



## MUSICAL YOUTH THEATRE STAFFORD

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in joining Musical Youth Theatre Stafford. This pack contains everything you need to know to apply or renew membership. However, if you do have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. To register for a place or renew your membership, please click on the following link: [www.myts.org.uk/register](http://www.myts.org.uk/register)

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / REGISTRATION IS 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

### ABOUT US

Musical Youth Theatre Stafford is the junior arm of Musical Theatre Stafford (formerly Stafford and District Operatic Society).

Formed in 2007, MYTS aims to develop the singing, acting and dancing skills of young people aged 8-18 from Stafford and surrounding areas.

We stage a major production at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre in July each year; our 2019 production is "Godspell".

MYTS are very proud to have won the prestigious NODA award "Best Youth Production" twice. In 2011 for "Children of Eden", and 2015 for "Honk!". We were also nominated in 2017 for Legally Blonde.

MYTS rehearse every Friday in term time, with additional rehearsals scheduled on occasional Sundays. Rehearsals are held at John Wheeldon Primary Academy, Stafford, from 7-9pm.

### AUTUMN TERM SCHEDULE

Our Autumn Term workshops are open to current members and prospective new members. Current members pay a termly fee, new members pay a weekly fee of £5 to cover their workshop entrance. If a new member then successfully auditions, the workshop cost is deducted from the first term fee (Fees information on page 2).

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Dance workshop with X Factor star Calvin LaMey.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September** (6.30 – 8.30PM ONLY THIS WEEK)– West End Vocal Workshop.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Circus Skills Workshop.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – NEW MEMBER AUDITIONS (Please see page 3 for further information)

**From September 28<sup>th</sup> onwards**, we will be preparing and rehearsing for Godspell, which will be performed at the Gatehouse Theatre from **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019**.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** - Parents evening. Details to follow.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Godspell principal auditions times TBC.

MYTS will also be performing in a concert on **23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019** – further details will be given out nearer the time.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Party!!



**MEMBERSHIP FEES 2018-2019**

Term fees must be paid within 3 weeks of the start of each term/acceptance into MYTS, or membership will be cancelled.

Autumn Term begins 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Spring 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 & Summer 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

We have not increased our fees this year! For any fee related queries please e-mail Sam on [accounts@myts.org.uk](mailto:accounts@myts.org.uk)

Amount: £70 per term  
£60 per term for second and subsequent children from the same household

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

Any parents who wish to pay the full amount at the start of the year are entitled to a discounted fee saving £30

Amount: £180 for the year  
£150 for the year for second and subsequent children from the same household

**DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**

Existing members: 21 September 2018

New members: 12 October 2018

**DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS**

Take hassle out of fee paying by setting up a yearly, termly or monthly Direct Debit. Monthly payments are £17.50 for the first child, £15 for second and subsequent children.

Please click on the link to set up your Direct Debit - <https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0000Z281HC9B>

**Please sign and return the attached slip with your fees** (Cheques payable to MYTS)

If preferred, payment can be made via Bank Transfer:

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 30-98-00

Account Number: 02880513

Please add your child's name as reference.

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**MEMBERSHIP FEES 2018-2019**

**Membership Fees:** I enclose cash/cheque for £.....

\*New members please deduct any workshop fees already paid.

**Name of MYTS Member/s** .....

**Signature of Parent / Guardian** ..... **Date** .....



## MYTS AUDITION PROCEDURE 2018-2019

### JUNIOR MYTS – SCHOOL YEARS 4-6

You will be taught a very simple song and will then be expected to sing it back within a group. This is to show that you can blend appropriately with a group of singers.

### SENIOR MYTS – SCHOOL YEARS 7-13

You will be asked to sing a song of your own choice. The song should last no longer than 3 minutes and should showcase YOUR voice.

You can either:

- Bring your own backing track on CD or other electronic media - this must not include any lead vocals
- Sing unaccompanied
- Bring in a score so that our pianist can accompany you

You will be asked to sing back a scale or simple exercise so that we can get an idea of your vocal range and type of voice.

### MOVEMENT / ACTING

You will be asked to learn some simple movement and read a short text. These will be taught/provided on the day, so there is nothing to prepare.

### SOCIAL INTERACTION

We will observe you during workshops and the auditions to see how you interact with other members. We expect you to have a certain level of self-control and discipline, which includes knowing the appropriate time to ask questions, and being able to listen to instructions.

### RESULTS

We will let you know within 1 week whether you have been accepted into MYTS.

Please note that there are a limited number of places and if you are not successful, it does not mean that you can't try again next year. If you would like feedback about your audition, then please contact us.

**GOOD LUCK!**



## CHAPERONES

As part of the conditions of membership, we require at least one adult per family to become chaperone registered with the local council.

Chaperones will then fill out a termly doodle poll with their availability, and a Rota will be created.

In the past 2 years we have only had a select group of parents volunteer their time, and it has become noticeably unfair, so this year we will be monitoring the situation closely! We do understand that for some people, chaperoning is not possible – please speak to us if that is the case!

Information on becoming a chaperone can be viewed by clicking the link below:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/welfareservice/Children-in-Entertainment/Children-in-Entertainment.aspx>

If you don't have a DBS (for a child workforce) dated within the past 3 years, MYTS will cover the cost of your DBS certification.

