

The 2018 SHOW

COMMITMENT

NOTICE

WEDS DRAMA & IRISH DANCING CLASSES

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the Arts a Go Go! 2018 Show.

“Another World”

(Seussical Jr and Worlds Beyond)

Key things:

The show date is Saturday 17th November at Lower Hutt Little Theatre.

The week before the show there are compulsory rehearsals at the theatre set out in the schedule attached.

Class time rehearsals begin in term 3. If you enrol for term 3, you are also committing to attending in term 4.

You cannot just attend term 3.

A serious commitment is required to attend all classes in term 3 and 4 before the show, unless there is an illness, something important that is prearranged that you have notified me about or a family emergency.

Are you going away? Does your child have school camp? Is your child in another performance in the same week? Do you have difficult child care arrangements or transport problems?

Does your child have exams?

PLEASE TALK TO ME NOW. I CAN TRY TO MAKE IT WORK.

The Lower Hutt Little Theatre rehearsals in particular must take priority over other activities, such as sports, music lessons and birthday parties. It not only affects the confidence of your child if they miss class and theatre rehearsals, but also the confidence of the other children around them as they try to learn lines, manage props and remember stage directions and blocking.

We try to keep a balance between overloading families and children with lots of extra practices, and also producing a show that we can all be proud of. We therefore do the majority of rehearsing during normal class times. Our shows have a very strong reputation for quality but equally for the joy that students get from being part of the process.

**If you lose a notice or want to double check something, please see
www.artsagogo.co.nz/current-show-information-for-parents-and-performers**

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE COMMITTING?

The 2018 Arts a Go Go! show is called **“Another World”**. It is made up of **short plays** (performed by the Wednesday drama students), **Irish dancing** (performed by the Irish Dancing students) and **the musical “Seussical Jr”** (performed by the Upper Hutt 11am and 1.30pm combo classes combined). *This year, the Tawa class will be doing their own showcase in Tawa.*

The Worlds

3.30pm Weds drama: Under the Sea

4.45pm Weds drama: Futuristic

6.00pm Weds drama: Medieval

Advanced Weds drama: Reality TV

Irish Dancing: Faerie

11am and 1.30pm Combos: Seuss



Tickets and Fundraising

Tickets go on sale later in term 3. Ticket income does not cover all the costs associated with putting on our show. Arts a Go Go! does not aim to make a profit on its shows, with much time volunteered. To cover costs, we will be running extra fundraising and applying for grants. 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 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. The show fee for the Wednesday drama and Irish Dancing classes is: \$35 per student.** This helps cover extra costumes and accessories, make-up, hair products, thank you presents and other miscellaneous show costs. (Costs including lighting, sound, venue hire, set, props, printing and staff are covered by ticket sales, grants and fundraising.)

Volunteers

An email will be sent next term asking for volunteers. There are all sorts of exciting jobs to do in theatre work and we appreciate your help very much.

Costumes

A costume notice will be emailed with items that you may have to find, mainly from home, \$2 shops and second-hand stores. Some costumes may be ordered online or bought at shops on your behalf and if your child's costume is one of these, the cost will be kept under \$45 for you. We have started collecting items which we will costume some children in. You will be notified of a date for costuming. If you are interested in helping with costumes, we would love to hear from you now.

Reading the Rehearsal Schedule and Notices

Please carefully check the theatre schedule and this notice before committing your child to be in the show. I'd appreciate it if you could please do your best to refer back to this notice, the schedule, emails and other notices before contacting me, particularly when close to the show. 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 120 children is exciting but not easy. Please look out for extra emails and facebook posts during this time. (You can join our facebook page if you wish to at www.facebook.com/artsagogo) Communication is

always emailed, with really important things being given in hard copy too. A week or two before the show, there is a "Final Details" notice sent home with all the details for the smooth running of the production week.

Extra Rehearsals

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

Scripts

If your child is in Wednesday drama, they will bring home a script. This may not be until week 2 or 3, since we write original scripts and these need to be workshopped in the first couple of weeks before the play and parts can be finalised. Can you please help them to bring their script to every class with a pencil, even when 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 plays for the children to experience a number of acting and ensemble techniques.

The Rest of the Term 4 After the Show is Over

A timetable will be sent for the Christmas Parade and Arts a Go Go! Parties and Prizegivings.

Please see the Production Week Schedule and Commitment Form to sign below.

PRODUCTION WEEK 2018
COMPULSORY THEATRE REHEARSALS AND SHOW DAY
ALL AT LOWER HUTT LITTLE THEATRE

Please Note: A lot more details are given closer to the time in the "Final Details" notice.

***SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER**

A change from previous years: **you will place your costumes in dressing rooms this day**

Who is needed and when?

9.00am – 10.30am: Irish Dancers

10.30am-3pm: Upper Hutt Combo Classes (Seussical Jr)

3.30pm-4.30pm: 3.30pm Weds drama class

4.45pm-5.45pm: 4.45pm Weds drama class

6pm-7.00pm: 6pm Weds drama class

7pm-8.30pm: Advanced Weds drama class

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

*** MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER**

Pack-in Day (Teachers, Crew and Parent Helpers)

Technical Rehearsal 1

Time: 4pm – 8.00pm

Who is needed?

Some students will be called. (They will be notified closer to the time.)

***TUESDAY 13th NOVEMBER** (change from previous years: costumes will be worn this day)

Technical Rehearsal 2

Who is needed and when?

4pm-7.30pm Upper Hutt Combo Classes (Seussical Jr)

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

***WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER** (change from previous years: costumes will be worn this day)

Technical Rehearsal 3

Who is needed and when?

3.45pm-4.45pm: 3.30pm drama

4.30pm-5.30pm: Irish Dancing

5.15pm-8pm: 4.45pm drama, 6pm drama and Advanced drama (all together)

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

***THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER** (change from previous years: costumes will be worn this day)

Technical Rehearsal 4

Who is needed and when?

3.45 – 6pm: Upper Hutt Combo Classes (Seussical Jr)

6pm-8.00pm: Call backs (please keep this time free in case your child's scene is called back)

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

***FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER**

Dress Rehearsal (but no hair or make-up)

Who is needed and when?

3.30pm-8.00pm: ALL

(Young cast members may be able to leave earlier by prior arrangement. Please check with Rachel)

Note: Please ask your school teacher if your child can leave school early the dress rehearsal day so that we can start in costumes bang on 3.30pm. Parents are able to stay for this rehearsal if they wish to.

***SATURDAY 17th NOVEMBER: Show Day** (Shows 2.00pm and 6.30pm. Students do both shows.)

Who is needed? ALL

Time: Students arrive at **11.00am** and stay with us supervised all day until the end of the final show. Fish n Chips can be ordered for tea. Hair and make-up is done by parent volunteers. It is a super fun and exciting day for the kids.

2018 Show Commitment Slip

Please complete and return this slip to your child's teacher
or please email it to rachel@artsagogo.co.nz by **Wednesday 27th June**

Child's Name: _____

will be attending Arts a Go Go! in terms 3 and 4, 2018.

Please tick 

Parent

We have read all the information and dates given and can commit to the show requirements as stated in the show commitment notice.

Child

If you find reading difficult, I do ask that you contact me in confidence and I will be more than happy to talk through the details of this notice with you.

Parent(s) Name: _____

I have concerns about my child attending class or rehearsals on these dates during terms 3 and 4 (eg, school camp, exams, being overseas, medical):

My contact cell phone number is _____
(Please advise if this changes before the show as we keep a record in case we need to contact you while at the theatre.)

Is there anything we need to know about your child medically while we are at the theatre? (PTO)

Signed _____

Date _____

Car Pooling (Please complete only if you would like to be put in touch with other parents to car pool to theatre rehearsals or are willing to help others.)

I would like help getting my child to the theatre. yes / no

I can help others with transport. yes / no

My email for passing on to other parents is _____

The school my child attends is _____