

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL 2016

PRIMARY SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS

To accompany the 2016 NSW Public Schools Drama Festival, The Arts Unit will run specialist Drama workshops for interested primary students and schools. These workshops will be held before and after the 2016 Drama Festival Primary Schools Matinee on Thursday 20 October at the Seymour Centre from 9.30am-10.30am and 2.00pm-3.00pm cost \$15 (including GST) per student. All workshops will be led by professional practitioners from the performing arts industry.

PRIMARY WORKSHOP DETAILS (choose one)

Improvisation

Improvisation is not only a lot of fun; it is also an essential skill for any performer. It develops your ability to think on your feet, commit to imagined circumstances, and collaborate with others. In this workshop we will address the core principles of improvisation and use them to make imaginative devised scenes.

Acting Skills

Using props and costumes as inspiration, this workshop will focus on developing characters from 'the outside-in'. We will explore how an everyday item can act as a springboard for our imaginations, using them as clues to help us design and inhabit original characters. Once we have given them a rich backstory, we will discover how these people walk and talk – and even let them meet one another!

Circus

Learn to balance on each other and tumble in an energetic and fun workshop. Students will learn how to safely create spectacular shapes and use exciting physical skills in their performances. Life is more fun when you're upside down!

We encourage students to attend the workshops in order to enhance and extend their Drama skills, mix with lots of other students who are also engaged in creative play and for the sheer fun of it!

Further information about the festival can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS WORKSHOPS

To accompany the 2016 Drama Festival, The Arts Unit will run specialist Drama workshops for interested secondary students and schools. These workshops will be held before and after the 2016 Drama Festival Secondary Schools Matinee on Friday 21 October at the Seymour Centre from 9.00am-10.30am and 2.00pm- 3.30pm cost \$20 (including GST) per student. All workshops will be led by professional practitioners from the performing arts industry

SECONDARY WORKSHOP DETAILS (choose one)

Improvisation

Improvisation is not only a lot of fun; it is also an essential skill for any performer. It develops your ability to think on your feet, commit to imagined circumstances, and collaborate with others. In this workshop we will address the core principles of improvisation and use them to make imaginative devised scenes.

Acting Skills

Using props and costumes as inspiration, this workshop will focus on developing characters from the external to the internal. We will explore how everyday items can act as a springboard for our imaginations, using them as clues to help us design and inhabit original characters. We will experiment with how these people differ from ourselves physically and vocally – and using the rich backstory we have created for them, devise and present a short monologue as these characters.

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