

Mousetrap Theatre Projects Programmes for 2007 - 2008

Access:

The London Theatre Challenge

Brings 5,000 students from disadvantaged London state secondary schools to see outstanding theatre productions at £3 a ticket, offering an after-show discussion and a teacher's resource pack. Specially developed 2-hour participatory 'Insight' sessions are offered for two productions each term.

The London Theatre Challenge for Special Schools

Brings 1,000 London state secondary special school pupils into London's theatres to see quality productions at £3 a ticket, supported by in-school drama workshops and resource packs written for special school teachers. (Special schools serve pupils with registered special needs such as physical disabilities, learning difficulties, emotional and behavioural difficulties, etc.)

Family First Nights

Brings 700+ families with limited resources, identified by over 400 London-wide social service agencies, community organisations and housing associations, to a West End theatre production for £5 a ticket as a first-time family theatre outing during the summer holidays.

Envision

Enhances an audio-described performance for young people with visual impairment through a pre-show DVD, teacher's resource pack, specially designed workshops with trained practitioners and an on-stage touch tour. (Run in partnership with VocalEyes).

Education:

Play the Critic

Develops A-Level students' critical thinking and writing skills by teaching them how to review a production of their choice, using professional theatre critics, directors and writers as tutors (In collaboration with Eastside Educational Trust and The Critics' Circle). Beginning autumn 2007, **Play the Critic** is being extended for music, opera and dance students.

PowerPlay

Uses a top theatre production as the catalyst for a series of in-depth workshops for students in Pupil Referral Units. (A PRU is a school for young people who have been excluded from mainstream schools for a range of reasons, but often because of behavioural difficulties.)

StageBusiness (new programme)

Provides teachers and BTec Performing Arts students with an insider's view of the 'business' of theatre including marketing, administration, budgeting, etc. (To be piloted in 2008.)

TechTaster

Enables teachers and students to learn the rudiments of sound and lighting design from professional theatre designers. Includes a teachers' INSET, resource pack, in-school workshops and an optional student work experience placement in a theatre. (INSET is In-Service Training for Teachers.)

We are currently developing a new **TechTaster** programme focusing on the design of set, costume and props

TheatreWorks

Offers a bespoke theatre project that brings theatre practitioners into the classroom to collaborate with teachers to deliver a series of practical workshops exploring a theme and production of the teacher's choice.

WriteThinking

Takes playwrights into schools to help pupils write short plays based on citizenship themes, inspired by a visit to a theatre production. Selected plays are performed at a London theatre in a rehearsed reading by professional actors. Supported by a teachers' INSET and resource pack. (In collaboration with writernet and The Citizenship Foundation.)

Audience Development:

C145 (See A Show for £5!)

Encourages 15 -18 year olds to become independent theatregoers, offering a selection of challenging theatre, opera and dance productions for £5 a ticket, enhanced by exciting 'behind the scenes' events. Student 'reps' help in the planning and recruitment of members. Membership is now over 3,500 young people.

West End for £10 - (new programme)

Recently launched, this programme enables 19 - 21 year olds to attend theatre at the specially negotiated price of £10.

Creating Links

StageXchange - (new programme)

Offers youth groups across London the opportunity to attend a West End production and in return professional theatre artists from that production share their skills and expertise with the young people through a series of workshops in the community setting.

Teachers Preview Club

Offers teachers throughout the UK discounted theatre tickets, a quarterly newsletter with articles and resource materials, invitations to special events and the opportunity to receive last-minute ticket offers and information by email.

All programmes include a visit to a top London theatre production with best seats for £3 - £5.