of Scotland's most famous stages.**

Summer Festival runs from 6th July to 15th August and provides nine courses - Three Junior Courses and three Foundation Courses in Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow, Intermediate Course and the five week Performance and Production course in Glasgow which will work on three very different shows. Auditions take place this week for the Performance & Production and the Intermediate Courses.

Intermediate Course

This course has been running for three years and provides a mid way point for participants to bridge the gap between the Foundation Course and the Performance and Production Course. The participants join the Performance and Production Course and become the ensemble for the main house performances.

Performance and Production Course

These senior members of the youth theatre will spend five weeks working intensely on one of three productions. At this year's Summer Festival the productions will be **'Burns Supper', a new musical based on the life of Robert Burns, 'Pinocchio', a dark adaptation by Stephen Greenhorn of the Carlo Collodi classic and a devised piece.** Performances in Summer Festival 2008 were well received by both public and press.

"stylish the cast of principals and the ensemble are flawless and a joy to watch."

'Geordie' Press & Journal, Aberdeen

Participants will spend their summer holidays meeting new friends, learning new skills and gaining confidence. Over Scottish Youth Theatre's 33 years many a star has been inspired by their time spent participating in Summer Festival including, Gerard Butler, Colin McCredie, news reader Kirsty Young, Michelle Gomez (Green Wing) and Dougie Henshall of STV's hit show Primeval.

Applications are still being accepted for the Junior and Foundation Courses. Visit the website: www.scottishyouththeatre.org to download an application form or call us on 0141 552 3988 for more information!

Ends.

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