

The Arts a Go Go! 2023 Show Commitment Booklet & Theatre Schedule

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the 2023 Show.

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



The overall event is called "BOOKED!" A show inspired by old literature.



Split into Show Group A and Show Group B. Held at Lower Hutt Little Theatre, Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th November.

Show Group A:

Irish Dancing

1.30pm Combo (as per term 3
and 4 groupings)

Show Group B:

Weds 3.30pm Drama Class

Weds 4.45pm Drama Class

Weds 6pm Drama Class

Weds Advanced Drama Class

Weds Musical Theatre Class

11am Combo (as per term 3
and 4 groupings)

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

Show A

Irish Dancing: The Irish Dancers will be dancing along Cherry Tree Lane! Your scene will relate to P.L. Travers' Mary Poppins books.

1.30pm Combo (as per the term 3 and 4 groupings): Mary Poppins Jr. Broadway Jr musicals are approximately one-hour versions of the full stage shows. Mary Poppins Jr is based on one of the most popular Disney movies of all time and the Broadway musical, both of which originated from P.L. Travers' series of Mary Poppins books, first published in 1934.

Show B

Musical Theatre Your scene is split in two. The first number relates to a Bible story “Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and the second one represents fairy tales with a number from “Shrek the Musical”.

3.30pm Drama: Your play is set at the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party in Lewis Carroll’s Wonderland and is written by Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch.

4.45pm Drama: Your play is an adaptation of *Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol”*. It is written by Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch and set in Victorian times.

6pm Drama: Your humorous play is inspired by the colourful characters of Jane Austen and is called “Pride and Prejudice and Parchment” written by Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch.

Advanced Drama: Behind the fairy spells and love mis-matches of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* is a smaller play within the play. Your play, by Stuart Grant, considers where we might find this same lack of self-awareness if those few Shakespearian pages were picked up and blown by the fickle winds of history into 2023.

11am Combo (as per the term 3 and 4 groupings): “The Collected Adventures of Mary Poppins” adapted by Hannah McKenzie Doornebosch. Your mini-musical draws inspiration from some of the most well-known and celebrated characters of Cherry Tree Lane. They appear throughout *Mary Poppins*, as well as in the other books in P.L Travers’ series *Mary Poppins in the Park*; *Mary Poppins in Cherry Tree Lane*; *Mary Poppins and the House Next Door*, and *Mary Poppins Comes Back*.

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.

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. (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. It is a private group and a great way of staying up to date.)

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. Shows in the past barely cover their costs, if at all. 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

On top of the normal term fee, there is an additional show fee per child. **This year it must be paid into the show account before the rehearsals begin in term 3.** The show fee helps cover all thank you presents, extra costumes and accessories, extra 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.) For the Mary Poppins Jr group, your show fee also covers each child receiving their own souvenir script book to keep, and their additional classes. The show account is a different account to the fees account. It is **06-0545-0894761-00**

Amounts:

*Weds Drama Classes, Irish Dancing, 11am Combo Class, Weds Musical Theatre: \$35 per student (\$30 each if you have two or more children in these classes)

*1.30pm Combo Class: \$60 per student (\$50 each if you have two or more children in this class.)

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

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. This year, we particularly need a team of people who would be available to put a dismantled set back together down at the theatre on Saturday 11th November.

Costumes

Costume payments are another cost associated with being in the show. 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. A week or so 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 (Please also see the theatre schedule for Production Week in this notice)

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

Sept/October Holiday Rehearsals – 2nd Week at The Spot

Mary Poppins Jr cast (1.30pm combo) will be required Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3rd-5th October.

10am-4pm

The first Saturday back for all combo classes in Term 4 will be 7th October, which is the last weekend of the holidays.

Other classes might be called during the holidays, but attendance will be subject to your availability, and you do not need to commit to them yet.

Labour Weekend

Combo classes continue on the Saturday of Labour Weekend, Saturday 21st October

Scripts

If your child is in Wednesday drama or Combo, they will bring home a script. For some, this may not be until week 2 or 3 of term if it is an original script because 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. We write and choose scripts for the children and young people to experience a number of acting and ensemble techniques. (Combo and Musical Theatre students 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

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.

HOW THE PERFORMANCE WEEKEND WILL RUN

Show Group A – orange 1.30pm Combo (as per term 3 and 4 groupings), Irish Dancing

Show Group B – blue 11am Combo (as per term 3 and 4 groupings), Weds 3.30pm Drama, Weds 4.45pm Drama, Weds 6pm Drama, Weds Advanced Drama, Weds Musical Theatre.

SATURDAY 18 th NOV		Saturday 2pm Show	Saturday 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.
SUNDAY 19 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.

SINGLE SHOW TICKETS

Watch Show A OR Show B

\$25 each

DOUBLE SHOW TICKETS

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

\$35 each

PRODUCTION WEEK SCHEDULE SUNDAY 12th-19th NOVEMBER

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

This schedule replaces normal classes. No classes happen at the Spot this week, all at the theatre.

The day before on Saturday 11th November, combo classes do continue at The Spot, but a building volunteer group will be at the theatre.

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Who is needed and when?

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

9am-10.15am: Irish Dancers

10.15am-12.00pm: 11am Combo Class

12pm-1.15pm: 6pm Weds Drama Class

1.30pm-4.30pm: 1.30pm Combo Class

4.45pm-5.45pm: 3.30pm Weds Drama Class

5.45pm-6.45pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

6.45pm-7.45pm: Weds Advanced Drama Class

7.45pm-9pm: Musical Theatre Class

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

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER

Technical Pack-in

Technical Rehearsal 1

Who is needed and when?

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

3.45pm – 5.00pm 3.30pm Drama Class

5pm-6.30pm 11am Combo Class (*those mic'd will be called earlier.*)

6.30pm-7.45pm 6pm Weds Drama Class

7.30pm-9.00pm Musical Theatre Class (*those mic'd will be called earlier.*)

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

TUESDAY 14th 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-7.15pm 1.30pm Combo Classes (*those mic'd will be called earlier.*)

7.15pm-8.30pm 4.45pm Weds Drama Class

8.15pm-9.30pm Weds Advanced Drama Class

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

WEDNESDAY 15th 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 16th 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 17th NOVEMBER

FIX UP DAY

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

SATURDAY 18th & SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

SHOW DAYS

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

A notice is given out approximately the week before with even more nitty gritty details.

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

The normal class timetable does not continue after the show.

Wednesday 22nd 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 25th November

11am-12pm Christmas Parade Rehearsal at The Spot

(For those who wish to take part.)

Saturday 2nd December

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

(All welcome. Please bring a plate.)

Sunday 3rd December (TBC)

Upper Hutt Christmas Parade

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

Saturday 9th 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/xijgVP9RE3xqJDab6>

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

If your child will not be taking part in the 2023 show, please email as soon as possible to let us know. If there are enough students who do not wish to be in the show, we may offer a non-show class.