

The Arts a Go Go! 2022 Show Commitment Booklet

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the 2022 Show.

Please save this booklet and read it carefully before committing your child to be in the show.



THE TWILIGHT FESTIVAL – the stars are emerging

(Poster Art & Design by Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch)

Split into Show Group A and Show Group B. Held at Lower Hutt Little Theatre, 19th & 20th November.

Show Group A:

11am Combo Class

Musical Theatre

Weds 3.30pm Drama Class

Weds 6pm Drama Class

Show Group B:

1.30pm Combo Class

Irish Dancing

Weds 4.45pm Drama Class

Weds Advanced Drama Class

WHAT EACH SCENE IS ABOUT IN BRIEF *(Titles to be confirmed)*

3.30 Drama: “Class Photo” – a reworking of a play we wrote in 2016 set in an elementary school in 1972 – accepting others for who they are.

4.45pm Drama: A play about unseen heroes bringing the world’s first film footage of NASA’s moon landing to international television screens from the sheep paddocks of Australia.

6pm Drama: “The Bear and the Kingfisher” A play about the courage and resilience of young people centred around a group of Ukrainian orphans.

Advanced Drama: “Broken Bones” -The London Docklands in the 1980's was a place we all dreamed of leaving. So once you got out, what could possibly bring you back?

Irish Dancing: “Dance in the Gloaming” – a Celtic journey.

Musical Theatre: “Oh, Behave!” *Be Yourself – Everyone Else is Taken (Oscar Wilde)* Numbers from High School Musical, West Side Story and Austin Powers

11am Combo: “Leap Day” a musical by Beat by Beat Press (who brought us The Show Must Go Online in 2020). There is unrest in the House of Time.

1.30pm Combo: A mini-musical showcasing 1940s Hollywood “glamour” (and its shadows) set in the Golden Age of Hollywood.

THE COMMITMENT

Class rehearsals begin in term 3. These must take priority over other activities. (We ask that if birthday parties are on when classes are on, children arrange to arrive at the party late or to leave it early.) It not only affects the confidence of your child if they miss class but also the confidence of the other performers around them as they try to learn lines, learn dances, manage props and remember stage directions and blocking. If there is an important family or school event that your child must attend, please let us know on the commitment form. We can work around things with advanced notice.

The theatre schedule on page 6 is particularly important and compulsory for all.

Things to think of: Are you going away? Does your child have school camp? Is your child in another performance in the same week? Do you have difficult childcare arrangements or transport problems? Does your child have exams? Please let us know on the commitment form now. We can try to make it work.

So, a serious commitment is required to attend all classes in term 3 and 4, unless there is an illness, something important that is prearranged that you have notified us about or there is a family emergency. Attending in Term 3, also means your child must attend in term 4 and take part in the show. Students cannot just attend term 3.

If you lose a notice or want to double check something, please see www.artsagogo.co.nz (Current Show Information page in menu bar). Please join the Show Facebook group– a link will be sent. Last year I also ran Whatsapp groups. Due to time management, that won't be happening this year. (You can join Facebook just for the purpose of being part of this communication group, without having to engage in, or post on, social media.) Please check emails regularly. Rachel and the teachers are here to help, but please do your best to check back before asking questions. It's a very busy time.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE COMMITTING?

Tickets and Fundraising

Arts a Go Go! does not aim to make a profit on its shows, with much time volunteered. Ticket income alone does not cover the costs of putting on the shows. To help cover costs, we have already been successful in receiving a Creative Communities Grant from Creative NZ. We very much believe in the show's worth, as I know parents do too from all the feedback we get, but there does need to be help from parents and an additional show fee to make it possible. Our major fundraiser is the raffle, and details will come out about that next term.

Show Fee

As well as the normal term fee, there is an additional show fee per child to be paid in term 4. (You will be emailed when this is due.)

Weds Drama and Irish Dancing Classes: \$35 per student (\$30 each if you have two or more children in these classes)

11am Combo, 1.30pm Combo and Musical Theatre Classes: \$50 per student (\$40 each if you have two or more children in these classes.)

If your child is in more than one class, the show fee is just paid once and is the higher of the two amounts.

The show fee helps cover thank you presents, extra costumes and accessories, hair and makeup products, holiday or extra rehearsals and other miscellaneous show costs. (Costs including venue, projection, lighting, sound, set, props, printing and staff are mainly covered by ticket sales, grants and fundraising but the show fee does help towards these too.)

Volunteers

An email will be sent out asking for volunteers. There are all sorts of preparation and theatre jobs, including supervision, and we appreciate your help very much. If you have particular skills or interests, eg, art, prop making, building, sewing, lighting, sound, hair and/or makeup, you are very welcome to let us know now.

Costumes

A costume notice will be emailed in term 3 with items that you may have to find from home, \$2 shops and second-hand stores etc. Some costumes will be ordered online, bought at shops on your behalf or designed and made. If your child's costume is one of these, the cost will be kept to no more than \$50 for you. (Any higher and it will be subsidised.) Some students will have costumes lent to them for a hire fee. Please check your child's costume notice in term 3.

Hair and Makeup

Some students requiring specialty hair or makeup will have this done at the theatre. All others will be given instructions on how to do this at home. If you are willing to help others at your home, please indicate this on the form. If you have skills to do hair or makeup at the theatre, please email.

Reading the Rehearsal Schedule and Notices

Please carefully check the theatre schedule and this booklet before committing your child to be in the show. We would appreciate it if you could please do your best to refer back to this booklet, the schedule, emails and the Facebook group before contacting us, particularly when close to the show. You will be sent a link to a Show Facebook Group to join. If you lose any information, you can find it on the special show page on our website www.artsagogo.co.nz Coordinating a show of this nature with around 130 children and young people is exciting but not easy. Communication is always emailed, with really important things being given in hard copy too. A week or two before the shows, there is a "Final Details" notice sent home with all the nitty gritty details for the smooth running of production week. If your child lives at two houses, please ensure both parents have all the show and rehearsal information.

Extra Rehearsals

If we feel that your child's scene would benefit from extra practice, we will arrange a suitable time with you.

October Holiday Rehearsals – 2nd Week at The Spot

Musical Theatre Class: 10am-4pm Wednesday 12th October

11am Combo Class: 10am-4pm Thursday 13th October and early start to Term 4 11am-1pm Saturday 15th October

1.30pm Combo Class: 10am-4pm Friday 14th October and early start to Term 4 1.30pm-3.30pm Saturday 15th October

Labour Weekend

Combo classes continue on the Saturday of Labour Weekend, 22nd October

Scripts

If your child is in Wednesday drama, Combo or Musical Theatre classes, they will bring home a script. For some, this may not be until week 2 or 3 of term 3, because as we write original scripts, these need to be workshopped in the first couple of weeks before the play and parts can be finalised. Can you please remind your child to bring their script to **every class** with a pencil, even after they know their lines? When practising lines at home, can you please help them with their cues too? (That is the line or action that comes just before their line, so that they not only know what to say, but **when** to say it.) Please do not judge your child's part by the number of lines they have, as that can impact negatively on your child. Acting is a lot more than speaking and we write scripts for the children and young people to experience a number of acting and ensemble techniques. (Combo and Musical Theatre students also have a lot of singing and dancing to learn and this is of equal importance to lines.)

Show Video and Photos

These are professionally taken by Glass Gecko Films and a notice will be sent with order information.

Dress Rehearsals

This year, it is compulsory for Show Group A to watch Show Group B's dress rehearsal and vice versa. Each audience group will have the option of ordering and eating pizza at the theatre before watching the dress rehearsal show of their fellow students.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR HOW THE PERFORMANCE WEEKEND WILL RUN

assuming no Covid-19 restrictions

Show Group A – green 11am Combo Class, Musical Theatre, Weds 3.30pm Drama Class, Weds 6pm Drama Class

Show Group B – teal 1.30pm Combo Class, Irish Dancing, Weds 4.45pm Drama Class, Weds Advanced Drama Class

More details come out in the Final Details Show Week Notice, closer to the time.

| SATURDAY 19 th NOV | | Saturday 2pm Show | Saturday 5.30pm Show |
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| Show Group A | Your child's call time will be given | Show Group A performs and is then picked up. | |
| Show Group B | Your child's call time will be given | | Show Group B performs and is then picked up. |
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| SUNDAY 20 th NOV | | Sunday 2pm Show | Sunday 5.30pm Show |
| Show Group A | Your child's call time will be given | | Show Group A performs and is then picked up. |
| Show Group B | Your child's call time will be given | Show Group B performs and is then picked up. | |

SHOW TICKETS

Tickets go on sale later in Term 3.

Currently there are no ticket restrictions under "Orange".

SINGLE SHOW TICKETS

Watch Show A OR Show B

Adults \$22

Children/School Students \$16

DOUBLE SHOW TICKETS

Watch both Shows A AND B for just \$10 more

Adults \$32

Children/School Students \$26

PRODUCTION WEEK SCHEDULE SUNDAY 13TH-20TH NOVEMBER

All at The Little Theatre, Lower Hutt. Please mark these in your calendar now.

This schedule replaces normal classes.

The day before on Saturday 12th November, combo classes do continue at The Spot.

A "Final Details" notice comes out closer to the time with extra nitty gritty information.

SUNDAY 13th NOVEMBER

7am set pack-in

Who is needed and when?

(Please arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup.)

9.45am-11.15am: Irish Dancers

11.00am-1.15pm: 11am Combo Class

1.30pm-2.45pm: 6pm Weds Drama Class

2.30pm-4.45pm: 1.30pm Combo Class

4.30pm-5.45pm: 3.30pm Weds Drama Class

5.30pm-6.45pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

6.30pm-7.45pm: Weds Advanced Drama Class

7.30pm-9pm: Musical Theatre Class

This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER

Technical Pack-in

Technical Rehearsal 1

Who is needed and when?

(Arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup)

3.45pm – 5.00pm 3.30pm drama class

4.45pm-6.30pm 11am Combo Class *(those mic'd will be called earlier.)*

6.30pm-7.45pm 6pm Weds Drama Class

7.15pm-9.00pm Musical Theatre Class

This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Technical Rehearsal 2

Who is needed and when?

(Please arrive and leave in costume. No hair or makeup)

3.45pm-5pm Irish Dancers

4.45pm-6.30pm 1.30pm Combo Classes *(those mic'd will be called earlier.)*

6.30pm-7.45pm 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

7.30pm-9pm Weds Advanced Drama Class

This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Dress Rehearsal: 3.45pm-7.30pm

Show Group A performing

(Costumes, full hair and makeup required. Please seek permission to leave school early to be ready on time.)

Show Group B watching as the audience - compulsory.

(Audience time will be given. Regular clothes for audience.)

Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

THURSDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Dress Rehearsal: 3.45pm-7.30pm

Show Group B performing

(Costumes, full hair and makeup required. Please seek permission to leave school early to be ready on time.)

Show Group A watching as the audience - compulsory.

(Audience time will be given. Regular clothes for audience.)

Parents cannot watch unless they are helping.

FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER

FIX UP DAY

Everyone must please keep this afternoon and evening free in case their child is called in.

SATURDAY 19^h & SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER

SHOW DAYS

Please see timetable on page 5. Your child's call times will be given. Hair and makeup notice will be sent.



WHAT HAPPENS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR AFTER THE SHOW IS OVER?

The normal class timetable does not continue after the show.

Wednesday 23rd November

3.30pm-5.30pm: Costume return for borrowed costumes (unless needed for the Christmas Parade)

4.30pm-5.30pm: Student Working Bee at The Spot

Saturday 26th November

11am-12pm Christmas Parade Rehearsal at The Spot – if the Christmas Parade is not on this year, we will do fun Christmas performing arts activities instead of rehearsal.

(For those who wish to take part.)

Saturday 3rd December

5.30pm-7.30pm Party and Prize Giving at The Spot

(All welcome. Please bring a plate.)

Sunday 4th December (TBC)

Upper Hutt Christmas Parade

(Details to follow. Usually 3pm and a costume theme will apply.)

Saturday 10th December

1.30pm-2.30pm Final costume return for borrowed costumes and last chance to pick up medals and certificates if you missed Prize Giving.

GOOGLE SHOW COMMITMENT FORM

Now that you have read all that is required, please click on the link and complete the google show commitment form: <https://forms.gle/SVnbXLRcf1746RjZ9>

This must be submitted no later than **30th June**.

If your child will not be taking part in the 2022 show, please email as soon as possible to let us know.