



MUSICAL YOUTH THEATRE STAFFORD (MYTS)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in joining or renewing membership with Musical Youth Theatre Stafford (MYTS). 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 – via email secretary@myts.org.uk

Before using this link to register for a place or renew your membership, please read through the pack, there is a lot of information to take in before registering your child:

www.myts.org.uk/register

THE CLOSING DATE FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / NEW REGISTRATION IS Saturday 3rd September

ABOUT US

MYTS is the junior arm of Musical Theatre Stafford (MTS)

Formed in 2007, MYTS aims to develop the understanding of performing to an audience and the qualities and dedication required to do this, which includes singing, acting and dancing skills all for young people aged 8 -18 from Stafford and surrounding areas.

We stage a major production at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre in July each year; our 2023 production is “We Will Rock You – young at part” (WWRY) - which will be performed at the Gatehouse Theatre from **Wednesday 12th – Saturday 15th July 2023**.

MYTS are very proud to have won the prestigious NODA “Best Youth Production” award twice. In 2011 for “Children of Eden” and 2015 for “Honk!”. We were also nominated in 2017, 2018 and 2019 for Legally Blonde, High School Musical and Godspell.

MYTS rehearse **every Friday in term time**, with additional rehearsals scheduled on occasional Sundays. **ALL Rehearsals are to be held at Parkside Primary Academy, Parkside, Stafford from 7 - 9pm**, (occasionally 6.30 / 9.30 to increase rehearsal time for principals)

COMMITMENT

We expect children to attend all rehearsals – however we understand there are times that this is unavoidable. Please avoid booking events for members on Fridays as every rehearsal is important for our members.

If your child is unable to attend email apologies@myts.org.uk this informs the production team and committee – please **DO NOT** use Facebook to communicate apologies, this is often missed and not seen by the relevant people.

Once committed to MYTS there are certain dates that we cannot receive apologies for as they will affect the show performance.

- We Will Rock You Production week – Sunday 9th July through to Sunday 15th July (excluding Tuesday 11th July night off)

If you find you cannot commit to these dates, you will be expected to bow out of performing this show with us. Your child may continue with MYTS if they wish, understanding that they will not be able to be fully involved each week during setting of the show, but benefit from the experience.



AUTUMN TERM SCHEDULE

Our Autumn Term starts with 3 workshops; these are open to prospective and current members. Current members will pay their termly fee, and prospective new members will pay a £5 weekly fee to cover their workshop entrance. If a new member, then successfully auditions, the workshop cost will be deducted from the first term fee (Fees information on page 4).

The Workshops are a moment in time when the committee can see how new members work and perform with current members and how they fit in – it is like an informal audition, please try and attend all 3 workshops.

ALL Rehearsals are now to be held at Parkside Primary Academy, Parkside, Stafford.

Friday 9th September – Dance Workshop – ‘We Will Rock You’ based led by Becky Jane (our choreographer from Wind in the Willows).

Friday 16th September – Stage Combat Workshop

Friday 23rd September – Acting Through Song Workshop - Andrew Gray ex Cast Member from We Will Rock You

Sunday 25th September - NEW MEMBER AUDITIONS (no current members required) 10am to 1pm (Please see page 5 for further information)

Friday 30th September (7.15 to 8.15) – PARENTS EVENING – an introduction to MYTS for **NEW** and **RETURNING** parents. Details to follow.

Friday 30th September onwards (7.00 to 9.00) – WWRY rehearsals commence and also planning and rehearsing for our concert on **Saturday March 25th 2023 (TBC)**

Friday 28th October - CLOSED

Friday 4th October – Recommence Friday rehearsals until Friday 16th December

Sunday 6th November – WWRY Auditions (TBC)

Friday 16th December – Christmas Party!!

MYTS will be performing in a concert on **Saturday 25th March 2023 (TBC)** at **Rising Brook Baptist Church** further details will be given out nearer the time. This will give the opportunity for many MYTS members to shine.

SUNDAY Rehearsal Dates for 2022 / 2023 - TBC

Please put the following Sunday rehearsal dates in your calendar – 10 to 4

6th November – WWRY Auditions

15th January

12th February

12th March

26th March

23rd April

14th May

11th June

25th June

4th July

9th July - band call and technical rehearsal 10 until 6 (no apologies accepted)



SHOW WEEK

All the following rehearsals **MUST** be attended by ALL MYTS - apologies are not acceptable during this week.

Sunday 9th July - Band Call and Technical Rehearsal at the Parkside and The Gatehouse Theatre

Monday 10th July - Dress Rehearsal 6.30 until approx. 10pm

Tuesday 11th July - Night Off

Wednesday 12th July to Saturday 15th July performance nights 6.15 to approx. 10pm

Saturday 15th July Matinee performance - 1.15 until approx. 5pm

COMMUNICATION

Facebook and email are our primary communication tools.

Once your child is a member you can become a member of our Facebook group '**MYTS members only (and parents)**' – this is a closed group and membership will be approved following a request to be added and once new membership is decided.

This is the link to our group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1674110966151514>

CHAPERONES

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

HOW?

- Collect an Enhanced DBS application form from a committee member. If you don't already have an Enhanced DBS dated within the past 3 years we can provide the DBS application
- Complete the application and return with relevant ID
- Wait for your DBS
- Complete the application form for Staffordshire County Council Chaperones - Information on becoming a chaperone can be viewed by clicking the link below and locating the application form:

[Children in Entertainment - Information](#)

It is vital we have sufficient licenced chaperones for the performances at the Gatehouse Theatre in July

Through rehearsals we are able to use all parents (pre chaperone licence) to be part of the weekly Friday / Sunday chaperone rotas – we will create a rota in advance and expect parents to 'swap' appropriately if they are unavailable.

We do understand that for some people, chaperoning is not possible – you can capture this on the registration form



MEMBERSHIP FEES 2022 - 2023

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

Autumn Term begins 9th September 2022,

Spring 6th January 2023 and

Summer 21st April 2023.

For any fee related queries please e-mail our treasurer Sam Parton on accounts@myts.org.uk

Amount:

£240 for year, (£210 Early Bird), £80 per term or £20 per month DD

For second and subsequent children from the same household

£210 for year, (£180 Early Bird), £70 per term or £17.50 per month DD

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT – take advantage by 28 October

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

Amount: £210 for the year or £180 for the year for second and subsequent children from the same household. This can be paid in instalments if all paid by 28 October

HOW TO PAY

DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

Take hassle out of fee paying by setting up a yearly, termly or monthly Direct Debit.

Monthly payments are £20 for the first child, £17.50 for second and subsequent children.

Please click on the link to set up your Direct Debit - <https://myts.org.uk/fees>

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

If you prefer payments 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.

Paying by Cheque – use the form below to attach to your cheque

GIFT AID

We can claim 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you have paid to Musical Youth Theatre Stafford (MYTS) over the past 4 years and on all future payments. However, we need you to complete the form, from this link, to enable us to do so. <http://myts.org.uk/giftaid>

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MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019-2020

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 New Member AUDITION PROCESS 2022 - 2023

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.

MOVEMENT

The group will also be taught some movement to follow to allow us to see they can move/dance.

SOCIAL INTERACTION

We will observe all age groups 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.

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 phone 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 all age groups 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!