



# EMERGE COMPANY

## PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

*Emerge Company* is our training and professional development program that brings together emerging theatre makers aged 18-25 to collaborate, train, and create their own work as a company. Mentored by lead artist Christopher Carroll with industry professional guests, the *Emerge Company* explores collaborative theatre-making processes and equips artists with the skills to develop their own work and produce independent theatre. This program is for emerging artists eager to discover creative skills, define their own artistic practice, and gain practical tools to build a sustainable career in the arts.

The *Emerge Company* will work together to create a dynamic new work, and collaborate on a range of additional artistic projects across the company. The *Emerge Company* showcases the work of our most promising emerging theatre makers.

Over 7 months, members of the *Emerge Company* will participate in three strands of artistic development: Skills, Devising, and Industry Knowledge.

- Skills. Members of the company will train with a range of professional artists, including Artistic Director Luke Rogers, to develop their craft.
- Devising. Members of the company will work with professional theatre-maker Christopher Carroll to expand their possibilities as performer-creators, devising a number of short pieces, culminating in a performance outcome in mid-October.
- Industry Knowledge. Industry Professionals will deliver masterclasses on a range of topics to demystify the practical questions of establishing a career in the arts.

The *Emerge Company* is embedded in the life of Canberra Youth Theatre. Company members will have the opportunity to trial and present work at *Scratch* nights, participate in the development process for new work commissioned by Canberra Youth Theatre, work on projects with Resident Artists, attend productions produced by Canberra Youth Theatre, and develop a supportive network of collaborators through the informal settings of our *Engage* program. Members of the *Emerge Company* will also be invited to perform in the world premiere of a new Australian play as part of our production program.

The *Emerge Company* provides pathways to drama school, creating an independent theatre company, and working within the arts industry.

## WHO CAN GET INVOLVED ?

*Emerge Company* is open to early career artists aged 18 - 25 to participate in training and creative development, build creative networks and explore artistic practice.

*Emerge Company* is a collaborative training program working towards a final performance created by the members of the company. We encourage theatre makers, actors, writers, directors, as well as other disciplines to come together in 2022.

If you are a designer, digital media producer, costumer, stage manager, lighting or sound operator, props and set maker, composer, as well as any other creative discipline, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us to discuss your pathways in *Emerge Company 2022*.

We encourage submissions from:

- Early Career artists
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse artists
- Artists who identify as LGBTQIA+
- Artists living with disability

## WHAT DOES EMERGE COMPANY COST ?

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, Canberra Youth Theatre is able to offer the *Emerge Company* as a heavily subsidised program to support early career artists in the Canberra region. (The full value of this program is \$1700 per person.)

We offer a variety of payment options for *Emerge Company*:

- **Single payment \$990** (due by Friday 20 May)
- **Two payments: \$500 per payment** (due by Friday 20 May and Friday 15 July), or
- **Four payments: \$260 per payment** (Friday 20 May, Friday 24 June, Friday 15 July and Friday 23 September)

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact us on 02 6248 5057 or [workshops@canberrayouththeatre.com.au](mailto:workshops@canberrayouththeatre.com.au) to discuss your situation and options.

Canberra Youth Theatre is committed to ensuring young artists from all financial backgrounds have access to our training programs, and we have a range of measures in place, including reduced payments and scholarships available to our participants.

## AUDITION & INTERVIEW PROCESS

Auditions / Interviews will take place on **Monday 9 May and Wednesday 11 May from 7-9pm.**

As a member of the *Emerge Company*, you will work collaboratively as an ensemble, and all artists will be involved in performance training. The audition / interview will reflect this.

Auditions will involve a group workshop, as well as an individual audition, during which, whether or not you consider yourself to be an actor, you will be required to present a 2-minute contemporary monologue. We encourage you to reflect your interests in the presentation of your monologue, particularly if you specialise in another discipline - which is to say, the monologue is not a test of acting ability, but rather an opportunity to show us your interests, creativity and individuality as a theatre maker.

You will also have a chat with our Artistic Director about why you'd like to be involved in the *Emerge Company*.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

It is expected that all *Emerge Company* Artists are available for all of the sessions outlined below.

Auditions: Monday 9 May and Wednesday 11 May, 7:00 - 9:00pm  
Block 1: Monday 16 May - Friday 29 July 2022  
(optional) Block 2: Monday 1 August - Friday 16 September 2022  
Block 3: Monday 19 September - Friday 9 November 2022  
Tech Week: Monday 31 October - Saturday 5 November, 2022 (Times TBC)

Monday	9 May 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	Auditions
Wednesday	11 May 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	Auditions
Monday	16 May 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	Block One
Wednesday	18 May 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	23 May 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	25 May 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	30 May 2022	Public Holiday	Public Holiday
Wednesday	1 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	6 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	8 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	13 Jun 2022	Public Holiday	Public Holiday
Wednesday	15 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	20 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	22 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	27 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	

Wednesday	29 Jun 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	4 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	6 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	11 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	13 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	18 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	20 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	25 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	27 Jul 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	1 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	3 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	8 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	10 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	15 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	17 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	22 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	24 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	29 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	31 Aug 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	5 Sep 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	7 Sep 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	12 Sep 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Wednesday	14 Sep 2022	TBC	Optional - Production
Monday	19 Sep 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	Block Three
Wednesday	21 Sep 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	26 Sep 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	28 Sep 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	3 Oct 2022	Public Holiday	Public Holiday
Wednesday	5 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	10 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	12 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	17 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	19 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	24 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	26 Oct 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Monday	31 Oct 2022	TBC	Tech Week
Tuesday	1 Nov 2022	TBC	Tech Week
Wednesday	2 Nov 2022	TBC	Tech Week
Thursday	3 Nov 2022	TBC	Tech Week
Friday	4 Nov 2022	TBC	Tech Week
Saturday	5 Nov 2022	TBC	Tech Week
Monday	7 Nov 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	
Wednesday	9 Nov 2022	7:00 - 9:00pm	

\*This is current as of January 2022 and represents a minimum time commitment. Additional sessions may be negotiated with the Canberra Youth Theatre Artists as needed, particularly leading into the production period. *Emerge Company* is a collaborative, ensemble program, which relies on consistent attendance from the whole company in order to function. This program is for emerging artists dedicated to developing their artistic practice.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Apply for the program by submitting the Emerge Company Application Form online by Monday 2 May 2022.

Following this you may be invited to attend an audition and interview for the program on Monday 9 or Wednesday 11 May 2022.

For more information contact Canberra Youth Theatre on 02 6248 5057.