

# The Arts a Go Go 2026 Show Commitment Booklet & Theatre Schedule

This notice explains what is involved in committing to the 2026 Show.

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

The 2026 Shows are Show A “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” and Show B “Colour & Shine!”

Show venue: Lower Hutt Little Theatre

Class rehearsals begin in Term 3 at The Spot (Arts a Go Go)

Theatre rehearsals are Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Shows are Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November

## Show A: “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”

Saturday 11am Combo Class

Saturday 1.30pm Combo Class

(one cast)



## Show B: “Colour & Shine!”

Weds 3.30pm Drama Class

Weds 4.45pm Drama Class

Weds 6pm Drama Class

Weds Advanced Drama Class

Weds Musical Theatre Class

Monday Junior Combo Class

## WHAT IS EACH SHOW ABOUT?

### Show A – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Backing Track Edition)

The 11am combo class and the 1.30pm combo class will combine to perform this slightly shorter version of this amazing show by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. In term 3, rehearsals will mainly take place in the student's normal Saturday class time. Some students may be asked to attend both classes some weekends, and some students may be called to do extra singing and dancing rehearsals as needed. Extra rehearsals will try to work around students' other activities. Show A has rehearsals in the second week of the October holidays. In term 4 leading up to moving into the theatre, all Saturday combo students will come to both the morning and the afternoon times as we begin to run the whole show together.

### Show B – Colour & Shine!

Show B is made up of a variety of fabulous short plays and musical theatre scenes.

**Weds Musical Theatre:** "Colour My World" – an extract from the sensationally vibrant and funny jukebox musical "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert - The Musical", based on Stephen Elliot's iconic 1994 Australian movie "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert", where friends, including two drag queens, travel across the remote Outback in a bus called "Priscilla", along the way forging a journey of self-discovery, friendship and fabulousness.

**3.30pm Drama:** "The Wizard of Oz" In this abridged version of The Wizard of Oz by Jennifer Reif, Dorothy and her friends follow the yellow brick road in hope of achieving their hearts' desires. The play stays true to L. Frank Baum's beloved story.

**4.45pm Drama:** "Poisoned in the Garden" by Jennifer Reif and Jessica Rodwick, adapted with permission by Rachel Main and Stuart Grant. A colourful murder mystery set in an English garden in the early 1970s.

**6pm Drama:** "Strictly Staying Power" It's the finals of Strictly Staying Power, the national endurance competition taking the sparkly and colorful world of Ballroom Dancing by storm. A plot so intriguing that not all the twists can be confined to the rumba! Written by Rachel Main and Stuart Grant.

**Advanced Drama:** The Roaring 1920's are in full swing. Times are changing and fashion needs to keep up. New York's top jeweller Louis Comfort Tiffany finally receives the news he needs. With no expense spared, the city's famous Savoy Ballroom plays host to the glitzy gala launch of his new line. Rising star Josephine Baker -direct from Les Folies Bergère in Paris; a priceless find from the South Seas; Society gathers... who can say they were there the night that "Black Pearl" was gifted into legend? A play by Stuart Grant.

**Monday Junior Combo:** "Oh the Thinks Dr Seuss Thinks". A colourful and poetic tribute to Dr. Seuss, including song and dance.

## 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 6-9 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? Please let us know on the commitment form now. We can try to make it work. (I have tried to take into account NCEA exams from your child's exam schedule but can work around these further with their arrival and leaving times.)**

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. Only those doing the show attend classes in terms 3 and 4.

If you lose a notice or want to double check something, please see [www.artsagogo.co.nz](http://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 turn on notifications for the group.)

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 most of the time put into the show being 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. 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. We cannot cover the costs of the type of major shows we do without this extra contribution. It also covers thank you presents, so you will not be asked at another time to contribute to this. This must please be paid into the show account **before** the class rehearsals begin in term 3. The show account is **Arts a Go Go 06-0545-0894761-00** (*This is different to the normal fees account.*)

### Amounts:

\*Weds Drama Classes, Monday Junior Combo, 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 each and is the higher of the 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, stage crew, you are very welcome to let us know now.

## **Costumes**

Costume payments are another cost associated with being in the show. This is different to the show fee. 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](http://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. There is no extra charge for additional sessions.

## **Extra Notes for Show A (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat)**

October Holiday Rehearsals for whole cast of Joseph: 10am – 4.00pm on both Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The first Saturday back for Saturday combo classes in Term 4 will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, which is the last weekend of the holidays. 11am and 1.30pm combo classes combine for Term 4 – 11am-3.30pm.

Saturday classes continue Labour Weekend Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Extra Notes for Show B (Colour & Shine)**

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. Monday Junior Combo still has class on Labour Day Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Scripts**

Your child will bring home a script and/or lyrics. For some, this may not be until week 2 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/lyrics to **every class** with a pencil, even after they know their lines or lyrics? 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 also have singing and dancing to learn and this is of equal importance to lines.) Joseph and the Amazing Colored Dreamcoat is all music and song throughout, no spoken lines, as it is a rock opera.

### **Show Videos**

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

### **Show Photos**

This year, these will be taken by photographer Bentley Stevenson. In 2026, everyone will be sent the photo link. There is not going to be a separate photo payment this year, as we are trialling a new system and in 2026, this will be covered by Arts a Go Go.

### **Dress Rehearsals**

It is compulsory for each Show group to watch each other's dress rehearsal and vice versa. Show A watches Show B and vice versa, and the student audience has the option of ordering and eating pizza at the theatre before watching the dress rehearsal show of their fellow students. An order form link will be sent closer to the time.

**Please scroll down for the theatre schedule and for what happens at Arts a Go Go after the shows are over.**

# THEATRE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE FROM SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

All is at Lower Hutt Little Theatre this week. No classes at The Spot (Arts a Go Go)

The day before on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday combo classes do continue at The Spot, but a volunteer group will be at the theatre to pack in.



## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

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

### Who is needed and when?

- 9am-10.00am: 3.30pm Weds Drama class
- 10.00am-11.00am: 4.45pm Weds Drama class
- 11.15am-12.15pm: Monday Junior Combo Class
- 12.45pm-5.00pm: 11am & 1.30pm Combo Classes
- 5.30pm-6.30pm: 6pm Weds Drama class
- 6.30pm-7.30pm: Advanced Drama class
- 7.30pm-8.30pm: Musical Theatre class

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



## MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

### Technical Rehearsal

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

### Who is needed and when?

- 3.45pm-4.45pm: 3.30pm Weds Drama class
- 4.45pm-5.45pm: Monday Junior Combo Class
- 5.30pm-6.30pm: 4.45pm Weds Drama class
- 6.30pm-7.30pm: 6pm Drama Class
- 7.30pm-8.30pm: Musical Theatre class

Please note, those who are wearing mics might be called earlier.

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



### **TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

#### **Technical Rehearsal**

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

**3.45pm – 7.30pm:** 11am & 1.30pm Combo Classes (Show A: 1st of 2 techs)

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

### **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

#### **Technical Rehearsal**

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

**3.45pm – 7.30pm:** 11am & 1.30pm Combo Classes (Show A: 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 techs)

**7.30pm – 8.30pm:** Advanced Drama class

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



### **THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

#### **Dress Rehearsal Show B: Colour & Shine**

**3.45pm-7.30pm**

#### **Show 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 watching as the audience – compulsory**

*Audience arrives at 4.30pm for pizza. 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 helping.*

### **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

#### **Dress Rehearsal Show A: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**

**3.45pm-7.30pm**

#### **Show Group A is 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 watching as the audience - compulsory**

*Audience arrives at 4.30pm for pizza. 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 helping.*

**If your child is 7 and is not in the dress rehearsal performance, you can seek permission from the front desk to take them home earlier if you would like to.**

**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.**

## HOW THE ACTUAL SHOW WEEKEND WILL RUN

Show A: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Show B: Colour & Shine

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Please keep the morning free in case your child is called in for last minute fix-ups.	Saturday 2pm	Saturday 6pm
<b>Show A</b>	Your child's call time will be given.	Show Group A performs and is then picked up.	
<b>Show B</b>	Your child's call time will be given		Show Group B performs and is then picked up.
Sunday 22nd November		Sunday 2pm	Sunday 6.30pm
<b>Show A</b>	Your child's call time will be given		Show Group A performs and is then picked up.
<b>Show B</b>	Your child's call time will be given	Show Group B performs and is then picked up.	

**Show Tickets Go on Sale Later in Term 3!**

Adult tickets \$30 each plus booking fees

Child and student tickets \$25 each plus booking fees

Group discounts

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

The normal class timetable does not continue after the show.

### Wednesday 25th November

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

4.30pm-5.30pm: Costume return for borrowed costumes

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. Please don't drop off costumes this day as we won't be able to check them off.)

### Saturday 12th 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.

### Sunday in December (Date TBC)

Upper Hutt Christmas Parade 3pm

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

Please note, some singers may also be invited to perform at Upper Hutt City of Song Carols in the Park. Date TBC.

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## 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/zKxbrNh8UfkuNVeJ8>

One form per student please. The link is also in the email.

This must be submitted no later than **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

If your child will not be taking part in the 2026 show, please email as soon as possible to let us know.

Thank you