

ASPIRE

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FROM THE DESK OF THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

We are nearly there guys! We hit the theatre next week and it's an exciting (and slightly scary time!!). You have all worked so hard for the past 6 months and now it all comes together with lighting and sound on the Civic stage!! We have created a quality production, be excited to share it with our audiences!

Production week is when the entire show comes together and there is a lot to think about. Costume, make up, lights, sound, fly bars, LED screens, props, quick changes. Lots to think about!

This newsletter is a bit different to previous ones, in that it is entirely about next week with information about what to expect, what you are required to bring and the expectations on the cast. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text me 0424-961-775.

Anna 😊



PRODUCTION WEEK AT THE CIVIC THEATRE

Sunday 23 July 2023: Bump In Day

The Sunday rehearsal has been cancelled so a day off for everyone except:

Production Crew at the Civic Theatre 8.00 am – 5.00 pm

Band Call 12.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Vocalists on Mics 1 – 20 at the beginning of the show: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Monday 24 July 2023: Technical Rehearsal : 8.30 am – 5.30 pm

This rehearsal will be very much about stopping and starting and getting all the technical elements right. It's important that you know when you need to get a microphone and what number microphone you need to have. We may end up starting scenes over and over again to get things working in the right order.

Tuesday 25 July 2023 : Dress Rehearsal : 8.30 am – 5.30 pm

Full run of the show in make-up and costume. We are going to start the run at 10.00 am and hopefully finish by 1.00 pm after which we will have the afternoon to fix up any scenes that didn't work.

Wednesday 26 July 2023: First Performance: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

The first show, don't be nervous, enjoy it!! School audiences are very noisy!

Thursday 27 July 2023: Second Performance: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm (call times as other days)

As we get into our stride remember to keep your energy up and remain focused

Friday 28 July 2023 : Third Performance : 9.00 am – 2.00 pm (call times as other days)

The danger with this show is that everyone thinks 'we've got this' and gets complacent. Don't, every show should have the same amount of commitment. Remember each audience is seeing the show for the first time.

Friday 28 July 2023 : Fourth Performance : 5.00 pm – 10.00 pm (earlier call times as per other shows)

Our first evening performance. It won't be as noisy as the school shows. Don't think that means they're not enjoying it, they're just quieter.

Saturday 29 July 2023 : Final Performance : 5.00 pm – 10.00 pm

The final performance enjoy it (whilst keeping focused), it can feel sad at the end. That's normal, embrace it, we've all been on a huge journey together.

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PRODUCTION WEEK – A HANDY GUIDE

Tuesday 1 August 2023: After Show party at the Victor Peter's Suite (on the CSO site):
4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Enjoy yourselves! You deserve it. We'll provide the food and soft drink.

COMMON QUESTIONS

How do cast members enter the Civic Theatre?

You enter through the stage door which is on Hunter Street next to the little shop and café. You will sign in (tick your name off the sign in sheet). Parents must drop and collect at the stage door; they are not able to go backstage. ASPIRE staff will be at Stage Door. Stage Door will be open an hour before call times

How do I know when my scenes are coming up?

The stage manager can talk to all the dressing rooms so you will get called when you need to go to the stage. Plus, you all know the show and will instinctively know when your bits are coming up.

What dressing room am I in?

DRESSING ROOM	ENSEMBLE
1	Make Up
2	Quiet Space
3	Costume
4	Senior Drama: Girls
5	Senior Drama: Boys
6	Lucy's and Cutthroats Vocalists
7	Lucy's and Cutthroats Vocalists
8	Protestors – Girls
9	Junior Drama Boys
10	Juniors Drama Girls
11	Jon's Crew Boys
Mezzanine	Dancers

You have a responsibility to keep your dressing room tidy. Keep your costume hung up and make sure it's labelled so you don't lose bits. Have a tidy up every day so it's not a pigsty by the end of the week.

What if I get stage fright/overwhelmed?

Breathe. Remember why you're here. You love performing. All the people in the audience want to see you succeed and you're here because you deserve to be. Inhabit the world we've created onstage and forget about the audience.

What happens if I forget a line?

You forget a line...no one except us knows the script. Make it up, or if you see someone else freeze find a way to help them out.

What do I do with my costume and make up?

When you arrive at the Civic Theatre on Monday once you sign in you will head straight to your dressing room and await the call to come to stage. You can keep all your costume and make up at the theatre for the week.

Where do I park??

Parents: Please be aware that you cannot drop off along Hunter Street anymore so you will need to park in the surrounding streets and walk your cast member to the stage door and collect them from there at the end of rehearsals. For older students permission notes to leave the theatre unaccompanied need to be handed to the relevant Ensemble Director. ASPIRE staff will be on hand at stage door to manage student drop off and pick up.

What if I'm feeling overwhelmed?

If you're feeling like you need some space and time out from everything head to the green room. ASPIRE committee member Anne Marie Peebles will be backstage all week to be a support to you all as well as your tutors. Don't be afraid to ask if you need some help.



