



All the Nitty Gritty Details for Production Week 2021 Sunday 14th November – Sunday 21st November

Everything this week is held at The Little Theatre, Lower Hutt

The schedule replaces normal classes 14th-21st November

You already have the theatre rehearsal schedule in your commitment notice. This notice reminds you of that same schedule plus adds in other details and hopefully answers any questions you may have. For the smooth running of production week and to help our production team out, please read this carefully.

All key show notices can also be found on the show page at www.artsagogo.co.nz

For emergencies, please phone Kathy Rodger (Rehearsal Front of House Manager) 0274452849
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The image contains two posters. The top poster is for 'Aladdin Jr', featuring a blue and gold color scheme with a crescent moon and lanterns. It lists 'Arts a Go Go! Production of Disney Aladdin Jr', 'Music by Alan Menken', 'Lyrics by Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin', and 'Book by Chad Beguelin'. A gold badge on the right says 'SHOW A'. Below the poster, text reads: 'Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio and directed & produced by Ron Clements & John Musker. Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia). All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.' The bottom poster is for 'Fantastical', featuring a blue and white color scheme with a silhouette of a city and a large book. It has a gold badge on the left that says 'SHOW B'. Below this poster, text reads: 'SHOW A (Aladdin Jr) Saturday 20th Nov 2021, 2pm Sunday 21st November, 5pm. SHOW B (Fantastical) Saturday 20th Nov 2021, 5pm Sunday 21st November, 2pm. Little Theatre 2 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt. Book via iTICKET www.iticket.co.nz Or phone (0508) iTICKET (484 253)'. The iTICKET logo is in the bottom right corner.

Frequently Asked Questions and Questions You Didn't Know to Ask!

What days and times does my child need to be at the theatre for rehearsals?

Please see the rehearsal schedule below. Nothing has changed since you first received this in June, except for students watching each other's dress rehearsals. (Please see the note later).

SUNDAY 14th NOVEMBER

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

Who is needed and when?

9.00am – 10.30am: Irish Dancers

10.30am-1.30pm: Combo Classes

2.15pm-3.30pm: Musical Theatre Class

3.30pm-4.30pm: 3.30pm Weds Drama Class

4.45pm-5.45pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

6.00pm-7pm: 6pm Weds Drama Class

7.15pm-8.15pm: Weds Advanced Drama Class

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

MONDAY 15th NOVEMBER

Pack-in Day 1 – sound, lighting, Show B set

Technical Rehearsal 1

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

Who is needed and when?

3.45pm – 5.00pm 3.30pm drama class

4.45pm-6.00pm 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

5.30pm-7.00pm Musical Theatre Class

6.45pm-8.00pm 6pm Weds Drama Class

7.45pm-9.00pm Weds Advanced Drama Class

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

TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Pack-in Day 2 – Show A set

Technical Rehearsal 2

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

Who is needed and when?

3.45pm-5pm Irish Dancers

4.45pm-8.00pm Combo Classes

(younger students may arrange to leave at 7.30pm if needed)

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

WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Fantastical Dress Rehearsal: Show Group B

(costumes, full hair and makeup required. Please seek permission to leave school early.)

3.45pm-7.30pm Musical Theatre, Weds Drama Classes, Irish Dancing

This rehearsal is now open to Show A students to watch.

THURSDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Aladdin Jr Dress Rehearsal: Show Group A

(costumes, full hair and makeup required. Please seek permission to leave school early.)

3.45pm-7.30pm Combo Classes

This rehearsal is now open to Show B students to watch.

FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER

FIX UP DAY

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

What happens with costumes?

Performers, unless they are told otherwise, get changed at home and arrive and leave in costume. It is not traditional theatre etiquette to do this, but we found it made a really positive difference last year. Your child must arrive with everything they need for their costume, so perhaps writing out a check list would help. Can your child please bring a large buttoned shirt or dressing gown to wear over their costume when eating? The schedule above tells you when costumes are needed and when hair and makeup is needed.

What about hair and makeup?

Separate to this notice, you will be emailed instructions for your child's character. This will be done at home for most students. In that email I will also pass on the details of parents who offered to help others with hair and makeup in their home. This is something you arrange between yourselves. Only the "dress rehearsal" requires hair and makeup. At every other theatre rehearsal, students wear their costumes, but don't need hair and makeup done.

What about carpooling?

I will put parents in touch with others who indicated they would like to help or needed help with transport.

Do I sign my child in and out?

Yes. There is a desk set up in the foyer of the theatre. (If they are old enough, they may sign for themselves.) The children then go to their dressing room and wait there quietly until they are called. All helpers are also expected to scan the QR code at the door or desk.

Can my child wait for me outside at the end of each rehearsal?

For safety, they must wait for you inside. Please socially distance from parents you do not know and if rehearsal is delayed, please consider waiting just outside the doors if the weather allows.

Can parents and grandparents watch the rehearsals?

No. The rehearsals are "closed rehearsals" unless you are helping.

Will my child get to see the other classes perform?

As you know, we had planned on the students watching each other on show days. Because of level 2 restrictions, this can no longer happen as we needed to make all seats at the 50% capacity available for sale. Students will instead watch the other group's final dress rehearsal. These will run like shows as much as possible. It's an amazing opportunity for them to see a fantastic show and gives each group a great final preparation performing in front of their peers. We recommend they take up this opportunity. (Student audiences will arrive at 4.15pm, sign in and then go straight into the auditorium. Student audiences will be picked up at 7pm.)

Will my child have breaks to eat?

There isn't always a set break time and students will eat when they have downtime. Please pack a large lunch box of healthy snacks and water to sustain them for every rehearsal and on show days. Students must bring a dressing gown or large buttoned shirt to wear over their costume when eating.

What about pizza and chips on show weekend?

We had scheduled for the students to order pizza to have after their show while waiting to watch the other show. The tradition of eating together is something we love. This year, it is just not possible under the theatre's level 2 rules, especially if rain keeps us indoors. So unfortunately, we will not be doing the meal this year. For the backstage crew, volunteers and small number of students performing in both Show A and B -you can still order pizza to eat between shows. Julie and Sean Fitzgerald will organise this. I will send you the link.

What dressing room is my child in?

This will be emailed with your child's hair and makeup notice.

What does my child do while waiting in the dressing room?

Please send your child along with quiet games, activities, colouring in and devices. (They are responsible for these items) The children will be supervised.

Can I go into the dressing room to help my child get ready and/or stay with them?

No. There are parents assigned to supervise and help your child get ready. For security and safety reasons, this is strictly enforced. Those who are helping will be wearing a security pass. If you would like to help, please contact Rachel.

Can I still hand in raffle money and buy more raffle tickets at the theatre?

Yes. Please hand these in at the front desk. Please look out for the silent auctions too.

Dress Rehearsals start at 3.45pm and that isn't enough time after school to get into costume and do hair and makeup. Can they be late?

No. For this special event, can you please ask your child's teacher if they can possibly leave school early this day to allow enough time to get to the theatre ready in costume with hair and makeup done on time? Students with NCEA exams can arrange a later start with Rachel. We aim to finish rehearsals on time, but please know that sometimes we have to run over.

How long is each show?

Show A is approximately 1 hour 15 minutes, and Show B is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. There is no interval. At the end of each final show on Sunday, there will be thank yous and the raffles will be drawn, so do allow extra time for this.

What Happens on Show Days?

Please see the call times below. If your child is needed earlier, you will be specifically told. On arrival, they sign in at the front desk and go straight into their dressing room. Again, they arrive in costume with full hair and makeup done.

SATURDAY 20TH NOV		Saturday 2pm Show	Between Shows	Saturday 5pm Show
Show Group A Aladdin Jr	Show A Aladdin Jr students arrive at 12.30pm	Show Group A performs. Pick up approximately 3.20pm	With level 2 restrictions, only students in both shows now stay on between shows. Pizza has unfortunately been cancelled for other students this year.	
Show Group B Fantastical			Show B students arrive at 4pm	Show Group B performs. Pick up approximately 6.45pm
SUNDAY 21ST NOV		Sunday 2pm Show	Between Shows	Sunday 5pm Show
Show Group A			Show A Aladdin Jr students arrive 4pm	Show Group A performs Pick up approximately 6.45pm
Show Group B	Show B Fantastical students arrive at 1pm	Show Group B performs. Pick up approximately 3.45pm	With level 2 restrictions, only students in both shows now stay on between shows. Pizza has unfortunately been cancelled for other students this year.	



All audience members must sign in using the Covid tracer app or the paper option. Seating for ticket holders will be spaced under level 2 requirements, in a bubble according to the booking name the tickets were ordered under. The seating will be pre-planned by our front of house staff. Seating will begin half an hour before the show is scheduled to start. Bubble groups may wait outside or in the foyer together but must remain at least 1m distanced from those not in their bubble. Once your bubble group have all arrived, the group will be shown to their seats. All people over 12 must wear a mask unless they have an exemption pass. Please be kind and patient with our front of house volunteers and ushers. Seating may take longer than usual but with your help, the process will go as smoothly as possible.

Arts a Go Go! will be selling treats before each show, so do look out for Helen and her team. There is no interval.

Raffle tickets will also still be available to purchase and two gift basket prizes will be drawn at the end of Show A show on Sunday evening and two gift basket prizes drawn at the end of Show B on Sunday afternoon. Please also take a bid on our silent auction items. The winning bidders will be contacted in the week following the show.

If little ones with you start crying during the show, we ask that you please take them away from the theatre until they are settled. The performers on stage have worked really hard and it can be distracting for them and hard for others to enjoy the show. It also makes filming difficult.

After the child's final show for the day, they will return to their dressing room to make sure it is tidy and collect their belongings to take home. The children will then meet you in the foyer and will sign out. (Please do not go backstage into the dressing rooms.)

If I hired a costume from Arts a Go Go or Hannah, should I leave it behind after the final show?

No. Unless you have been told otherwise, please take the costume home. We will tell you if it is to be washed or not. Please return it to The Spot on costume return days - Wednesday 24th November 3.30pm-5.30pm or Saturday 11th December 1.30pm-2.30pm.

Can I get a video and photos of the show?

Glass Gecko Films will be filming again this year and taking show photos. Photos will be ordered through their website and I will tell you when they are ready. Videos are in the form of a digital link that you can watch or download on your device, computer or TV etc. The cost to purchase the digital video is \$25 and you will receive both Show A and Show B for this. Payments can be made into the show account for the video any time from now and need to be clearly referenced with your child's name and the word "video". Please allow up to 4 weeks after the show for the video to be ready. There is to be no other filming or photography in the theatre of any sort, including on cell phones.

What if I have volunteered to do a job?

If you have volunteered for a job, you will soon receive a roster. It's not too late to volunteer, particularly for supervision and packing out after the final show.

What happens for my child at Arts a Go Go! after November 21st?

Wednesday 24th November

3.30pm-5.30pm: Costume return for borrowed costumes

4.30pm-5.30pm: Student Working Bee at The Spot (to help store and tidy set, props and costumes.)

Saturday 27th November

11am-12pm This was going to be a rehearsal for the Christmas parade but sadly that has been cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Instead of a parade rehearsal, students are welcome to join us for a fun performing arts session, with Christmas drama games and songs.

Saturday 4th December

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

(All welcome. Please bring a plate.)

Sunday 5th December

Upper Hutt Christmas Parade now cancelled.

Saturday 11th 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.

Thank You

Thank you very much for your support. We know having your child involved in a show like this is a lot of work on your part, and then add in a lockdown and level 2 changes. At Arts a Go Go! the process is just as important as the final product - rehearsing hard, learning performance etiquette, being part of a show backstage and practising teamwork is a huge part of this life experience. We hope you enjoy the shows!

Rachel, Hannah, Stu, Shannon, Holly and the Team

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