

## NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE 2017

### AUDITION FORM

#### PART 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

FIRST NAME:	SURNAME:	
YOUTH THEATRE:		
HOME ADDRESS:		
HOME TEL: MOBILE TEL:	AGE :	<b>Please note: You must be aged between 16 and 21 on 26 June 2017</b>
EMAIL ADDRESS: (please PRINT clearly)	DATE OF BIRTH:	

I can be available from <b>26 - 28 June</b> and <b>24 July - 27 August 2017</b>	YES	NO
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Do you have any access requirements that Youth Theatre Ireland should consider? If yes please give details:	YES	NO
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#### PART 2: WORKSHOP SELECTION

Round one auditions will take the form of a drama workshop. It will be a low-pressure experience and an opportunity to take part in a workshop and meet other people from other youth theatres in Ireland.

Please choose the workshop you wish to attend by ticking the relevant box <b>(one box only)</b>		
<b>Sligo Saturday 25 March</b> Venue: The Model Arts Centre, The Mall, Sligo	11am <input type="checkbox"/>	2pm <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dublin Sunday 26 March</b> Venue: The Complex, 15 Little Green Street (off Capel Street, Dublin 7)	11am <input type="checkbox"/>	2pm <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Cork Saturday 1 April</b> Venue: Rm 221, CIT Cork School of Music, Union Quay, Cork	11am <input type="checkbox"/>	2pm <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Dublin Sunday 2 April</b> Venue: Dublin Fringe, Sycamore Street, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	11am <input type="checkbox"/>	2pm <input type="checkbox"/>

### PART 3: YOUTH THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Give a brief description of your experience with your youth theatre: workshops, productions, etc.

What do you hope to gain from participating in the National Youth Theatre?

### PART 4: TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUTH THEATRE DIRECTOR/LEADER

You must currently be in membership of a youth theatre affiliated to Youth Theatre Ireland.

The above named person is currently a member of our youth theatre.

Signed:

PLEASE RETURN BY POST ONLY TO: NYT AUDITIONS, YOUTH THEATRE IRELAND, 7 NORTH GREAT GEORGE'S STREET, DUBLIN 1 by post only, before 5pm Wednesday 22 MARCH 2017 at the very latest.

## GUIDELINES

Please read these guidelines and the accompanying notes carefully.

- The National Youth Theatre is open to current members from Youth Theatre Ireland affiliated youth theatres.
- We will aim to audition all applicants. However to guarantee you get your preferred audition slot, make sure to get your form back as soon as you can. Because of the number of applications we cannot send you an acknowledgement to say we have received your form and you will only hear back from us if we need to change your audition time.
- If you have any doubts about your audition date and time please contact the Youth Theatre Ireland office at 01 878 1301, Monday – Friday from 10am to 5.30pm.
- Your form must be signed by your youth theatre leader.
- Please attach a clear, recent, passport sized colour photograph. Please print your name clearly on the back of the photo. Avoid using group shots or a photo from a few years ago.
- Due to the large numbers of people auditioning, times and dates cannot be changed. If you cannot attend the audition please let Youth Theatre Ireland know as soon as possible.
- If you live relatively close to the audition centre we request that you select an 11am slot, if possible. This will allow those you have much further to travel some more time to get to the audition in the afternoon slot.
- The audition workshop will be a fun experience and will be very similar to your regular weekly workshops. Relax, have fun and enjoy the experience.
- Arrive 15 - 20 minutes early for your workshop. Wear suitable workshop clothes - soft shoes, tracksuits or jeans. Avoid excessive make up or jewellery. Bring a bottle of water and any medication you may normally need.
- If you have a last minute problem on the day of the audition you can get touch with Alan King, from Youth Theatre Ireland on 086 8295851.

## **A Note on Auditioning for NYT:**

The National Youth Theatre is a programme for youth theatre members who are ready to embrace a new youth theatre challenge. Over five weeks in the summer, NYT members live together and work with a professional theatre director and crew to create a production that will be staged over six nights for a public audience.

There are 16 places available on the National Youth Theatre programme. When casting for NYT we are not simply looking for the best actors, instead we are looking for people who we think will gain from the experience both as performers but also as individuals. We are not seeking perfection, we are seeking commitment and a willingness to work hard.

As well as seeking to create a strong ensemble, we will also consider gender balance and geographic representation when finalising the 16 members of the National Youth Theatre.

We expect that more than 160 people will apply to take part in NYT. Because we can't give everyone the opportunity to take part in the programme, we will ensure that the workshop you attend will be worth participating in as a stand-alone event. You can expect fun, a new workshop experience and the opportunity to meet other youth theatre members from across the country.

We urge you to relax, enjoy yourself and don't focus too much on what happens next!

## **A Note on Fundraising:**

We ask the 16 NYT members to help fund the programme by fundraising a target of €350 in their local community with the help of their youth theatre. In the past, members have organised everything from cake-sales to open-mic nights to bag-packing. Most have found this to be a rewarding part of the programme and received a lot of support from their community.

However, we want to be very clear that this is not a fee. It is very important that the National Youth Theatre is a programme that is open to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Youth Theatre Ireland does not charge participation fees for any of our programmes. If you don't reach your target, or if you are unable to find support to arrange a fundraising event, you will **not** be prevented from participating.

*Participation is not dependent on reaching your fundraising target.*

The National Youth Theatre is a project of Youth Theatre Ireland. Youth Theatre Ireland is the national development organisation for youth theatre. Please visit <http://www.youththeatre.ie> for further information or follow us on <https://twitter.com/@YouthTheatreIrl> Join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/YouthTheatreIreland>