

# SPOTLIGHT

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## Fridge File

### **Elf Jr The Musical**

- Monday 1 October to Saturday 3 November

### **Life and Love Sondheim Concerts (2)**

- 6.00pm Sunday 28 October
- 2.00pm Sunday 4 November

### **Disney's Sleeping Beauty (Kids)**

- Saturday 24 November to Saturday 8 December (10)
- Photoshoot/Costume Lineup: Thursday 8 November
- Technical/Dress Rehearsals: Saturday 17, Sunday 18, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November

### **Hot Mikado**

- Friday 8 to Saturday 23 February (8 performances)
- Rehearsals start: Friday 19 October
- Costume LineUp/Photoshoot: Thursday 13 December

### **Disney's Madagascar Jr**

- Auditions: Sunday 4 November
- Rehearsals start: Friday 16 November
- Season: 15 April to 23 May (18 performances)

### **Special Events**

- Junior Theatre Celebration (JTC)  
Friday 26 & Saturday 27 October
- Singing Recital: Thursday 29 November
- CONDA Ceremony: Saturday 1 December

### **Theatre School Term 4 Final Class Dates**

- Monday 10 December
- Tuesday 11 December
- Wednesday 12 December
- Saturday 15 December

### **Holiday Workshops**

- Monday 14 January (details tbc)
- Tuesday 15 January (details tbc)
- Wednesday 16 January (details tbc)

### **YPT General Meetings** (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month)

- 7.00pm Tuesday 20 November
  - 7.00pm Tuesday 18 December
- All parents/carers are welcome.

## Production Information Meetings (PIMs)

YPT provides detailed information about parent volunteering, role requirements, etc. so that families can make an informed decision before committing to a production. Meetings are scheduled prior to auditions for each production. Attendance at a Production Information Meeting (PIM) is an **audition eligibility requirement**.

## From the President.....

Congratulations to all involved in Elf Jr The Musical – it has been so much fun for the cast and the audiences. Thank you to the production, technical and wardrobe teams – the effort has been huge. A special thank you to Kelly Brien for her extra attentiveness with costume development and maintenance.

Some months ago, Chelsea Willis asked if we could support the Starlight Foundation during the Elf Jr season – this proposal has been incredibly successful. Many cast and patrons have provided gifts for children who will be in hospital over the Christmas period. Thank you, Chelsea, for your thoughtfulness.

Theatre School Jamboree is coming up in December – just a reminder that all students are expected to participate in the Jamboree. This is the opportunity for all parents to see their children perform on the stage.

2019 Enrolment Forms were mailed to home addresses this week. If you changed your address and did not tell us know, you may not receive your forms. As usual, we have healthy Waiting Lists, so please finalise your enrolment as soon as possible. Finalising an enrolment includes both paying the fee AND returning the signed form/s. Thank you to Toni and Cydnie who helped with this rather large mail out

The 2019 Theatre School Class Schedule will be distributed shortly; please check your Saturday and weekday class options

Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers who keep YPT a viable organization.

**Monica Skehan, President**

### **YPT Remembers Reuben Arnold Sutherland 23 October 2002 – 30 March 2015**

*This week the YPT community is reflecting on Reuben Sutherland who would have turned 16 this month. His beautiful family are always in our thoughts and their loss is unimaginable. They are a wonderful part of our YPT family. We thank all of you who regularly donate to the Remembers Reuben Fund via the donation box at the canteen. We remind you that you can also make online donations in his memory here.*

*The YPT Remembers Reuben Fund was established in memory of Reuben Sutherland. Reuben a member of this very special community, was tragically killed on 30 March 2015 as he crossed the road after getting off his school bus - he was only 12 years old. Reuben was a very special boy who was loved by many. His family requested that any donation in memory of his life be made to Young People's Theatre Newcastle as this place was such an important place for Reuben".*

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### Claire's Corner

Term 4 classes started with much excitement about the Jamboree pieces. Many classes are working with scripts, some are adapting scripts from texts, and some are playbuilding from a given stimulus.

The **Jamboree** schedule is attached for your consideration. All students are required to perform at the Jamboree. Don't miss out on seeing your children perform on stage. Purchase your tickets online at [ypt.org.au](http://ypt.org.au)

The Musical Theatre groups are rehearsing numbers, coordinating vocals with choreography. The dance classes are getting the rhythm as they tap their toes and shimmy to the beat.

**Student Safety:** As we all know, the traffic jam outside HSPA each Saturday can be manic. Just a reminder that YPT policy for student drop off is that parents take care and observe the traffic rules. For pickup after class at HSPA, tutors will keep the children on the fence side of the footpath and wait for parents to collect their child in person. If parents sit in their cars and beckon a child to cross the road or walk substantially away from the gate, the tutor will instruct the child to stay with them. For rehearsals at HSPA, the directors will also maintain supervision of students at pickup time. It is important that parents consider that NCC rangers may be in attendance. Please also be aware that, should parents not pick up students on time, a Late Student Pickup Fee may apply.

**Claire Thomas, Principal**

### YPT Policies

**Theatre School Attendance Policy:** to maintain a place in class, students must maintain 75% attendance and appropriate participation in classes

**Theatre Company Audition Policy:** to be eligible to audition for productions, students must maintain 75% attendance and appropriate participation in classes; 75% attendance & an appropriate behaviour/ participation in previous rehearsals /performances; parent and student attend the PIM; student submits a parent signed Production Commitment Form; plus any production specific criteria

**YPT Dress Code:** students wear a YPT logo black T-shirt to classes, auditions & designated performances

**Theatre School Refund Policy:** unless special circumstances are demonstrated, a fees refund is not available after the first three classes

**Associate Student Membership Policy:** Year 12 students may apply for Associate Membership.

**Photography Policy:** taking photos or filming students engaged in YPT activities is not permitted

**Working with Children legislation:** YPT employees (above the age of 18 years) and all volunteers are required to submit a Working with Children Clearance (WWCC) before engaging in YPT activities.

**The Management Committee**

### AD Report

**Elf Jr:** going very well. It is pleasing to see audience numbers remaining very strong, with a good majority of houses being *sold out*. The Starlight Foundation gift donation opportunity has brought out the generous side of many people – evidence of which can be seen under the Christmas tree and in the play pen.

**Sleeping Beauty (Kids):** rehearsals are underway and the wardrobe team are working behind the scenes. Set construction is also underway.

**Hot Mikado:** cast has been announced and rehearsals commenced on Friday 19 October.

**Junior Theatre Celebration:** thank you to the directing team for leading the three day JTC Intensive during the second week of the school holidays. It is wonderful to see so many of our students involved in this year's JTC.

**Sondheim Life & Love:** the concerts are on 28 October & 4 November. Rehearsals are going well; thank you to Brent and Freya for their support for this event.

**UK Trip:** flights have been confirmed; there will a free stopover in Bangkok on the way home; we will arrive home on July 20 instead of July 19.

**Theatre Processes:** a management plan is being developed to inform our work for the next few years. In addition to theatre school scheduling and database upgrades, the plan will cover streamlining workflow and coordinating planning. It will involve updates and improvements to safe work practices.

**Aaron Taylor, Artistic Director**

### Box Office Messages

Thank you for your continuing support of online bookings.

*Love and Life* an Evening of Sondheim bookings are open for performances on Sunday 28 October and Sunday 4 November.

*ELF Jr The Musical* has already achieved over 90% occupancy for the season; you can grab the last of the tickets to either Friday 2 November or Saturday 3 November at 7pm; the matinees are fully booked.

*Sleeping Beauty (Kids):* it's less than a month till our youngest students perform in this short and sweet show which is perfect for even the youngest audiences

*Jamboree* tickets are on sale! Look for your child's class group – every class is listed individually. If you need to book more than 2 sessions to see your children perform, please book the 2 sessions and THEN email [boxoffice@ypt.org.au](mailto:boxoffice@ypt.org.au) to arrange complimentary tickets to the third or other sessions in which your children are participating

Reminder! Front row (Row A) accessible auditorium seating is NOT available online. If you need to book accessible seating, email [boxoffice@ypt.org.au](mailto:boxoffice@ypt.org.au) and I will contact you to organise your booking

Bookings are open 24/7 at [www.ypt.org.au/book-online](http://www.ypt.org.au/book-online)  
**Robyn McLean, Box Office Manager**

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### YPT Theatre School Jamboree

The Jamboree is the annual presentation of drama class work to parents and families held in the theatre Auditorium, Lindsay Street Hamilton. All YPT students are required to participate in the Jamboree during which students are given the opportunity to act on the stage with their class group. Musical Theatre and Dance classes perform as listed on the schedule. As per the legislation, tickets must be purchased for children aged 2 years of age and above.

**Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be purchased online at [www.ypt.org.au](http://www.ypt.org.au).** If a family needs to purchase tickets for more than 2 separate sessions, contact the Box Office [boxoffice@ypt.org.au](mailto:boxoffice@ypt.org.au).

Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 December				
Student Call Time	Start Time	Drama Classes		Musical Theatre/Dance Class
Monday 5.00pm	6.00pm	Senior Classes 3, 4 & 5		Musical Theatre Senior (10,11,12) Tap and Jazz (Advanced)
Tuesday 4.00pm	5.00pm	2	3.2	Musical Theatre (Years 2, 3, 4) Musical Theatre (Years 5 & 6)
Tuesday 6.00pm	6.30pm	Think Beyond		Student produced film

Sunday 2 December				
Student Call Time	Start Time	Drama Classes		Musical Theatre/Dance Class
10.30am	11.00am	3.1	4.1	Tap Dance (Years 2 to 6)
12.00pm	12.30pm	5/6.2	4.2	Tap Dance (Years 2 to 6)
2.00pm	2.30pm	5.1	6.1	Jazz Dance (Years 2 to 6) Musical Theatre (Years 5 & 6)
3.30pm	4.00pm	5.2	6.2	Jazz Dance (Years 2 to 6) Musical Theatre (Years 5 & 6)

Sunday 9 December				
Student Call Time	Start	Drama Classes		Musical Theatre/Dance Class
10.00am	10.30am	7.1	8.1	Musical Theatre (Years 7,8,9) Jazz Dance (Years 7 to 12)
11.30pm	12.00pm	7.2	7.3	Musical Theatre (Years 7,8,9) Tap Dance (Years 7 to 12)
1.30pm	2.00pm	9.1	Senior 1/2	Tap & Jazz Dance (Years 7 to 12)
3.00pm	3.30pm	9.3	9.2	Tap & Jazz Dance (Advanced)

### YPT Office & Box Office Hours

Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm

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### YPT Ticket Policy

**Online tickets can be purchased through the YPT website and Facebook ([ypt.org.au](http://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 or email [boxoffice@ypt.org.au](mailto:boxoffice@ypt.org.au)

*Save the Date*  
***YPT Christmas Party***  
*(for parents, volunteers & tutors)*



*When: 6.30pm Tuesday 18 December 2018*

*Where: Asian Delight, Railway Street Merewether  
(Licenced restaurant)*

*Menu: Banquet, sweets, tea & coffee*

*Vegetarian and gluten free options available*

*Cost: \$38.00/head*

*Secret Santa: Bring a gift valued at about \$10.00 to share*

*Tickets: will be available online (Limited numbers)*

**2019 Season**

- ❖ Hot Mikado (8 - 23 February)
- ❖ Madagascar Jr (15 April - 25 May)
- ❖ Suddenly Last Summer (3 May - 1 June)
- ❖ 101 Dalmatians (8 July - 17 August)
- ❖ Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr (30 Sept - 2 Nov)
- ❖ Nick Tickle Fairytale Detective (23 Nov - 7 Dec)

