



AUSTRALIAN MUSICAL THEATRE FESTIVAL

SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2021



*Students from Ulverstone High School perform at the 2019
"Show on the Road" festival program*



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WELCOME



Hello! My name is **Tyran Parke** and I'm truly thrilled to be the new Executive Producer of Australian Musical Theatre Festival.

Having taught at the inaugural outing, I know first-hand how this vibrant event brings together many of my greatest loves.

Aside from the magnificent disciplines of Music Theatre, Singing, Acting and Dancing, the festival is a place of collaboration, conversation and connection; and at the heart of this, is teaching and learning.

Over five days in May, Launceston will be seen anew through a celebration of story and song, of industry and community. I have personally long held a dual career as a professional director, alongside the world's most sacred profession, teaching.

I have worked with students and teachers of all ages, in all settings, in pursuit of the most effective ways to inspire and create.

In 2021, Australian Musical Theatre Festival will continue to support students and teachers with practical, skills-based workshops, strengthen community through collaboration, offer alternative approaches on reaching ever-changing performance outcomes and provide access to the world's best.

It does not matter how experienced you are, just bring along a curiosity and a hunger to for the magic that is Musical Theatre.

The team and I look forward to welcoming you!



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ABOUT

The 2021 Australian Musical Theatre Festival will take place in Launceston, Tasmania from 19-23 May. This is a major event for everyone interested in the performing arts.

The hotly-anticipated Festival offers incredible opportunities for teachers and students to get involved in this welcoming, creative, ever-enthusiastic and family-friendly art form.

The five-day event includes a dedicated schools program designed to inspire and enthuse students, while building their creative and social skills. Students can participate in workshops with professional musical theatre teachers and performers, watch shows, perform in public and meet new musical theatre-loving friends.

And it's great value for money.



Adelaide student, Isabel Butler performing "Castle on a Cloud" from Les Misérables 2019 Sound of Musicals concert



"The students had a blast and have been trying to incorporate what they learned into their classes at school. I've also heard through the school grapevine that parents have been commenting on positive feedback from the students. All in all, an awesome few hour!"

– Meegan Hughes, teacher, Latrobe High School



THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The 2021 Australian Musical Theatre Festival schools' program is designed to be accessible, relevant and, of course, fun!

Participating students will attend workshops with some of Australia's leading musical theatre artists and teachers, see public performances, meet students from other schools and even get on stage themselves.

Teachers can enjoy our dedicated teacher session and link with other schools to build networks and share ideas.

Australian Musical Theatre Festival 2021 Schools Program offers:

- Curriculum- relevant workshops and masterclasses led by some of Australia's best musical theatre artists.
- Access to a safe, welcoming art form that is sure to have a positive impact on students.
- Connections with other students and schools from around Australia.
- Inspiring experiences that build capacity and creativity.
- A diverse and easy-to-navigate program, making it as simple as possible to join in.
- Incredible value for money – we've kept down the costs so you can be there.
- An unmatched way to help students flourish through creativity and socialising.
- A Covid-Safe approach to building performance while remaining safe with all classes able to be dual delivered or convert to online delivery, if required.

We offer four packages ranging from one day options to a whole festival experience. You can also call us to discuss custom packages so your school can get exactly the experience you want.

All school group packages are subject to a **minimum** booking of 15 students

Teachers travelling with school groups are **free** of charge (maximum 1 teacher per 7 students).



PRICING OVERVIEW

- Thursday Package - \$40/student
- Friday/Saturday Package - \$70/student
- Sunday Package - \$35/student
- Full Festival Package - \$125/student

WORKSHOPS OVERVIEW

DAY	WORKSHOP	WHO?	DURATION
Thursday AM	Dancing	Your school group with other participating schools	3 hours
Thursday PM	Singing	Your school group with other participating schools	3 hours
Friday AM	Guest Artist Workshop	Your school group	3 hours
Friday PM	Schools Mega Workshop	Your school group with other participating schools	3 hours
Friday evening	Youth Musical Theatre Karaoke	Your school group with other participating schools	2 hours
Saturday AM	Celebrity Guest Event	Your school group with other participating schools	2-3 hours
Saturday PM	Public Performance Opportunity	Your school group	Varied
Saturday evening	AMTF Gala Concert	Everyone	1.5 hours
Sunday AM	Guest Artist Workshop	Your school group with other participating schools	2-3 hours
Sunday PM	New Australian Work Showing	Your school group with other participating schools	Varied



THURSDAY PACKAGE - \$40 PER STUDENT

THURSDAY MORNING

Dancing Workshop:

Working with a professional dancer/ musical theatre choreographer, students will learn dance technique as well as a new routine. You can also bring something your group is working on in class, and the teacher can assist to workshop and develop the piece with a professional eye.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Singing Workshop:

Working with a professional singing teacher/ musical director, the students will learn vocal technique for musical theatre. You can also bring something that your group is working on in class, and the teacher can assist students to workshop and develop the piece with a professional eye.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY PACKAGE - \$70 PER STUDENT

FRIDAY MORNING

Guest Artist Workshop:

Your school group will have the opportunity to work with one of the Festival's invited guest artists during a three-hour intensive workshop. Topics may include singing, dance, performance skills, audition technique and more. We will work with you to match you with a teacher and create a workshop that suits your students.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Schools Mega Workshop:

Join all the visiting school groups for a MEGA ensemble workshop. Working with a professional musical theatre director, the students will learn a piece as a group. At the end of the day, they will perform the piece to camera, and it will be streamed live on the Australian Musical Theatre Festival Facebook page so that their parents and friends from home can watch them perform.

FRIDAY EVENING

Youth Musical Theatre Karaoke:

An under-18 event where your students can meet and socialise with the other school groups and young people attending the Festival and flex their vocal muscles if they're feeling brave!
7:00pm-9:00pm.

SATURDAY MORNING

Celebrity Guest Event:

Spend time with the festival's celebrity guests, learning about their careers in musical theatre, their tips and tricks for making it in the industry and their personal stories.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Public Performance Opportunity:

Your student group will travel to a public location in Launceston and present their public performance piece as part of the free public festival program. For this event, you will need to come prepared with a program of musical theatre songs involving your group and/or individual students.

SATURDAY EVENING

The Australian Musical Theatre Festival Gala Concert:

Festival participants from across Australia will come together for a huge night of song, dance and fun, celebrating the joy of performance and storytelling. Your students will hear all of their favourite musical theatre numbers performed by passionate musical theatre lovers. An unforgettable evening to celebrate everything that is great about the musical theatre genre.

7:30pm-9pm.

SUNDAY PACKAGE - \$35 PER STUDENT

SUNDAY MORNING

Guest Artist Workshop:

Your school group will have the opportunity to work with one of the Festival's invited guest artists during a three-hour intensive workshop. Topics may include singing, dance, performance skills, audition technique and more. We will work with you to match you with a teacher and create a workshop that suits your students.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

New Australian Musical Theatre Work:

Your students will get the opportunity to experience and participate in a public showing of a brand new Australian musical theatre work, still in development. Students will have the opportunity to engage with the writers and cast, ask questions, and give feedback on what they have experienced.

FULL FESTIVAL PACKAGE (4 DAYS) \$125 PER STUDENT

The full festival package incorporates the best offerings from all of the smaller packages. It includes:

- Two (2) professional workshops (Thursday, Friday or Sunday depending on your travel times)
- Schools Mega Workshop (Friday)
- Youth Musical Theatre Karaoke (Friday evening)
- Celebrity Guest Event (Saturday)
- Public Performance Opportunity (Saturday)
- Tickets to AMTF Gala Concert (Saturday evening)
- New Australian Musical Theatre Work (Sunday)



STUDENT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout our schools' program, there are plenty of performance opportunities for your group and for individual students including:

- Public performances for groups and individuals around Launceston as part of our **free** public program
- Student spots available in our flagship AMTF Gala Concert (by audition)
- A fun night of singing and socialising at the Youth Karaoke night

Learn from the best! The Festival provides a unique opportunity to develop Performance skills through workshops and masterclasses with some of Australia's most highly regarded musical theatre teachers and guest stars.

In 2019, the stars of Wicked, **Rob Mills** and **Jemma Rix**, were warmly received by school groups; hosting an audition masterclass, candid guest talk about their careers in musical theatre, and some incredible performances at The Sound of Musicals concert; during which some lucky students were able to share the stage with them.

The 2021 celebrity guest stars have not yet been announced, but our offering will be similar, with opportunities to engage and learn from those at the top of their game!



Launceston College students perform "Revolting Children" from Matilda at The Sound of Musicals concert



TEACHER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The festival will also feature teacher development workshops, which are **free** to teachers travelling with school groups. Details of these workshops will be announced in January 2021 when the full festival program is launched.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

If your school is travelling from outside Launceston?
We can assist you to organise travel and accommodation for your group including:

- Group accommodation
- Bus transfers
- Getting around Launceston
- Other activities while you're here

Booking Travel

If you are planning to travel, we recommend booking as far in advance as possible, especially for flights and accommodation. During some years, the festival will coincide with other large events in Launceston which can reduce availability and increase costs.

We will work with you to make sure your travel and accommodation is as affordable as possible.

CONTACT

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