



"PYT is a great time for all of us, it's the best way to have a good time."

Rebecca Duncan Youth Theatre Member

"Being a member of the Palace Youth Theatre for 8 years was a truly fantastic experience - not only did I acquire so many new theatrical skills, become hugely more confident and have lots of opportunity for performance, I made incredible friends whilst there. I just wish I hadn't turned 18 so I could still be a part of it!"

Emma Overgagge ex Youth Theatre Member



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The Palace Youth Theatre has been established since the 1970's and is still going strong. Since it began, the youth theatre has welcomed thousands

of young people from across the Borough and currently has over 100 members aged between five and eighteen. The Palace Youth Theatre has performed many shows on the main stage of the Palace Theatre, including "Animal Farm", "Pinocchio", "The Snow Queen", "Dracula", "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". As well as performing on the main stage, the Youth theatre has made use of the Palace Theatres studio space, performing many experimental and small scale productions.

As well as general sessions, the youth theatre have also taken part in many additional workshops which have been lead by professional practitioners, in areas such as physical theatre, stage combat & musical theatre.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Palace Youth Theatre is a place which not only strives to help young people develop their performance knowledge but also to provide a community in which young people can express their own creativity in a safe environment. We aim to enable young people to improve their teamwork and communication skills and to promote the confidence and imagination of all of its members.

WHAT WE DO

The Palace Youth Theatre runs weekly workshops which are divided into age categories. Sessions differ depending on the age of the children in the group, the leader taking it and the needs of the participants. For example, the Monday group for 5-8 year olds focuses on confidence building and storytelling, with an introduction to devising techniques. Lots of drama based games are played to help the group interact and work together and prepare them to move on.

For older children the focus is less on drama games (although of course these are still involved!) and more on the details of performance techniques, using improvisation, script work, movement pieces, vocal performance and lots more.

PERFORMANCE

The Palace Youth Theatre provides its members (over 8's) the opportunity to audition for two performances each year which are performed on the main stage. These shows are run to a professional standard and auditions are held to ensure actors most suited to the roles are cast. The shows performed by the youth theatre tend to have large casts and there are many opportunities for members to be involved. We always have great fun with youth theatre productions and they are always a great privilege to be a part of.

Ever Since I Have Joined The Palace Youth Theatre, I Have Had So Much Fun And Have Had Lots Of Different Experiences Which I Will Never Forget. Every Show Is A Thrill To Be In And Everyone Is So Nice, We Are Like One Big Family! Even The Drama Sessions Are Packed With Lots Of Excitement And We Learn New Drama Skills At The Same Time! It's Suitable For All Ages, And I Think You Should Join Because You Will Love It!

Georgie Neath Youth Theatre Member

