



YOUNG PLAYWRIGHTS PROGRAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Canberra Youth Theatre is excited to continue the *Young Playwright Program* in 2022.

Canberra Youth Theatre's *Young Playwright Program* is a training and professional development program for emerging writers aged 16 to 25 years.

Mentored by Mary Rachel Brown and industry professionals, the *Young Playwright Program* will explore individual and collaborative writing processes, and equip participants with the skills to develop their own work. This program is for emerging writers eager to develop creative skills, discover their artistic practice, and gain the tools to build a sustainable career in the arts. Artists will work individually and collaboratively to write and develop short monologues and duologues for young artists.

Over 5 months, members of the *Young Playwright Program* will participate in four strands of artistic development: Writing, Dramaturgy, Creative Development, and Industry Knowledge.

- Writing. Members of the program will train with professional artists, to develop their writing skills, both as individuals, and collaboratively with other members of the program.
- Dramaturgy. Members of the program will receive a one on one session with a professional writer to discuss the piece they have been writing, and receive dramaturgical feedback.
- Creative development. Members of the program will work with actors to hear their works read, and learn how to talk to actors and ask questions in a creative development environment.
- Industry knowledge. Members of the program will be invited to participate in masterclasses delivered by industry professionals on a range of topics, to demystify the practical questions of establishing a career in the arts.

The *Young Playwright Program* is embedded in the life of Canberra Youth Theatre. Company members will have the opportunity to trial and present work at *Scratch* nights,



attend productions produced by Canberra Youth Theatre, and cross-collaborate with members of the *Emerge Company* and Resident Artists.

The *Young Playwright Program* provides pathways to drama school, future creative developments, and working within the arts industry.

WHO CAN GET INVOLVED ?

Young Playwright Program is open to emerging writers aged 16 - 25 to participate in training and creative development, build creative networks and explore artistic practice.

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 THE YOUNG PLAYWRIGHT PROGRAM COST ?

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, Canberra Youth Theatre is able to offer the Young Playwright Program as a subsidised program to support early career artists in the Canberra region. (The value of this program is \$900 per person.)

We offer a variety of payment options for Young Playwright Program:

- **Single payment \$680** (due by Saturday 7 May) or
- **Two payments: \$350 per payment** (due by Saturday 7 May and Friday 24 June)

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact us on 02 6248 5057 or 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.



HOW TO ENROL

Enrolments will close 2 hours prior to the first session, at 12 noon on Saturday 7 May. It is recommended that you enrol a week or more prior to the first session, to receive any materials or pre workshop information.

You can enrol [here](#), or using the following link:

<https://CYTHEATRE.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/40474>

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

It is expected that all Young Playwright Program Artists are available for all of the sessions outlined below.

Saturday	7 May	2pm - 6pm	Stage 1
Sunday	8 May	10am - 2pm	
Saturday	18 June	2pm - 6pm	Stage 2
Sunday	19 June	10am - 2pm	
Week of	9 July		Stage 3
Saturday	23 July	2pm - 6pm	Creative Development
Sunday	24 July	10am - 2pm	
Saturday	6 August	2pm - 6pm	Stage 4
Sunday	7 August	10am - 2pm	
Saturday	17 September	2pm - 6pm	Stage 5
Sunday	18 September	10am - 2pm	

*This is current as of January 2022 and represents a minimum time commitment. Additional sessions may be negotiated with Canberra Youth Theatre Artists as needed. *Young Playwright Program* is a collaborative program, which relies on consistent attendance from the whole group in order to function. This program is for emerging artists dedicated to developing their artistic practice.



Optional Industry Sessions

Tuesday	26 April	6pm	Scratch
Monday	6 June	7pm - 9pm	Industry Session
Wednesday	8 June	7pm - 9pm	Industry Session
Monday	20 June	7pm - 9pm	Industry Session
Monday	11 July	7pm - 9pm	Industry Session
Tuesday	12 July	6pm	Scratch
Monday	19 September	7pm - 9pm	Industry Session
Tuesday	18 October	6pm	Scratch
Wednesday	9 November	7pm - 9pm	Industry Session

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