

## Performing Arts Opportunities for Medway and Sheppey Schools

### *Fun, free of charge and Covid-secure*

Theatre31 is a new programme funded by Arts Council England, Kent County Council, Medway Council and ROH Bridge, which aims to get young people aged 8-18 in Medway and Sheppey involved in theatre – totally free of charge!

We are a youth dedicated arts project with no walls, which means we are flexible and super adaptable. The key areas of our Schools Programme are all accessible and designed to be delivered in a Covid-19 learning environment, making our activities safe but fun.

- **Pop-up Performances** – a fully resourced digital package to provide everything you need for one class to perform a new play. Includes Covid-secure, individually wrapped packages of props, costumes, scripts and more. No digital expertise or space required. Share the results on your school website or our digital stage so that families and the rest of the school can enjoy the show!
- **Theatre Experiences** – Theatre buildings are closed, but performances can still happen. We can bring professional, socially distanced theatre productions to perform in your school's outdoor space (currently booking for summer term 2021).
- **Careers Advice** – What roles in the performing arts do your young people want to know about? Tell us and we will connect your students to industry professionals.
- **Artsmark** – We can assist schools with the financial costs of registering for Artsmark. We can also provide free training for teachers and individuals to become Arts Award Trainers.
- **Celebrate Festival** – Support your students take part in performance opportunities, working with professional directors and designers, high production values and full set, costume, music, and lighting. Performances will connect with other schools in the local area culminating in a celebratory festival performance (expressions of interest for summer 2021/ 2022).

All our activities are free of charge.

### Start with our Digital Taster Workshop

We would love to 'break the ice'...in a virtual way! Our digital workshop will do just that.

At Theatre31 we understand that arts provision is a difficult thing to engage with right now and we realise it is not necessarily at the top of the agenda. We are piloting a **Digital Taster Workshop** as an easy way for you to try out this provision in your classroom within the current circumstances.

This exciting and accessible package includes a pre-filmed task-based drama workshop – led by one of our professional facilitators. By the end of the session your class will have created a ***Play in an Hour***, all from behind their desks and in a socially distanced environment. We will provide the props, framework and 1-2-1 support beforehand if required, enabling a fun and easy process:

- Pre filmed workshop – no zoom or fancy digital kit required
- Prepared props delivered to your doorstep to excite and enchant your class (packed in a Covid secure way)
- Drama based tasks that are imaginative and directed to your curriculum
- Most importantly – done from behind a desk and facing front
- 1-2-1 support with you directly if required from our small and friendly team
- We give you a film version of your **Play in an Hour!** We do the editing and hard work in the background making it look beautiful, so you don't have to.
- Share your classes' film with their parents and peers on your school's website or our digital stage!

### Want to get involved?

We are currently looking for schools and partners to take part in the pilot for our **Digital Taster Workshop – Play in an Hour.**

We also want to hear from your school if you express an interest in being involved later in the programme which runs until 2022.

All our work is completely free of charge.

Please get in touch with Jemma Robinson, Head of Programme and let us know the best method and time of day to contact you.

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## Theatre31

Theatre31 is an exciting new programme that puts young people in the driving seat. Taking place across Medway and Sheppey, this programme supports young people in making decisions and calling the shots on everything that happens – from deciding which artists to work with to designing the logo.

At Theatre31 we realise in the current climate, our connection with local schools and their teachers is more important than ever before. There are lots of ways that young people can get involved, including youth theatres, workshops, technical training, Artsmark, careers advice, performances, schools projects, co-creations and commissions. For further information [www.theatre31.co.uk](http://www.theatre31.co.uk).

Theatre31 is managed by Icon Theatre, a registered charity (No 1097311) based at the Brook Theatre in Chatham, who have been producing original new performances with young people, schools and communities since 2002. Icon Theatre are delighted to be managing Theatre31 on behalf of Medway Council and the Medway and Sheppey LCEPs [www.icontheatre.org.uk](http://www.icontheatre.org.uk)

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