

SPOTLIGHT



Young People's Theatre Newcastle Inc.

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NO5 – Semester 2, Term 4

Saturday 27th Nov & Monday 29th Nov

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Dates to Remember

Please take careful note of these dates
Write them on your calendar NOW!

- **YPT General Meetings**
Tuesday 21st December -
7.00pm at “El Nonno Restaurant”
- **“The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe”**
Final performances
Saturdays 27th November - 2pm & 7pm
- **Last Days - Semester 2, Term 4 - 2010**
Saturday & Monday, 4th & 6th Dec.
- **CONDA AWARDS NIGHT**
Friday 17th December at Civic Theatre
- **Office Closes**
Saturday 11th December, 2010 – 1pm
- **Office Re-opens**
Friday 7th January, 2011 - 4pm
- **Re-enrolment Days - 2011**
Thursday 3rd February: 4pm – 6pm
Friday 4th February: 4pm – 6pm
- **Semester 1, Term 1 - 2011**
Saturday & Monday, 12th & 14th Feb. 2011

TECHNICAL & BACKSTAGE CREW FOR 2011 PRODUCTIONS

Technical (sound and lighting) and Backstage (management, scenery and props) crew are required for all 2011 productions.

Please apply in writing to

Wendy Leis or the Director of the Production.

You may hand in your application at the office or post it to

Director

P.O. Box 397

Hamilton 2303.

Christine Chats

As this will be the last Spotlight for 2010, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Christmas Parties

**will be held on Saturday 4th
& Monday 6th December.**

On Saturday Morning all Year 4 to 9 students
will be at H.S.P.A.

Year 3 will be at Gregson Park.

On Monday Night all Year 10, 11 & 12
students will be at H.S.P.A.

Please bring a plate of party food to share. YPT canteen will supply drinks.

Christine Fletcher – Principal,

YPT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Where? El Nonno Restaurant
(in the arcade near Hamilton Post Office)

When? Tuesday 21st December

Time? 7.00 p.m. for 7.30pm

Why? December Meeting Night

Who? Adult Members, Tutors & Friends

What? 3 Course Meal (Function Menu)

Entrées Selection of Canapes

Main Choice of Fish, Chicken or Veal

Dessert Selection of Cakes and Slices

Wine & Christmas Trimmings included

Cost? \$45 per person

How? \$10 Deposit - Book now at the Office
(Friday 4-6pm or Saturday 9am -1pm)

Please Come and Join us

We will be having a Christmas Tombala again this year.
Please purchase and wrap a non gender specific gift
valued at \$5 to put on the gift table.

Everyone will be given a lucky number which will be
drawn out at some time during the evening and they
will be able to choose a gift from the table.

Words from Wendy

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Directors, Barbara Delaney and Wendy Leis, and all cast and crew for a most successful season of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Some excellent performances, great teamwork everyone and a most successful season at the Box Office.

Productions for 2011

Lindsay Street Players Production

Amadeus

by Peter Schaffer

12 January - 29 January

So Much To Tell You

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Wendy Leis – Artistic Director

Bob's Bulletin

Congratulations to all associated with the following YPT Productions and members who received Conda Nominations: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Golden Masque of Agamemnon, Annabel Fleming, Emily Taylor, Mitchell Bourke, Jack Gow, Bianka Lee, Katy Booth, Cameron Elkin, Kelsie Clarke, Barbara Delaney, Wendy Leis, Jennifer Bell and Vivien Jones.

Congratulation also to the following people who still are or have been part of the YPT family: Tim Shearman, Theo Rule, Giverney Lewis, Carl Caulfield, Scott Allan, Ben Freeman, Malcolm Young, Tracey Gordon, Michael Single, Andrew Swan, Grant Drury-Green, David Gray, Mat Lee, Wendy Ratcliffe, Michelle Burnitt, Scott Eveleigh, Callan Purcell, Brittany Turner, Brita Penfold, Nola Wallace and Daniel Wilson.

Congratulations also go to Anna Lambert for being awarded a CONDA Youth Development Grant.

The Ray Brooks Awards Night was held on 13th November and congratulations to all the recipients.

After some years of planning The Cottage Rebuilding Project is complete. Special thanks to our Project Manager, Phil Bush and the YPT Building Committee, Stephen Hill, Vivien Jones and Bob Price. Thanks also go to Mark Garman for his original design.

On behalf of myself and the Management Committee of YPT we wish all families and members of YPT a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Bob Price – YPT President

Re-enrolment Information

Re-enrolment Forms Semester 1 2011, along with a covering letter, have been posted to home addresses.

Payment of fees

We are encouraging parents to finalise fees before Friday 14 January, 2011. While our first preference is for you to use Direct Deposit, you are able to choose one of the following methods:

Direct Deposit - plus mail the Re-enrolment Form to the Office **by Friday 14 January, 2011**

Visa/Mastercard - complete details on the Re-enrolment Form or phone the Office with the details plus mail the form to the Office **by Friday 14 January, 2011**

Cheque - plus mail the Re-enrolment Form to the Office **by Friday 14 January, 2011**.

****Payments may also be made, in person, using EFTPOS, Visa/Mastercard, cash or cheque at the Office on Thursday 3 February 2011 or Friday 4 February 2011 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.**

Whatever method you choose, we need you to return the green Re-enrolment Form.

Students not returning in 2011

We would appreciate it if you would let us know of any students not returning in 2011. This helps us to offer vacancies to students on the Waiting List.

New Enrolments

Following re-enrolment of current students on Friday 5 February, Theatre Class Lists will be reviewed and vacancies identified. The Enrolment Officer will offer vacancies, by phone, to students on the Waiting List - in order of their rank on the Waiting List. New parents are required to attend the Office to complete a Student Record Card.

Waiting Lists

Students access YPT classes via Waiting Lists. Applications for the Waiting List must be made in person at the Office. Waiting Lists have limited numbers.

Associate Memberships (2011)

Year 11/12 students with long standing association and positive participation records considering Associate Membership must complete an Associate Membership Form, seek the endorsement (signature on the form) of the Principal of the Theatre School and return the signed form along with the fee of \$20 to the Office by 6:00pm Friday 5 February 2011. Associate Membership Forms are available from the Tutors or at the Office.

****New Receipting System**

There are two (2) Re-enrolment Sessions at the Office for students who have not finalised their re-enrolment before Friday 14 January, 2011. We are using a new receipting system and there may be delays in processing receipts.

Working with Children Volunteer Declaration Form

On the reverse side of the Re-enrolment Form is a Working with Children Volunteer Declaration Form. As all families are required to assist with productions and therefore spend time at the Theatre, we ask that you read and sign this form. Both parents may sign the form.

Classes commence: Saturday 12 February & Monday 14 February 2011

YPT Office Hours: Fri 4.00 to 6.00pm & Sat 9.00am to 1.00pm. Ph: 49615345

Monica Skehan
Enrolment Officer

Interested in undertaking a performing arts qualification in Newcastle? Read on.....

TAFE NSW Hunter Institute is prepared to consider entry of YPT students into the second year of the Associate Diploma Arts (Acting) (Course No. 19246) using a Recognition of Prior Learning pathway. The Advanced Diploma currently takes two and a half years to complete – with a Recognition pathway, the course could potentially be completed in eighteen months. Formal discussions have taken place between Hunter Institute and YPT to work out the logistics of a possible Recognition pathway for our students. Teresa Conicella, Head teacher Music and Performing Arts at Hunter TAFE Institute also visited the senior classes to talk directly to the students.

TAFE are able to consider applications for entry to year 2 of the Arts (Acting) course if the following Support Documents are submitted with a Course Application:

- a CV outlining the skills, knowledge and experience students have gained over Years 10 to 12 (age 15-18yrs), including:
 - YPT productions in which they have participated with details of the involvement, ie. cast, crew, lighting, stage management, etc
 - an overview of the theory and practice gained in YPT Theatre classes
 - experience gained outside YPT, ie. with other theatre groups as well as individual singing, dancing and/or music lessons and performances
- a letter from YPT indicating the quality of their participation in Theatre School classes and a recommendation from the Principal of the Theatre School

If the Course Application and Support Documents meet Hunter Institute requirements, applicants could then be invited to audition for Year 2 of the course. Auditions, which take place in front of a panel of three people, involve 2 monologues (2/3mins each), singing (backing tapes allowed) and a movement exercise.

A model CV is available for YPT students to use as a guide when assembling their own CV. Students interested in using a Recognition pathway to access this course should contact Monica Skehan for a copy of the model CV. Students will also need to contact the Theatre for the covering letter mentioned above.

Using the Recognition pathway into the Associate Diploma will save students 12 months course work and more than \$1500 in course fees.

Further details about the Associate Diploma Arts (Acting) (Course No. 19246) and Recognition can be obtained at the website listed below.

Contacts:

TAFE NSW Hunter Institute

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Faculty of Creative Industries

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Website: www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

Young People's Theatre Newcastle Inc

Christine Fletcher

Principal, Theatre School

Monica Skehan

Enrolment Officer

email: ypt@ypt.org.au

BOX OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for extra people who may be interested in joining the Office/Box Office roster list for 2011.

Interested parties could contact the office and we can then arrange a training session in the box office for them.

Newcomers could work with an experienced volunteers on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning when other office people are around.

Many Thanks
Kerrie Hicks
For Box Office Roster

YPT's first Production for 2011 will be presented by

Lindsay Street Players

Amadeus

by Peter Schaffer

Wednesday 12 January 7pm #	Wednesday 19 January 7pm
Friday 14 January 7pm	Friday 21 January 7pm
Saturday 15 January 7pm	Saturday 22 January 7pm
Sunday 16 January 2pm	Sunday 23 January 2pm
	Wednesday 26 January 7pm
	Friday 28 January 7pm
	Saturday 29 January 7pm

YPT's Senior Production for 2011

So Much To Tell You

by John Marsden

(author of Tomorrow When The War Began)

Wednesday 23 February 7pm #	Wednesday 2 March 7pm
Friday 25 th February 7pm	Friday 4 March 7pm
Saturday 26 th February 2pm & 7pm	Saturday 5 March 2pm & 7pm
	Wednesday 9 March 7pm
	Friday 11 March 7pm
	Saturday 12 March 2pm & 7pm

Credit Card (3% surcharge) & EFTPOS facilities available

Bookings

4961 4895

Thursday & Friday 4pm ~ 6pm Saturday 9am ~ 1pm

or at Young People's Theatre

(cnr Lindsay & Lawson Street, Hamilton)

Friday 4pm ~ 6pm & Saturday 9am ~ 1pm

All tickets \$15

Supper Night Adults \$20 Child/Concession \$18

YPT - CALENDAR 2011Office Opens – Friday 7th January, 2011Office Closes – Saturday 10th December, 2011Office Re-opens – Friday 20th January, 2012***Semester 1 Dates***

<u>3rd & 4th February</u>	<u>Re-enrolment (4-6pm)</u>
<u>5th February</u>	<u>Tutor Meeting - New Enrolment Day (9am-1pm)</u>

Term 1

(8 weeks)

12th & 14th February

First Day of Classes

2nd & 4th April

Last Day of Classes

(Easter & Anzac Day: 23rd - 26th April - No Classes)**Term 2**

(8 weeks)

30th April & 2nd May

First Day of Classes

25th & 27th June

Last Day of Classes

(excludes – Queens Birthday Weekend – 11th & 13th June – No classes)***Semester 2 Dates***

<u>22nd July</u>	<u>Re-enrolment (4-6pm)</u>
<u>23rd July</u>	<u>Tutor Meeting – New Enrolment Day (9am-1pm)</u>

Term 3

(8 weeks)

30th July & 1st Aug

First Day of Classes

17th & 19th September

Last Day of Classes

Term 4

(8 weeks)

15th & 17th October

First Day of Classes

3rd & 5th December

Last Day of Classes

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