 The SDC Youth Theatre

# YT Members

The YT group is a lively mix of around 60 active members aged between 14 - 24; some are complete beginners while others are more experienced on stage. We are very proud of the fact that many previous Youth Theatre members have gone on to study theatre and work in the arts as actors, singers, directors, technicians, and administrators.

# Can you Join?

If you are between 14 - 24, in school or further education, then YT membership costs just £10 a year and is by application to the Little Theatre membership secretary, **memsec@littletheatresouthport.co.uk**

# YT Team

The group is run by friendly and enthusiastic people with a range of professional theatre experience as actors, directors, musicians, workshop facilitators and teachers.

# YT HQ

We are based at The Little Theatre Southport, a fully equipped theatre with access to excellent facilities and resources supported by a technical team to help us produce some fantastic shows. We usually rehearse at The Little Theatre on Houghton Street, and at the Annex on Scarisbrick Street *(a short walk from the theatre).*

# YT Commitment

As with all theatrical events, we rely on the commitment of our members to make them a success. We will support, encourage, and offer you some great opportunities, and in return we expect each actor to learn their lines and attend as many rehearsals as possible, which can be around three times a week. We totally understand that jobs and family commitments can make things tricky sometimes but so long as you talk to us about any other commitments in plenty of time, we can usually work around them.

# YT Shows

The Youth Theatre produces two shows each year, and there are also occasional opportunities to be involved in one of the adult-member productions that are put on throughout the year plus the pantomime. If you’re aged between 14-24 and you’d like to be involved onstage or backstage making new friends, learning new stage skills, and generally having a great time; then come and join us!

**YT Future Shows & Workshops**

As well as stage productions, we also run regular performance-based workshops, sometimes with professional actors, always with experienced workshop facilitators.

# YT and The Pantomime

The SDC pantomime provides an opportunity for YT members to work alongside experienced musicians, directors, and choreographers. Our Panto is usually cast in September, but if you have missed it there will be opportunities next year.

# YT Spring Productions

Each spring we usually do a non-musical play to give acting opportunities to members who prefer not to sing and dance. Previous shows have included *Blood Brothers, Skellig, Frankenstein, Swallows & Amazons, Railway Children, Our Day Out*. The performance takes place in March and Casting/ rehearsals start at the beginning of January.

The March 2025 production is ‘A Summer Night’s Dream’

Rehearsals and performances are timed not to interfere with school or exams.

# YT Summer Productions

Our summer production is usually a musical around the end of August – we normally audition in May/June and rehearsals start in July or after exams & during the summer holidays. Our next production is ‘Sweeny Todd.

# YT Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding of our members very seriously. Each rehearsal / performance / workshop is attended by a chaperone, we have an experienced safeguarding coordinator to ensure all safeguarding procedures are in place, and our safeguarding policy is available on request.

# YT Contact

We use several ways to keep in touch with YT members to let them know show dates and other important information. There is an SDC YT Facebook page, a regular SDC newsletter is emailed to all members, and we email all YT members with audition, performance and workshop information.

Thanks for reading this far.

If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

To learn more about the group, the best thing to do is come to one of our rehearsal sessions, or we can meet you for a chat and a tour of the theatre. Please let me know and we can fix a date.

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