

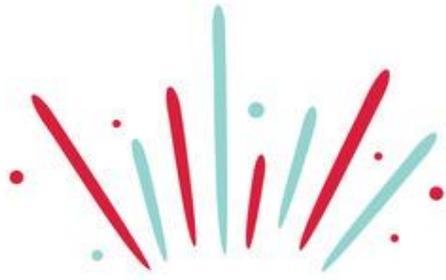


17 – 21 MAY 2023

SCHOOLS PROGRAM



In 2022, I had the privilege of bringing 15 musical theatre students from Adelaide to AMTF – and what a time was had! They soaked up every workshop, performance, program, masterclass that was on offer under the School Program and loved every minute! The calibre of faculty and headline acts was unequivocally world class, the networking opportunities and inclusivity was second to none – I would absolutely encourage any educator to have their students attend in 2023 – we will definitely be back! Lia Cox (adelaide)



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WELCOME



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

Having taught at the inaugural outing, then programmed the 2021 and 2022 Festivals, 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. At the heart of this, is the desire to 'find your own voice' through 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 2023, 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 for the magic that is Musical Theatre. The team and I look forward to welcoming you!



ABOUT

The 2023 Australian Musical Theatre Festival will take place in Launceston, Tasmania from 17-21 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.





THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The 2023 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 have a chance to get on stage themselves.

Teachers can enjoy dedicated sessions, auditing others and linking with schools to build networks and share ideas.

Australian Musical Theatre Festival 2023 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 converted to online delivery, if required.

We offer multiple packages ranging from one day options to a whole festival experience.

PLEASE NOTE: This program is only detailing the schools' program and package options. The full public festival program will be announced and tickets on sale before the end of the year. Most events will have student ticket pricing available.



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PRICING OVERVIEW

All prices are including GST

PACKAGES	STUDENT PRICE	ADDITIONAL TEACHER
Thursday Package	\$40 per student	\$20 per teacher add on
Friday Package	\$40 per student	\$20 per teacher add on
Friday / Saturday Package	\$70 per student	\$35 per teacher add on
Full Festival Package	\$125 per student	\$60 per teacher add on

Booking Information:

- Minimum 10 students per booking
- Maximum 1 free of charge teacher per 10 students
- 10% deposit is payable on booking
- Balance is payable 4 weeks prior to the festival (refundable if the festival is cancelled)





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SCHOOLS PROGRAM CALENDAR OVERVIEW

EVENT	TIME	NOTES
THURSDAY 18 MAY		
Warm Up	9:30am – 10:00am	
Dancing Class	10:00am – 12:00pm	
Lunchtime Q&A	12:30pm – 1:30pm	
Singing Class	2:00pm – 4:00pm	
Mega Workshop (singing)	4:15pm - 5:45pm	
Mystery Musical (Concert)	8:00pm – 10:00pm	Additional Option
FRIDAY 19 MAY		
Warm Up	9:30am – 10:00am	
Acting Class	10:00am – 12:00pm	
BBQ Lunch	12:00pm – 1:00pm	
Theatre North Foyer Door Concert	1:00pm - 2:00pm	
Mega Workshop (Dance)	2:30pm – 5:00pm	
Youth Karaoke	6:00pm – 8:00pm	
SATURDAY 20 MAY		
Flashmob	9:00am – 10:00am	
Teacher Activity: Diversity and Inclusion Panel	10:00am-11:30am	Complimentary option
Teacher Activity: How to Survive the School Musical	11:30am-1:00pm	Complimentary Option
Headliner Masterclass	10:00am-12:00pm	Additional Option
Headliner Masterclass	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Additional Option
The Sound of Musicals (Concert)	8:00pm – 10:30pm	Additional Option
SUNDAY 21 MAY		
Mental Health Practices in The Performing Arts	11:00am - 1:00pm	Complimentary Option
Australian Musical Theatre (Concert)	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Additional Option



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THURSDAY OFFERINGS

MORNING WARM UP

Singing/Acting/Dancing

Your school will engage with students from across the country in a range of fun and informative activities that prepare for the day, while advocating safe warm up practices from some of Australia's leading teachers.

TIME: 9:30am – 10:00am

LOCATION: Launceston College

DANCING CLASS

This session will be led by one of Australia's best choreographers and teachers as you'll learn technical skills and then apply those skills to a Musical Theatre Routine.

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen

LUNCHTIME Q&A

This session will allow unprecedented access to a visiting headliner familiar on both stage and screen through an interview then Q&A where students can question the secrets of success from one who knows.

TIME: 12:30pm -1:30pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen

SINGING CLASS

Your school group will have the opportunity to work with one of the festival's invited guest artists during a two-hour intensive workshop.

TIME: 2:00pm-4:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen



SCHOOLS MEGA WORKSHOP – PART1 [THE MUSIC]

This is a rare opportunity to perform alongside one of Australia's greatest Music Theatre stars in a song and dance routine assembled over two days, bringing together much of the lessons of classes in one musical performance.

The process is broken into one or two sessions*, the first learning the music, the second learning the dance. They can be taken in isolation or as linked, culminating in two unique performance opportunities; The Farmers Market Performance and the celebrated annual concert, The Sound of Musicals, giving your school a chance to perform at the Princess Theatre alongside the world's best.

* If you can only make one session, you will still be able to engage fully and enjoy it in isolation or have added value in developing material over two days.

TIME: 4:15pm – 5:45pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen

MYSTERY MUSICAL

On Thursday night, AMTF will present a Musical (title to be announced) in concert with students given access at minimal charge.

This event is available at a heavily discounted rate via the Thursday Package or Full package only. *Subject to availability.*

COST: \$20 per student / \$20 per add on teacher

TIME: 8:00pm – 10:00pm

LOCATION: Princess Theatre



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FRIDAY OFFERINGS

MORNING WARM UP

Singing/Acting/Dancing

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TIME: 9:30am – 10:00am

LOCATION: Launceston College

ACTING CLASS:

Telling stories is the basis of all of our work and this class looks at acting techniques to bring you closer to inhabiting text and character.

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen

BBQ LUNCH

Our hosts Launceston College will be providing a free BBQ with sausages and veggie burgers. Join the students from the Launceston College Musical for lunch, with music and other fun events.

TIME: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College



THEATRE NORTH'S FOYER DOOR CONCERT

Take a walk to the Princess Theatre for a free concert of musical theatre favourites hosted by one of our headliners and starring students of the Festival - maybe even you!

TIME: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Princess Theatre

SCHOOLS MEGA WORKSHOP– PART 2 [THE CHOREOGRAPHY]

This is a rare opportunity to perform alongside one of Australia's greatest Music Theatre stars in a song and dance routine assembled over two days, bringing together much of the lessons of classes in one musical performance. The process is broken into one or two sessions*, the first learning the music, the second learning the dance. They can be taken in isolation or as linked, culminating in two unique performance opportunities; The Farmers Market performance and the celebrated annual concert, The Sound of Musicals, giving your school a chance to perform at the Princess Theatre alongside the world's best.

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TIME: 2:30pm – 5:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen

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 in an environment where everyone's a star!

TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm

LOCATION: Earl Arts Centre



SATURDAY OFFERINGS *ONLY AVAILABLE VIA THE FRIDAY / SATURDAY OR FULL PACKAGES

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY

A performance will be held in the weekly Farmers Market; this is a chance to perform the group number rehearsed in the Schools Mega Workshop for an unsuspecting but always appreciative crowd.

TIME: 9:00am -10:00am

LOCATION: Farmers Market

Saturday morning hosts several options. After the Harvest Market Flashmob, those in the Sound of Musicals Concert will have the opportunity to tech their number on stage at the Princess Theatre, prior to the evening gala concert. Then there is a unique performance opportunity in the heart of Launceston City for those wanting to strut their stuff!

TEACHER ACTIVITY - DIVERSITY & INCLUSION PANEL

Teachers will be invited to attend the Diversity and Inclusion Panel hosted by local BIPOC colleagues.

The issues of our BIPOC community cannot fully be understood from outside but it is the responsibility of us all to create a theatre that is diverse and inclusive to all. This diversity panel is one small way to understand and engage in that conversation. In 2022, the Australian Musical Theatre Festival's Diversity and Inclusion Panel was presented within a safe, educational and understanding space, allowing all to illuminate and interrogate some basic truths about the nature of these issues in the arts. In 2023, we continue the conversation in the same manner, including issues of neurodiversity in a bid to better understand how we might contribute to a brighter future for all.

TIME: 10:00am-11:30am

LOCATION: Launceston College



TEACHER ACTIVITY - HOW TO SURVIVE THE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Teachers are often required to take on extra responsibilities associated with the creation of the school musical, often without experience or skill in producing or directing. This forum will be created with other teachers to answer your questions around how to survive the school musical!

TIME: 11:30am-1:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

OPTIONAL HEADLINER LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Saturday afternoon students will have a choice to spend the time exploring Launceston – we can assist you in your plans or take part in any one of our three headliner classes.

Three world renown headliner acts are offering classes within Launceston College. This is a chance for your students to choose what they want to investigate; whether it be Acting Through Song, Dance based auditions or Singing style.

These classes are available at a heavily discounted rate via the Friday/Saturday Package or Full package only. *Subject to availability.*

COST PER CLASS: *Observing Ticket Only* \$20 per student / \$20 per add on teacher

TIMES: 10am -12pm and 2:00pm – 4:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen



THE SOUND OF MUSICALS – 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 Musicals.

This event is available at a heavily discounted rate via the Friday/Saturday Package or Full package only. *Subject to availability.*

COST: \$10 per student / \$20 per add on teacher

TIME: 8:00pm – 10:30pm

LOCATION: Princess Theatre

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICES IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

This is a chance to connect with best practices around looking after yourself and others in high impact, high pressure situations that require emotional availability, not often synonymous with the workplace.

COST: Free

TIME: 11:00pm - 1:00pm

LOCATION: Launceston College

BRING: Snacks, Water, Notepad & Pen

A CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIAN MUSICAL THEATRE

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.

This event is available at a heavily discounted rate via the Sunday Package or Full package only. *Subject to availability.*

COST: \$10 per student / \$10 per add on teacher

TIME: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

LOCATION: Earl Arts Centre



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
- Bring their rehearsal blacks

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 the past, artists such as **Rob Mills, Jemma Rix, Callum Francis, Simon Gleeson, Natalie O'Donnell, Philip Quast, Paulini and Chloe Dallimore** were warmly received by school groups; hosting classes, candid guest talks about their careers in musical theatre, as well as contributing to some incredible performances at The Sound of Musicals concert; during which some lucky students were able to share the stage with them.

The 2023 headline artists 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



TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

If your school is travelling from outside Launceston?

We can assist you to organise travel and accommodation for your group including:

- Flights
- 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.

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION CONTACT:

For more information about the Schools Program or to secure a spot for your school, please email the team at tickets@amtf.org.au

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