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Scottish Youth Theatre Summer Festival Auditions

Scotland's National Theatre 'for and by' young people take to the road for Summer Festival auditions

This **Tuesday 10 March**, **Scottish Youth Theatre** will be visiting the city of **Inverness** where young hopefuls aged 14-21 will be looking to gain a place on one of the prestigious annual Summer Festival courses the company offers.

Now in its 33rd year, the Summer Festival runs from **6 July to 15 August 2009** and is for anyone interested in drama aged 8-21. Auditions for the 3 week Intermediate and 5 week Performance and Production course began on the **28 February** in Edinburgh and will end on the **29 March** in Glasgow, taking place in Perth and Aberdeen along the way.

The auditions this Tuesday will be held in **Inverness College**, and will involve a workshop and interview where participants will be asked to demonstrate their abilities by performing a prepared monologue and a song. **Artistic Director, Mary McCluskey** and **Assistant Director, Fraser McLeod** will be looking for energetic individuals, with a positive attitude and genuine theatrical interest. If successful they will offered a place on the course.

"The experience was priceless. The production was very professional and SYT provided over and above what I expected."

Peter, 17 yrs, Perthshire, Summer Festival 2008 Participant

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.

Those who applied to the 1 week Junior course, 2 week Intermediate and Foundation course will be auditioned in April.

Previous Scottish Youth Theatre participants have gone on to successful careers in the world of theatre, TV and film, including newsreader **Kirsty Young**, movie star **Gerard Butler**, actress **Siobhan Redmond** and Taggart stars **Colin McCredie** and **Blythe Duff**.

Applications are still being accepted for the Technical Theatre, 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.

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For more information, or for photo opportunities during Summer Festival auditions please contact Maureen Ladyman, Marketing Officer (maureen@scottishyouththeatre.org) or phone 0141 552 3988.