

Gala Theatre Stage School

About us

The Gala Theatre Stage School (GTSS) was established in 2002, and since then has involved hundreds of young people. It is widely regarded as one of the North East's leading Youth Theatres. Part of Durham's impressive Gala Theatre, GTSS is committed to working to a high professional standard whilst providing a safe environment for young people to create, explore and learn about the world of theatre and all its related activities and skills.

Mission Statement

"The Gala Theatre Stage School's mission is to enrich the lives of young people in the region, through developing their social and theatrical skills. We will achieve this through professional standard performing arts activities, which foster teamwork, build confidence and encourage exploration"

Currently 220 young people between the ages of 6 and 22 years old are actively involved in drama, dance and singing every week and GTSS draws young people from Durham, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Sunderland, Darlington, Teesside and Middlesbrough.

GTSS has performed in several major venues around the North East and Yorkshire including The Tees Barrage, York Race Course and The Customs House and have recently been asked to perform at the North Wales Theatre and Conference Centre.

GTSS Groups

Foundation

School Years 2 - 4

Saturdays 10.00am - 1.00pm - New College, Durham (Main entrance)

Juniors

School Years 5 - 7

Saturdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm - New College, Durham (Main Entrance)

Seniors

School Years 8 - 11

Sundays 1.00pm - 4.00pm - New College, Durham (Main Entrance)

Ensemble

School Year 12 - age 22 yrs

Wednesdays 6.00pm - 9.00pm - Gala Theatre, Durham (Studio 1 & 2)

Fees

£185 per term* - Foundation, Juniors and Seniors

£160 per term* - Ensemble

*Can be paid in full or in two instalments of £92.50

Second child reduction is £90 or two instalments of £45.00

Admission Procedure

GTSS was established in 2002 as the youth theatre of the Gala Theatre. Since then it has gone from strength to strength and the demand for places in GTSS is at an all time high. We are, therefore, due to the limitation of spaces unfortunately unable to automatically provide places for all the young people who wish to join GTSS.

GTSS operates a waiting list for Foundation, Junior, Senior and Ensemble GTSS. The current waiting times are between 6 and 18 months (approx). If a young person who is not currently a member of GTSS wishes to be placed on the waiting list they must contact the GTSS Director and request an Application Form or go to www.galadurham.co.uk/about/Downloads.php and you can download the form there.

When received the form will be dated and the young person will be placed on the waiting list. When the young person's name reaches the top of the waiting list we will contact you in writing and offer you a place with GTSS. You are under no obligation to take the place and we must stress that places are not necessarily guaranteed.

In the interests of continuity within the groups we aim to only move current GTSS members who have reached the upper age limit for their group annually. Therefore the majority of new spaces in GTSS will become available after the summer term. However, spaces do occasionally become available after the spring and autumn / winter terms and these places will be offered to young people on the waiting list.

Continuation Procedure

At the end of each term GTSS members must confirm that they wish to continue their current GTSS membership by completing a continuation form and returning it to the GTSS Director. Forms and payments must be returned and paid by the given deadlines. Forms and payments that are not returned or paid by these dates will not be processed and the place will be offered to someone on the waiting lists.

Statement on Access

GTSS is committed to offering opportunities to any young person who wishes to be involved regardless of their ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, mental or physical ability, religion, social background or gender.

Complaints procedure

We aim to provide the best possible service to all our customers and actively encourage your feedback, both positive and negative. If you have any suggestions, thoughts or complaints please contact the GTSS Director.

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