

SPOTLIGHT

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Term 3 Semester 2
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Fridge File

Production Dates

- **Cinderella (G2K)** (18 performances)
Monday 25 September to Saturday 28 October
- **Disney's The Jungle Book (KIDS)** (8 performances)
Saturday 18 November to Saturday 2 December
- **Little Women** (Senior Musical Lindsay St Players)
Season: Friday 2 to Saturday 24 February (10 performances)
- **Disney's Alice in Wonderland (Jr)**
Season: Monday 17 April to Saturday 19 May (18 performances)

Disney's Jungle Book (Kids)

- Production/ Audition Information Meetings:
Sunday 13 and Monday 14 August (YPT)
- Auditions: Sunday 20 August (YPT)
- First rehearsal: Friday 25 August (YPT)

Little Women (Senior Musical Lindsay St Players)

- Production/Audition Information Meetings:
Sunday 10 and Monday 11 September (YPT)
- Auditions: Sunday 8 and Monday 9 October
- First rehearsal: Saturday 21 October

Disney's Alice in Wonderland (Jr)

- Production/Audition Information Meetings:
Sunday 5 and Monday 6 November (YPT)
- Auditions: Sunday 12 and 19 November
- First rehearsal: Friday 1 December

Special Events

- Junior Theatre Celebration (JTC)
Rehearsals 25,26,28 September plus 11, 18, 25 Oct
Performance: Saturday 28 October
- **YPT Factor Song Competition**
- Year 7 to Year 12: 6.00pm Thursday 23 November
- Year 2 to Year 6: 6.00pm Thursday 30 November

YPT Jamboree (Theatre School Demonstration)

- Sunday 3 December: Yrs 3.1 to Saturday Seniors
- Monday 4 December: Senior classes (Yr 10,11,12)
- Tuesday 5 December: Year 2, Year 3.2

Theatre Term 3 School Dates

- Monday 17 July to 11 September
 - Tuesday 18 July to 12 September
- Wednesday 19 July to 13 September
- Saturday 20 July to 16 September

YPT General Meetings (3rd Tuesday each month)

- Tuesday 15 August
- Tuesday 19 September
- Tuesday 17 October

7.00pm at the Theatre. All parents are welcome!
Please come to meetings and get involved!

From the President.....

Congratulations to the cast, production team, crew and parent volunteers who have made *CATS (Abridged)* a memorable event. The Production Team of Chelsea Willis, Amber Lewis, Lizzy Lindus, Annaliese Stojkovski and Galatea Kneath presented the cast with a challenging production and the cast accepted the challenge and set new standards in commitment. A special thank you to Michelle Horswood, who took on CATS costume coordination as a first time coordinator. What a stunning success!! Angela Jenkins worked closely with Michelle through the process assisted by many generous hearted parent volunteers. Nadine MacKay, Tara & Trish Sutherland devoted long hours to creating beautiful head pieces which, together with the costumes, are completed by Claire Thomas' striking make-up designs. The work of Robyn McLean in the Box Office must be acknowledged as well as the impressive efforts of the technical and backstage crew. It has truly been a group effort!

Rehearsals for Cinderella (G2K) are well underway and Disney's Jungle Book (Kids) starts the process with Production Information Meetings this weekend.

Thank you to the many wonderful people behind the scenes who keep YPT a viable organization.

Monica Skehan
President

Box Office Report

Congratulations on breaking YPT Box Office records! Today I am delighted to share with you the final occupancy figures for CATS (Abridged.) The average occupancy across the originally planned 18 performances is **99.25%**.

Robyn McLean
Box Office Manager

Production/Audition Information Meetings (refer Fridge File for specific dates)

YPT provides detailed information about commitment to productions so that families can make an informed decision about committing to a production. Meetings are scheduled prior to auditions for each production. Two meetings are convened - one in an afternoon and one in the evening - families need to attend one meeting only. Attendance at a Production Audition/Information Meeting is an **audition eligibility requirement**.

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Claire's Corner

Semester 2 events

- **Primary School Monologue Fair** held in August and followed by Private (Individual) Drama Tuition in September – information emailed to families.
 - **YPT Factor Song Competition** - all students eligible to enter; will held over two days in term 4; dates to be confirmed and application made available in Term 4
 - **Theatre School Drama Jamboree** is the annual presentation of drama class work to parents and families. Each student is given the opportunity to perform on the YPT stage with their class group. Musical Theatre groups and some Song Competition entrants will perform at the Jamboree. The Jamboree is held over four days, ie Sunday 3 and 10 December, Monday 4 December and Tuesday 5 December
 - **Class vacancies:** there are some places available in the Junior and Intermediate Musical Theatre classes; Junior Tap Dancing and individual Singing lessons.
- Please email ypt@ypt.org.au if you are interested

Claire Thomas, Principal

YPT Code of Conduct

- *Communication: open, respectful communication is expected of all YPT members; please consider the impact of your conversation on the people around you*
- *Responsibilities: the point of contact in relation to successes/issues/problems is the person or people who have responsibility for designated duties; if you find it difficult to speak directly to that person, please either speak to the people in the Office or email to let us know of your concerns - comments made behind the scenes are unhelpful and can be disruptive.*
- *Volunteer run organisation: YPT operates 12 months a year on the work of a small band of volunteers; productions run according to a "formula" which has been developed over many years; if you want to have input to the "formula", come to the monthly General Meetings; if you want to join the small band of workers, please let us know as we would be grateful for your assistance*

Artistic Director Report

I am in awe of our students. What they can achieve is simply astounding; on stage and off stage alike. It is important to me that YPT students understand theatre – *all of theatre* – and that is why I would like to encourage more students in Years 7-12 to express their interest in joining the crew for our productions.

In the last 12 months, we have had a record number of students completing Technical Workshops and this has resulted in fresh faces joining the ranks. With 6 productions each year, though, there are a lot of performances that now require crew, and the workload is increasing. I would like to make our expectations of production crews more manageable by implementing more opportunity to 'job share' roles in a similar way to how double casts share performances. This is not viable for all roles (e.g. the Stage Manger would need to run every performance), but for other positions in the crew this is achievable. To help make this goal attainable, please do consider applying for crew positions on Cinderella and/or Jungle Book. The friendships and bonds that are formed as part of this close-knit team truly are wonderful!

To be part of the crew, students must be in Years 7-12 and have completed a Technical Workshop. The next Technical Workshop is scheduled for Sunday 27 August – any eligible student who completes the workshop will be eligible to apply to be crew for *Cinderella (G2K)*.

In other news, I would like to thank every person who applied for the new position of *Theatre Company Assistant*. It is exciting to be able to have a role such as this to support our productions and creative teams. I, and the whole interview panel, were impressed with the level of commitment, willingness and passion that exuded from the candidates for the role.

Congratulations to Chelsea Willis for successfully attaining the position! Chelsea will be an asset to the YPT Family in this position due to her experience in production management and her absolute intention to provide performance opportunities to showcase and build the capacity of our students.

Aaron Taylor
Artistic Director

YPT Office & Box Office Hours

Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm

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YPT Ticket Policy

YPT has a 24 hour Box Office service!!

Online tickets can be purchased through the YPT website and Facebook (ypt.org.au)

Tickets must be paid for at the time of booking - this also applies to phone ticket sales.

Phone bookings can be made (Ph 4961 4895) during Office Hours using a Visa or MasterCard

Ticket Gift Certificates are available at the Box Office