

The Arts a Go Go! 2025 Show Commitment Booklet & Theatre Schedule

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the 2025 Show.

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

Split into Show Group A, Show Group B and Show Group C. Held at Lower Hutt Little Theatre, Saturday 22nd -23rd November, with theatre rehearsals scheduled the whole week leading up to this.

Show Group A:

“The Sound of Music – Youth Edition”

Cast A

Show Group B:

“The Sound of Music – Youth Edition”

Cast B

Show Group C:

“The Sound of History: Hope Rising”

Weds 3.30pm Drama Class

Weds 4.45pm Drama Class

Weds 6pm Drama Class

Weds Advanced Drama Class

Weds Musical Theatre Class

Irish Dancing

WHAT EACH SCENE IS ABOUT IN BRIEF

Show A & B – The Sound of Music – Youth Edition

One of the most beloved musicals of all time! In Austria, 1938, an exuberant young governess brings music and joy back to a broken family, only to face danger and intrigue as the Nazis gain power. We have two casts of students doing this show. Your child will find out what cast they are in at the end of this term. Cast A and Cast B are simply names to link them to Shows A and B. One cast is not better than the other. One cast will rehearse Saturdays 11am-1pm, the other cast will rehearse Saturdays 1.30pm-3.30pm. Each cast will be a mix of older and younger students, with the current 11am and 1.30pm combo classes mixed up. If your child can't make the morning or afternoon class due to sport or another Saturday activity, please let us know. 2025 is the 60 year anniversary of the Rodgers and Hammerstein stage show of The Sound of Music being made into the movie!

Show C – The Sound of History: Hope Rising

Musical Theatre: “Beyond Wicked! – A Tribute to Stephen Schwartz” You probably already know the musical Wicked...this cabaret celebrates some of Schwartz’s other incredible musicals and his contribution to musical theatre history.

3.30pm Drama: “A History of Messy Rooms’ by Wade Bradford. A humorous play about the great battle stretching over centuries -why do I have to tidy my room and make my bed?

4.45pm Drama: A play by Hannah Mckenzie Doornebosch about the life of French micro-biologist Louis Pasteur, set in 19th century France.

6pm Drama: Arthur Lydiard’s training method leads to “The Golden Hour” for New Zealand at the 1960 Rome Olympics. A play by Hannah Mckenzie Doornebosch.

Advanced Drama: Set in the 1810s, this play by Hannah Mckenzie Doornebosch is a story about American toolmaker and inventor Tabitha Babbitt.

Irish Dancing: Dancing to some of the Irish bands who made their mark on pop and rock history, including U2.

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 shown on pages 5-7 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 is 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 will apply for 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 must please 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.) The show account is **Arts a Go Go 06-0545-0894761-00** (*This is different to the normal fees account.*)

Amounts:

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

*Saturday Combo Classes: (including holiday rehearsals) \$55 per student (\$45 each if you have two or more children in these classes.)

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. **We are particularly looking for someone to lead a building team this year.**

Costumes

Costume payments are another cost associated with being in the show. Many costumes are sourced and/or made by Arts a Go and then hired to you for a fee. 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. The cost will be kept to no more than \$50 for you. (Any higher and it will be subsidised.)

Hair and Makeup

You will be emailed 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 specialty hair or makeup, 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 **“Nitty Gritty Details”** notice sent home with all the final 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

The Sound of Music Cast A will be required Tuesday 30th September 10am – 4.30pm

The Sound of Music Cast B will be required Wednesday 1st October 10am-4.30pm

The first Saturday back for all combo classes in Term 4 will be 4th 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 25th 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 singing and dancing to learn and this is of equal importance to lines.)

Show Video and Photos

These are professionally taken and a notice will be sent with order information.

Dress Rehearsals

It is compulsory for each Show group to watch each other’s dress rehearsal and vice versa. Attending just one cast of Sound of Music is OK. 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 – Sound of Music Youth Edition Cast A

Show Group B – Sound of Music Youth Edition Cast B

Show Group C – Irish Dancing, Weds 3.30pm drama, 4.45pm drama. 6pm drama, Advanced Drama, Musical Theatre

Saturday 22 nd November		Saturday 11am	Saturday 3pm	Saturday 6.30pm
Show A	Your child's call time will be given		Show Group A performs and is then picked up.	
Show B	Your child's call time will be given			Show Group B performs and is then picked up.
Show C	Your child's call time will be given	Show Group C performs and is then picked up.		
Sunday 23 rd November		Sunday 11am	Sunday 2.30pm	Sunday 6pm
Show A	Your child's call time will be given	Show Group A performs and is then picked up.		
Show B	Your child's call time will be given		Show Group B performs and is then picked up.	
Show C	Your child's call time will be given			Show Group C performs and is then picked up.

Show Tickets Go on Sale Later in Term 3!

PRODUCTION WEEK SCHEDULE SUNDAY 16th – 23rd 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 15th November, combo classes do continue at The Spot, but a building volunteer group will be at the theatre.



SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER

Who is needed and when?

(Please arrive and leave in costume unless you have been asked to change at the theatre. No hair or makeup.)

9am-10.00am: Irish Dancers

10.00am-11.00am: 3.30pm Weds Drama class

11.15am-12.15pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama class

12.30pm-3.00pm: Sound of Music Cast A

3.30pm – 5.45pm: Sound of Music Cast B

6.00pm-7.00pm: 6pm Weds Drama class

7.00pm-8.00pm: Advanced Drama class

7.45pm – 9pm: Musical Theatre class

This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering, or have been asked to chaperone their child under 7.

MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER

Technical Rehearsal 1

(Please arrive and leave in costume unless you have been asked to change at the theatre. No hair or makeup.)

Who is needed and when?

3.45pm – 6.45pm: Sound of Music Cast A

6.30pm – 8.00pm: Sound of Music Cast B

8.00pm-9.00pm: 6pm Weds Drama class

Please note, those who are wearing mics might be called earlier.
This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering.



TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Technical Rehearsal 2

(Please arrive and leave in costume unless you have been asked to change at the theatre. No hair or makeup.)

Who is needed and when?

3.45pm-4.45pm: 3.30pm Weds Drama class

4.45pm-5.45pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama class

5.30pm-6.30pm: Irish Dancers

7pm-8pm: Advanced Drama class

8.00pm-9.15pm: Musical Theatre class

This is a closed rehearsal. Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering, or have been asked to chaperone their child under 7.



If your child is 7 or under and is not needed in the performance, you can seek permission to take them home earlier.

WEDNESDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Dress Rehearsal A: 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, unless you have an exam.)

Show Group B & C watching as the audience – compulsory to see at least one Sound of Music show.

Audience arrival time will be given closer to the time. Regular clothes for audience. A link for the audience to order pizza will be given closer to the time. Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering, or chaperoning a child under 7.

THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Dress Rehearsal B: 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, unless you have an exam.)

Show Group A & C watching as the audience – compulsory to see at least one Sound of Music show.

Audience arrival time will be given closer to the time. Regular clothes for audience. A link for the audience to order pizza will be given closer to the time. Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering, or chaperoning a child under 7.

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER

Dress Rehearsal C: 3.45pm-7.30pm

Show Group C performing

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

Show Group A & B watching as the audience - compulsory.

Audience arrival time will be given closer to the time. Regular clothes for audience. A link for the audience to order pizza will be given closer to the time. Parents cannot watch unless they are volunteering, or chaperoning a child under 7.

Please note: your child may be called extra times if fix-ups are needed.
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 26th November

3.30pm-4.30pm: Student Working Bee at The Spot

4.30pm-5.30pm: Costume return for borrowed costumes

Saturday 29th November

11am-12pm Christmas Parade Rehearsal at The Spot

(For those who wish to take part.)

Saturday 6th December

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

(All welcome. Please bring a plate. Please don't drop off costumes this day as we won't be able to check them off.)

Saturday 13th December (Intro Class Show)

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

Sunday 14th December

Upper Hutt Christmas Parade 3pm

(Details to follow. A costume theme will apply.)

Please note, some singers will also be invited to perform at Upper Hutt City of Song Carols in the Park evening of 13th December

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. The link will be sent via email.

This must be submitted no later than **Sunday 15th June**.

If your child will not be taking part in the 2025 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.