



PROSPECTUS

PERFORMERS THEATRE COMPANY

PRINCIPAL

Message



SAM GIBBS

Principal; BA (Hons), PGCE, QTS

Welcome to Performers Theatre Company.

I am proud to be Principal here at Performers and proud of what we have achieved since opening in May 2022. My sole focus is to offer as many children and young people the best performance opportunities possible allowing them to thrive and prosper both professionally and personally.

Performers are a family and I hope to be able to welcome you to our family soon. Please do get in touch - we are here to support in any way we can.

Performers Theatre Company is a performing arts school that provides high quality performance-based classes primarily for four to eighteen year olds. Adult classes are also provided to those over eighteen. Classes are taught by professionally trained teachers who exude passion and commitment to their field of work.

Since opening in 2022, Performers has grown exponentially. Operating out of Havant and Waterlooville, our services reach over 200 young people each month through term time classes, regular masterclasses, yearly productions, holiday schools and local school partnerships.

Our vision 'Be your Best' underpins all that we do as a school ensuring that children and young people from all walks of life are given the opportunities to excel and thrive both in the performance industry and within their own personal lives.



WHO ARE WE?

"... they have helped me grow..."

Performers Theatre Company is a successful performing arts school located in Hampshire, UK. Our school prides itself on providing exceptional performing arts classes that allow all young people to express themselves and gain the skills needed to succeed both in their personal and professional lives.

BE YOUR *best*



Our school's vision of 'Be Your Best' embodies all that we do, allowing our young people to not only reach their potential but challenge themselves in the process.

Performers Theatre Company provides a warm and supportive environment yet ensures children take full responsibility for their achievements and successes. Our community is at the heart of everything that we do and without it, we would not run effectively or successfully.

Performers Theatre Company was first coined back in 2011 by its Principal, Sam Gibbs, when he was 17 however it was never fully established until December 2021. The school's grand opening took place in May 2022 following a launch party in April that same year.

Sam had always dreamt of opening a performing arts theatre school for a number of years as he wanted to put his acting, musical theatre and directorial talents to good use. He generated a number of names including High Five Theatre before settling with Performers Theatre Company as he believed the name represented the diversity and scope of the performance industry.

OUR Staff



ONLY THE BEST

At Performers Theatre Company, our classes are taught by highly trained professionals who have built a wealth of experience and knowledge over an extensive period of time. They have worked and continue to work with a number of industry professionals so continually receive the very best that the entertainment industry has to offer.

All our staff are enhanced DBS checked and rigorous procedures are carried out to ensure that every member of staff represents Performers professionally, effectively and successfully.

“Amazing staff - they are like a family...”

“Great school with brilliant teachers...”

“Very professional, fun and friendly...”



WHAT DO WE *offer?*

At Performers Theatre Company, we offer a wide range of performance opportunities for those enrolled in our regular classes but also those who are not enrolled. We are continually expanding and frequently add new and exciting classes to our enriching timetable.



SOMETHING FOR *everyone*

Our core classes take place on Friday evenings in Waterlooville and on Saturdays in Havant. Classes range from Musical Theatre, Acting, Singing and Jazz. We also offer adult classes on Tuesday evenings.

Throughout the year, we hold regular masterclasses and workshops with industry professionals and hold open auditions for our yearly productions that are of a high quality for all to enjoy.



OUR *Aims*

At Performers Theatre Company, we understand that every child is totally unique in their own special way.

We appreciate just how important it is to ensure that every child is able to feel as if they have achieved something and are putting their interests, skills and passions to good use. Performers' main aim is to allow every child to own their unique talents yet learn and enhance their skills at their own pace. Whilst classes are fast paced and challenging, they will always allow for each child to leave feeling confident, proud and determined to keep pushing themselves further. We will always instil to the children the vision of 'BEING YOUR BEST'; if you are willing to learn, improve and better yourselves, you are on the path to success.



- To enhance the education and experiences of young people aged 4-18 in the performing arts
- To offer our children at least one performing opportunity throughout the academic year
- To give our young people the chance to work with industry professionals through workshops and masterclasses
- To allow children and young people to participate in activities that are within their own age group



- To always ensure that classes and workshops are exemplary and give children the very best performing arts opportunities
- To allow those who are not enrolled in Performers' classes the chance to partake in performing arts opportunities via an audition
- To build a large network of young people from across the local and wider community allowing talent, expertise, and specialisms to be shared creatively and imaginatively
- To create an exciting, engaging, and positive environment where children and young people can thrive academically, socially, and mentally

OUR *Timetable*



FRIDAYS

Musical Theatre - 4:15-5:15pm (7-18 years)

SATURDAYS

Musical Theatre Infants - 9am-9:45am (5-6 years)

Musical Theatre Juniors A - 9am-10:30am (7-11 years)

Musical Theatre Juniors B - 9am-10:30am (7-11 years)

Pop Tots - 9:45am-10:30am (4-7 years)

Musical Theatre Seniors A - 10:30am-12pm (12-18 years)

Musical Theatre Seniors B - 10:30am-12pm (12-18 years)

Group Singing Juniors A - 10:30am-11am (7-11 years)

Group Singing Juniors B - 10:30am-11am (7-11 years)

Acting Juniors - 11am-12pm (7-11 years)

Group Singing Seniors - 12pm-12:30pm (12-18 years)

Acting Seniors - 12:30pm-1:30pm (12-18 years)

Jazz Seniors - 2pm-2:45pm (11-18 years)

HOW DO I JOIN?

Book a free trial!

Our timetable is regularly expanding so please visit our booking system page to see what is currently on offer and to sign your child up for a free trial.

Class full? Add your child to the waiting list and we will get in touch with you when a space becomes available.

<https://performers-theatre-company.classforkids.io>



TRY A *Masterclass*

At Performers Theatre Company, part of our vision is to 'give our young people the chance to work with industry professionals through workshops and masterclasses'. We believe it to be hugely important that children, whether they are enrolled at Performers or not, are given experiences that allow them to work with professionals that have differing experiences, ideas and skills from our teachers; it adds further thrill and excitement for our children and widens their horizons.



WORK WITH INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

We have had the pleasure of working with a number of experienced industry professionals including **West End stars Jacob Fowler, Jenna Innes and Paul Wilkins** as well as local talent such as **Georgia Deloise** who is now a part of our thriving teaching team.

Several of our children also worked with X Factor runner up **Scarlett Lee** on her music video in 2022!



LEARN NEW SKILLS OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

As a school, we are all about our children experiencing new opportunities and learning different skills that they may never have the chance to try. Recently, we have had film maker **Matthew Bearn** in facilitating a **Screen Acting** workshop and **Squire Stage Combat** showing our children how to fight using the most fun and gory techniques!

HOLIDAY SCHOOLS AND *excursions*

In addition to our core classes, regular masterclasses and yearly productions, Performers Theatre Company also offers holiday schools and excursions.

Our annual 5-day summer school is always a huge hit every year where students work towards a final performance, usually a well-known musical. Children focus on the three disciplines throughout the week as well as learning about audition technique, stage presence, stage make-up, prop design and more.



“Sam and the team created an incredible week for them...”



EXCURSIONS

In April 2024, we held our first ever West End excursion.

Over 60 children and adults travelled to London to experience a Musical Theatre masterclass at the renowned Danceworks before heading to the Apollo Victoria Theatre to watch the stunning hit musical, Wicked.

The children and adults enjoyed every minute!

Future daily excursions and overnight residential trips will become a staple event at Performers Theatre Company each year.



“Incredibly well organised and a day my child will never forget!”

AFTER SCHOOL *clubs*

Performers Theatre Company offer its services as after school clubs to schools in the local and wider area ensuring that any child can have the chance to experience our exceptional classes.

If you are interested in Performers offering services to your school, do get in touch and we will be able to give you a breakdown of all the appropriate information.



ADULT *classes*

Since January 2024, we have offered adult classes for those aged 18 and over. The sessions are enjoyable and stress-free with the aim of giving adults a chance to enhance their talents or simply to let loose and have a great time away from their usual way of life.

Classes are taught by a highly trained professional instructor. There is no monthly commitment to these classes. **Sessions cost £8 and take place on a Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:30pm at Park Community School in Havant.**



OUR Productions

The Production Code of Conduct outlines our expectations of every cast member and parent/carer. If the code of conduct is broken, a cast member will be removed without hesitation.

It also outlines what happens if a child decides to leave the production during the rehearsal process and the implications of this.

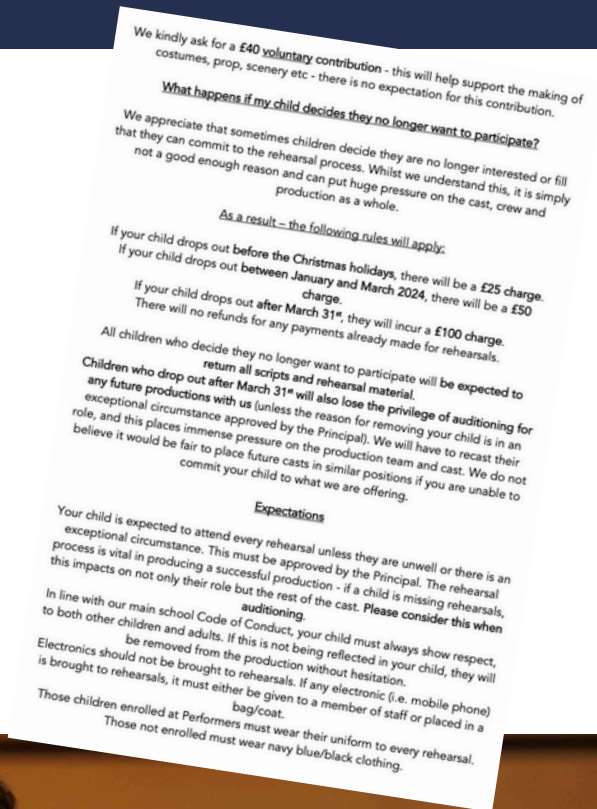
We always strive to offer the very best opportunities and, as such, we expect this in return from all involved.



Marketing events

We regularly receive opportunities to market our events including performances at different public venues such as shopping centres as well as filming promo trailers and attending radio station interviews.

As a parent/carer, you will be informed of any events that are scheduled to take place with plenty of notice given. These are not compulsory but are an important part of the production process and more importantly, are great fun to be a part of!





OUR *Expectations*

At Performers Theatre Company, we have clear expectations set out for our children, parents/carers and staff. This is to ensure that everyone is consistently in line with our vision and values - we want everyone in our community to 'BE THEIR BEST'.

We expect all children and parents/carers to sign a Code of Conduct prior to enrolling in our classes. This clearly breaks down how we expect all to act and conduct themselves at Performers allowing our environment to be safe, positive, enjoyable and friendly.



SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Performers Theatre Company has a number of important policies and procedures that we recommend all parents/carers read before enrolling their children to classes.

These can be found on our website:
<https://www.performerstheatrecompany.com/policies>

If you would like the paper format, please get in touch.

Respect

Respect during classes is always expected. Children are to respect each other and the adults that are there to ensure classes run correctly and safely. Children are to ensure they listen, are courteous, kind, and helpful to all around them. There is a zero tolerance of bullying and unkind behaviour will be dealt with at the highest severity.

Remember: Performers is not a state school. If you are not behaving appropriately, you will be given a formal written warning by the Principal in the first instance and in the second instance unenrolment.

Attendance

Once enrolled in a Performers' class, children are expected to attend every class. If more than three consecutive weeks have elapsed without notifying us, it will be assumed that the child has left Performers and will be removed from enrolment. Formal notification of absence must not be made through another pupil or parent.

If a child is unable to attend a class/rehearsal, Performers must be informed as soon as possible. If arrangements have been made which results in a child not being able to attend, the Principal must be informed at least four weeks in advance.

Punctuality

Children must arrive to classes on time. Parents/carers must inform the school if they are going to be running late. Arriving late impacts on the class, teacher and students.

Drop Off/Collection

Parents/carers are asked to drop off their children directly before the start of their class and collect immediately at the end of class. If you have made arrangements to take another child home, this must be cleared with Performers.

Electronics

Mobile phones, laptops or devices that may distract children should not be used. If any electronic is brought in, it must be placed in a coat/bag and not used throughout the duration of the class. If seen, the electronic will be confiscated until the end of the lesson and the parent/carer informed.

GDPR/Photographs

Please see our individual policies and procedures related to this on our Policies page on our website.

“Expectations are high and it really does show...”



Personal Property

Children should make sure that they keep their valuables and personal items with them at all times. Performers regrets that we cannot be held responsible if items go missing.

Feedback/Complaints

As a school, we are always learning and wanting to grow. Our staff do everything in the best interests of the children but at times, things do not always go to plan or as expected. We appreciate positive and constructive feedback from our parents/carers and our students. If you have any feedback, you can always speak to us in person or via email/phone.

If you have a concern or complaint, this must be done in person wherever possible. Under no circumstances, should concerns be raised in front of the children. Failure to have professional conversations with our staff will result in you being asked to leave the premises.

Fees

Term time classes are paid on the 1st of each month via ClassForKids.

All other fees (masterclasses, rehearsals, summer schools etc.) are paid via bank transfer - an invoice is sent via email. It must be paid by the date given otherwise you will incur a £5 charge (as per our Terms and Conditions - as of January 2023). Those who have made prior arrangements with the Principal are exempt from this.

OUR *Uniform*

Performers Theatre Company takes pride in all that it does. This includes the aesthetic of the school and its pupils. That is why at Performers we have a strict uniform code. Not only does our uniform look professional, smart and represent the school in a positive light but it also acts as a health and safety measure when safeguarding our young people.

As our school hires specific public premises, this means that we need to be able to identify our children quickly and without fuss. We ask that all children come to their classes wearing Performers' uniform. If children do not come dressed, we will ask the parents/guardians to take their children home as this presents a safeguarding issue.

We want our young people to take pride in Performers as well as feeling comfy and prepared for any performance class.



What does my child need to wear?

Compulsory

Navy Blue Performers' polo shirt or t-shirt
Plain black/navy blue leggings, tracksuit bottoms (no logo/markings) or plain black/navy blue shorts
Plain black jazz shoes, trainers or barefoot
Plain black leotards are acceptable

Optional

Navy Performers' sweatshirt or zip-up hoodie (during winter months)
Navy Performers' shorts (during summer months)

No jewellery with the exception of a watch and single studded earrings.

Where can I purchase?

Uniform can be purchased at our desk if we have it in stock.

All other uniform purchases must be made directly with The Uniform Company who produce all of our uniform.

<https://theschoolwearco.co.uk/clubs/performers-theatre-company/>



OUR Fees

Performers Theatre Company offers high quality performing arts training at incredibly affordable prices. We recognise the impact that the pandemic/current living crisis has had on many families and appreciate how expensive many training facilities, youth theatres and theatre companies can be - we want to ensure that ANY child can have the opportunity to thrive in the performing arts without parents worrying about extortionate fees.

Our current monthly fees are shown to the right. These are our weekend/weekday fees and do not take into account additional costs for extra rehearsals, masterclasses and summer schools.

Payments are made through our provider ClassForKids as monthly subscriptions.

Monthly fees are generated based on individual session cost, multiplied by 39 sessions over the academic year and divided by 12 months.

No obligation free trials can be booked so you can have peace of mind knowing your child can experience our classes without paying a penny.



Musical Theatre

Infants - **£16.50pm**

Juniors and Seniors - **£26.20pm**

Juniors and Seniors (Fridays) - **£21.50pm**

Singing (group) - £21.50pm

Jazz - £20pm

Acting - £28pm

Pop Tots - £16.50pm

The fees of any new classes that open following the publication of this prospectus can be found on our website:

<https://www.performerstheatrecompany.com/fees>

"I am amazed at how affordable it is compared to other schools in the area!"

HEAD BOY AND GIRL

Nurturing leaders

At Performers Theatre Company, we pride ourselves on building young people for their future, whether this is in the performing arts or not. Within classes - confidence, teamwork, independence, resilience, and social skills - are important aspects that are built and focused on. Nurturing leaders is also an important element at Performers Theatre Company; pupils are encouraged to develop the necessary skills to enable them to take responsibility for the school and to contribute positively, either in classes, rehearsals or across the wider community.

The Head Boy and Head Girl are appointed through an application process and 'performance' speech that they deliver to the children at Performers. They work to improve the school and suggest ideas and solutions to what we offer. They will be identifiable by their own personalised uniform and badge.

They are announced annually at our Awards Ceremony that takes place in July.





Angie Gibbs
School Business Manager



Cath Ravenscroft
FoPT Chairperson

PARENT/CARER *Involvement*

At Performers Theatre Company, nothing is more important to us than getting as many people involved in what we do. Sharing ideas, expertise and talent is vital in the further development of what we do and what we aim for.

Since October 2022, we have been incredibly lucky in a parent/carer support association being formed to support and guide our school with fundraising, events and new ideas.

Known as **Friends of Performers Theatre (FoPT)**, the parent led group, chaired by Cath Ravenscroft, will be a huge turning point for Performers - we are so excited to see all their amazing ideas come to fruition.

COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EXCELLENCE

FoPT is made up of a number of important individuals including staff and parents/carers.

Chairperson

Cath Ravenscroft

Secretary

Jess Eaton

Treasurer

Jackie Brown

Regular parent/carer volunteers

Laura Sturt
Jo Etherington
Mike Etherington

PERFORMERS STAFF

Principal

Sam Gibbs

Business Manager

Angie Gibbs





BE A PART OF THE PERFORMERS FAMILY

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