



## Young Critics Programme 2014 Dublin 25-27 April October

*'Seeing the plays made me more excited about theatre, it made me want to go see more shows and to experiment in the non-acting elements of theatre when I returned to my own youth theatre.'* Young Critic 2013

*'[The Young Critics] Has improved my ability to watch theatre in a critical manner and my ability to write reviews. I met lovely people and made lots of new friends.'* Young Critic 2013

### What is The Young Critics Programme?

**The Young Critics Programme** is now in its incredible eleventh year. One of NAYD's most popular programmes, it is open to youth theatre members who are interested in watching theatre, discovering how and why theatre is made, and learning how to critically discuss, analyse, and review theatre.

Along the way they will see some incredible shows, make new friends and learn about the art of theatre criticism.

This is a very exciting programme and one where young people are given an opportunity to see quality productions, while developing their critical skills in a safe and encouraging atmosphere. This will allow them to develop their own critical voice and express their views in a confident and knowledgeable way.

There are only sixteen places available to youth theatre members from affiliated youth theatres around Ireland. If you are in any way interested, we would encourage you to apply.

### What happens during the Young Critics?

The Young Critics will meet in Dublin from Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> for the first time. Over the two weekends the Young Critics will attend at least four theatre productions, and participate in workshops and discussions with leading international theatre critic and academic, Dr Karen Fricker and Alan King, NAYD Youth Theatre Officer.

The group meet again in October to see further productions, take part in more workshops and participate in a public panel discussion. In between the two residential weekends, the Young Critics will be encouraged and supported to go and see other local productions, write some reviews and contribute to the Young Critics blog.

<http://naydyoungcritics2012.wordpress.com/>

## How to I apply to take part in Young Critics?

Participation in the programme is free: accommodation, food, theatre tickets and travel costs are covered by NAYD.

It is open to youth theatre members who will be aged 16 or over on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

To be a Young Critic you must be fully available for both weekends. *The autumn dates will be confirmed on the offer of a place.*

NAYD will have welfare leaders in place all weekend to ensure the wellbeing and safety of all participants.

If you are interested in the programme, please fill out the application and consent forms fully and return to:

**Young Critics Programme, NAYD, 7, North Great George's Street, Dublin 1 by 5pm  
Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**Watch some former Young Critics *Talk about the Young Critics Programme.***

<http://vimeo.com/75597914>

**If you need further information please contact NAYD:**

Office phone: 01 878 1301 fax: 01 874 9816

Mobile (during the events): 086 829 5851

Email: [info@nayd.ie](mailto:info@nayd.ie) [www.nayd.ie](http://www.nayd.ie)

## Application and Consent Forms

We request that \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Theatre/Drama

Be awarded a place at  
*Young Critics Programme 2014*

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth Theatre Leader)

-  Participants must be aged 16 yrs or over on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.
-  Participation is free.
-  NAYD will be responsible for accommodation, food and travel costs. This will not include taxis.
-  Consent forms must be filled out and returned by all nominees in accordance with NAYD's Child Protection Policy. If a nominee is over 18, the form does not have to be signed by a parent *but should be completed and returned to NAYD.*
-  If you are offered a place and do not show up or pull out without at least two full days prior notice, there is a no-show fee of €100. This will be invoiced to you directly and not your youth theatre.
-  Due to the very high number of applications those received after the deadline may not be considered.
-  Timetable and other details will be sent out to participants on confirmation of their place.
-  Places will be confirmed by phone one week after the deadline. Full details of the event will be posted to the youth theatre member's home address within one week on confirmation of their place on the programme.

Youth Theatre Member's Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Theatre Member's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Youth Theatre Member's Consent

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to participate in the *Young Critics Programme*. I understand that I will be required to participate fully for both weekends and agree to abide by conditions set by NAYD's designated welfare leaders during each event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us a little bit about a theatre production you seen recently. Please write a short review about the production. Let us know what you liked or didn't like and what elements of the production really stood out for you. (50-150 words).**

## Parental/Primary Carer Consent

To be completed by a parent/primary carer of any participant aged under 18 years of age.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am aware that my son/ daughter/ ward is attending *Young Critics weekend* between April 25-27 2014. October dates will be confirmed then. I am aware that he/she is/is staying at Marino Institute in Dublin on these dates and that there will be designated welfare leaders on duty for the complete duration of the event. I am aware that NAYD staff may be contacting them directly with information regarding the programme. I will inform NAYD of any medical and/or dietary requirements of the young person in question.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth : \_\_\_\_\_

Has your son/daughter/ward any medical conditions or allergies?

Yes  No

If yes – please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NB! Please insure your son/daughter/ward has an adequate supply of any medication.**

Has your son/daughter/ward any dietary requirements or food allergies?

Yes  No

If yes – please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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Has your son/daughter/ward any special requirements that may impact on their participation?

E.g. physical or intellectual disability, literacy issues

Yes  No

If yes – please give details: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Emergency Contact Details

We require that you provide contact details of two adults that we can contact in the case of an emergency:

**Contact Name 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give my permission for NAYD to use photographs/video footage of my son/daughter/ward.**

\*Please note: any such images/footage be used for promotional and archival purposes by NAYD and will be used in line with best practice as outlined in our Child Protection/Welfare policy

Yes  No

**The information provided on this form will be handled in line with the NAYD's Confidentiality Policy and will be shared only with those who have a direct need to know it. I understand this and, in the case of an emergency, I agree that details of any medical conditions my son/daughter may have can be shared by NAYD with a medical professional.**

Yes  No

**The following are the details of our family doctor in case he/she needs to be contacted in the case of an emergency:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Want to stay in touch with us?

If you are interested in finding out more about future NAYD events and opportunities or would like to support the work of NAYD, please indicate your willingness to be contacted by ticking the appropriate box:

By email  Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ By SMS  Mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

By telephone  By Post  By All of the Above

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by post only to The Young Critics Programme, NAYD, 7 North Great George's Street, Dublin 1 by 5pm Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.**