

The Arts a Go Go! 2020 Show Commitment Booklet

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the 2020 Show. Please save this booklet.

Key Things

Production Week (tech & dress rehearsals):

14th-19th November

Show Performances:

20th-22nd November

The show takes a different format for 2020.

The Little Theatre is unavailable this year due to earthquake strengthening.

We are creating a fantastic pop-up theatre at our own building The Spot!

The overall show is called "The World Upside Down". We are splitting the show into two performance groups, Group A and Group B.

Enrolling for term 3 also means committing to the show in term 4. Your child cannot just attend in term 3.

Your child must attend all the theatre rehearsals and shows as outlined in the schedule.

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 us about or there is a family emergency.

Show Performance Groups

These classes are in Group A:

11am Saturday Combo

1.30pm Saturday Combo

These classes are in Group B:

3.30pm Weds Drama

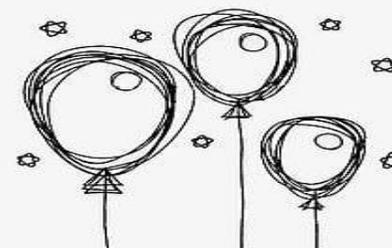
4.45pm Weds Drama

6pm Weds Drama

Advanced Weds Drama

Musical Theatre

Irish Dancing



An Idea of What Each Class is Performing in “The World Upside Down”?

Scene titles and more details will be given out to students in Term 3

Saturday Combo Classes: Alice “of” Wonderland

3.30pm Weds Drama: Queen Victoria comedy

4.45pm Weds Drama: Flying

6pm Weds Drama: Impressionism (Art)

Advanced Weds Drama: The Telephone

Irish Dancing: Riverdance/Lord of the Dance

Musical Theatre: Extract from “Hair”

imagination

change

impact

curiosity

shock

influence

identity

perspective

surprise

dreams

The theatre production week 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.

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 US NOW. WE CAN TRY TO MAKE IT WORK.



If you lose a notice or want to double check something,
please see www.artsagogo.co.nz
(Current Show Information page in menu bar).
Join the show Facebook group – a link will be sent.
Please check emails regularly.

What Else Do You Need to Know Before Committing?

Tickets and Fundraising

Tickets go on sale later in term 3. Ticket income does not usually cover all the costs associated with putting on our show. Even a pop-up theatre in our own building takes a lot to create and hire in staging and technical gear. Arts a Go Go! does not aim to make a profit on its shows, with much time volunteered. To cover costs, we will start fundraising soon and we have been successful in receiving a Creative Communities Grant once again 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 fee to make it possible. Our major fundraiser is the raffle, and details will come out about that next term. If this year's show does earn any extra funds, these will be put straight into the building fund since The Spot will soon lose its tenant, our friends at The Art Room.

Show Fee

As well as the normal term fee, there is an additional show fee per child to be paid in term 4.

The extra show fee for all students in the 2020 show is: \$20 per student.

This is less than previous years because a lot of the hair and make-up will be done at home this year due to limited space at The Spot. The show fee helps cover extra costumes and accessories, thank you presents and other miscellaneous show costs. (Costs including lighting, sound, set, props, printing and staff are mainly covered by ticket sales, grants and fundraising.)

Volunteers

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

Costumes

A costume notice will be emailed with items that you may have to find, eg, from home, \$2 shops and second-hand stores. Some costumes will 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 \$50 for you and you will keep these. Some students may have costumes lent to them for a small hire fee. Please check your child's costume notice in term 3.

Reading the Rehearsal Schedule and Notices

Please carefully check the theatre schedule and this booklet 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 booklet, the schedule, emails and other notices before contacting me, particularly when close to the show. I will also be sending you a link to a Show Facebook Group that you will have the option of joining. 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 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 show, there is a "Final Details" notice sent home with all the details for the smooth running of the production week.

Extra Rehearsals

If we feel that your child's scene would benefit from extra practice, we will arrange a suitable time with you. There is no extra charge for these rehearsals.

October Holiday Rehearsals and Labour Weekend

This only applies to the Saturday Combo classes.

Friday 9th October 10am-2pm: Selected Combo classes' students will be called in. You will be notified of who is required early in term 3.

Saturday 10th October (last Saturday of the holidays) 11am-3.30pm: All Combo students are required.

Please note, Saturday classes continue over Labour Weekend

Scripts

If your child is in Wednesday drama or has lines in the Combo or Musical Theatre classes, they will bring home a script. This may not be until week 2 or 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 plays 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.)

Show Video and Photos

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

The Rest of Term 4 After the Show is Over

Normal class timetable does not continue after the show.

Wednesday 25th November

3.30pm-5.30pm: Costume return for borrowed costumes (unless needed for the Christmas Parade)
4.30-5.30pm: Student working bee at The Spot

Saturday 28th November

11am-12pm Christmas Parade Rehearsal at The Spot
(For those who wish to take part.)

Saturday 5th December

5.30pm-7.30pm Party and Prize Giving at The Spot
(All welcome. Please bring a plate.)

Sunday 6th December

Upper Hutt Christmas Parade
(Details to follow. Usually 3pm.)

Saturday 12th December

11.30am-12.30pm Final costume return for borrowed costumes



Google Form

Please read the following schedule and then **complete the google show commitment form that you have been sent a link to**. Although our real world is upside down at the moment, we feel incredibly fortunate that we are still able to offer our show to the students this year, when many other performing arts schools around the world sadly cannot. It will be different this year with a different venue and not all being together, but we need our young actors to be versatile and experience different ways of performing. We are excited to create this experience for you all.

ARTS A GO GO! PRODUCTION WEEK SCHEDULE 2020

COMPULSORY THEATRE REHEARSALS AND SHOW DAYS ALL AT THE ARTS A GO GO POP-UP THEATRE

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

FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Pack-in Day from 9am (Teachers, Crew and Parent Helpers)

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

(No costumes today)

Who is needed and when?

9.00am – 10.30am: Irish Dancers

11am-2pm: Combo Classes

2.30pm-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 16th NOVEMBER

(costumes but no hair and make-up)

Technical Rehearsal 1

Who is needed and when?

4pm – 5.00pm 3.30pm drama class

4.45pm-6.00pm Musical Theatre Class

5.45pm-7.00pm 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

6.45pm-8.00pm 6pm Weds Drama Class

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

TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER

(costumes but no hair and make-up)

Technical Rehearsal 2

Who is needed and when?

4pm-5pm Irish Dancers

4.45pm-7pm Combo Classes

7.30pm-8.30pm Advanced Drama

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

WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

(costumes, hair and make-up)

Dress Rehearsal: Group A

4.00pm-7pm Combo Classes

Parents may watch.

THURSDAY 19th NOVEMBER

(costumes, hair and make-up)

Dress Rehearsal: Group B

4.00pm-7pm Musical Theatre, Weds Drama Classes, Irish Dancing

Parents may watch.

GROUP A SHOWS

(NB. Your child's call time will be between 1 hour and 2 hours before the start times given below depending on their character. The show runs for approx. 1 hour.)

Friday 20th November

6.30pm

Sat 21st November

(2 shows. Your child stays with us between shows. Pizza can be ordered.)

11.30am

2.30pm

GROUP B SHOWS

(NB. Your child's call time will be between 1 hour and 2 hours before the start time given below depending on their character. The show runs for approx. 1 hour 15 mins.)

Saturday 21st November

6.30pm

Sunday 22nd November

(2 shows. Your child stays with us between shows. Pizza can be ordered.)

1.30pm

4.30pm