



SILHOUETTE NEWS – 13th EDITION

Yes ladies and gentleman – the 13th edition – unlucky for some! There is a lot to read, as always, and a lot to take in so make sure that you read carefully. It has been a brilliant start to the year and we have been working incredibly hard. Sessions are running well and everyone seems happy with the classes that we are providing. Many of our workshops are now becoming full and we have started waiting lists on our Musical theatre classes. A massive thank you for your continued support – couldn't do it without you!

CHANGES – READ CAREFULLY!

Wednesday Music Sessions: These sessions will no longer be running on a Wednesday. Hannah will now be working with us on a Saturday to support the musical theatre sessions and will help us develop the quality of our singing.

Midsummer Night's Dream Sessions: These will now run from **5:30 to 8:00 pm** which will give us 2 and a half hours to work on our up and coming production. This class is now **FULL**.

Drama Sessions: If you would like to join the drama sessions on a Thursday night then you must start on THURSDAY 27th January. After this point they will be closed for new members as we are starting to work on new productions. Primary from year 4 to 13 years old are from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Teen drama is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Musical Theatre: All classes are now **FULL**. Any new members will have to go on to a waiting list.

Evening of Dance: This is now happening on Tuesday 12th May.

BOOKINGS

Changing Rooms – This is going to be **amazing!** This is our **National Theatre Connections** piece and you will be able to see it here before it goes to the **Royal Theatre on the 8th April**. A deeply moving and funny piece about growing up and swimming pools! There is a cast of **30 young people**, there is music, there is dance and there is comedy! The production is suitable for young people from **Year 5 and above** and anyone in Primary will need to be **accompanied by an adult please**. **Book now before it goes to the Royal!**

An evening of Dance – We are combining **all our dance groups** to put on an evening of dance presented by all the young people at Silhouette. These groups have been working on **independent pieces and ensemble pieces** and you will be able to come and see them in action. **Book now!**

<p>Saturday 7th March</p>	<p>Changing Room matinee performance at 2:00 pm. https://chnaging-room-matinee.eventbrite.com</p> <p>Changing Room evening performance at 7:00 pm. https://changing-room-evening.eventbrite.com</p>
<p>Evening of Dance Tuesday 12th May</p>	<p>Evening performance – CHANGE OF DATE https://evening-of-dance.eventbrite.com</p>

FUTURE PERFORMANCES

Musical Theatre – Our musical theatre groups are going to put on a matinee and evening performance of musical theatre pieces in the Summer term. We will send out the booking links in the next few weeks.

The Gruffalo – Our younger performers are going to be creating their own production of the Gruffalo and the booking links will be going out in the next few weeks.

SILHOUETTE DIARY OF EVENTS

Week 6	Monday 24 th February to Saturday 29 th February.
Week 7	Monday 2 nd March to Saturday 7 th March.
Changing Rooms	Matinee and evening performance on Saturday 7 th March.
Week 8	Monday 9 th March to Saturday 14 th March.
Week 9	Monday 16 th March to Saturday 21 st March. NO SESSIONS ON MONDAY 16th MARCH
Week 10	Monday 23 rd March to Saturday 28 th March.
Week 11	Monday 30 th March to THURSDAY 2 nd April
EASTER HOLIDAYS	– No Silhouette from Saturday 4 th April to Saturday 18 th April.
Summer Week 1	Monday 20 th April to Saturday 25 th April.
Evening of Dance	Performance on Tuesday 12 th May.

PAYMENT

- Each class will cost **£5.00 for the session**, no matter the length.
- If your child does **three sessions that will be ONLY £15.00 a week**.
- **HOWEVER** – if your child would like to do more than three sessions then we will be contacting you to talk about our expectations of those that do more than three sessions a week. This will be done by a case to case basis.
- If money is preventing you signing your child up for more sessions, then **please come and see us**.
- You can pay termly, weekly or monthly by cash, cheque or bank transfer. This is to make it easier for you.
- **Please remember** – if you miss a class you **still need to pay for these sessions**. This is the same in every youth theatre across the country.

COMMUNICATION

- Please have a look at our website at www.silyt.com – We try and update the site on a regular basis and we put all the newsletters and information on the site. We are also going to start to put scripts and links to music so that our young people can access work online.
- Please join our twitter account @SilhouetteYtc and help us by posting as much as you can and by copying us into your posts.
- We also have a Facebook page, and this is at Silhouette Youth Theatre. Once again please join our page so that you can see regular updates.
- There is a member's area on the website and the password is unit49. We put scripts and videos of the dances etc in this area. Please do not share the password.
- We have a fundraising page now and you can find this at: **SHARE – SHARE – SHARE!!!!**
www.wonderful.org/charity/silhouettheyouth

GREAT NEWS

The Cast of Ferris: A huge congratulations to the cast of Ferris who did a great job in their three productions. It is amazing what can be done with three curtains, three boxes and a group of 25 dedicated performers. They were an absolute credit and it was a superb production to watch. A huge thank you to everyone that came along to the performance and for your continued support. I am sure you will all agree that it was well worth it. A massive thank you to our young directors (Thomas, Ruby and Amber) who did such a great job of directing the piece!



The Cast of The Breakfast Club: Wow – 18 young people, 4 different casts all performing a play in a library! Well done on an incredible achievement and for pushing yourselves to the limit. You were incredible and many people were blown away by your talent, focus and dedication. A huge thank you to everyone that came along and massive thank you to Northampton Library who let us use their venue! Well done everyone – we are very proud of each and every one of you!



A Winter's Tale: A huge congratulations to the 6 young people who auditioned for the RSC performance of a Winters Tale. We are very proud to announce that 4 of the boys have managed to get roles in the professional cast of the Winter's Tale and will be on the MAIN STAGE for the next 4 months. We know they will do an incredible job and we are very proud of them. This is a massive step forward for Silhouette – well done!



Royal Shakespeare Company – A massive well done to Amelia, Jade and Janet who are on the Youth Advisory Board of the RSC. Janet had to go to London to present to the whole board – wow! Holly, Sahib and Dorcas are continuing their work with Next Generation Act and our Next Generation Direct team are working on our production of Midsummer Night's Dream. Our RSC Ambassadors are going to be running training sessions for a local secondary school and will be involved in our Summer Production of a Midsummer Night's Dream.

Changing Rooms – Our Changing Rooms Cast are working hard on their National Theatre Connections play and things are coming along well. It is definitely not to be missed and we would love to see you all on the 7th March!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As many of you know we are all working hard on finding as much funding as we can to make sure that Silhouette is sustainable for the future and that we continue to provide **AFFORDABLE** and **ACCESSIBLE** performing arts provision for **EVERY YOUNG PERSON**.

A massive thank you to all the parents that came and spoke to Michelle and Alison from The University of Northampton a few weeks ago. The positive messages that you shared will have a **HUGE** impact on future funding and it was great to see you all there.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we capture all the positivity that is coming from our parents and young people and that is why we **NEED YOU** to complete a quick survey for us so that we can present this to any future funders that we can apply to. It won't take more than 5 minutes and it will **HELP** Silhouette in continuing to support your young person!

Here is the link – please just click it and help us out!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2qcLu0cuTEaLGxBACkC8mX_ZSbpkbc9Nu-XLxxphp5VUOFM2UVdTM1QzRkVDOVpFS0VGOUEwNzIWMi4u

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME!

VOLUNTEERING SESSION

If you would like to become a **volunteer** at Silhouette Youth Theatre then we need you to attend the following training on:

SATURDAY 14th MARCH FROM 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

We will go over the procedures in place at Silhouette. How to keep our children safe and opportunities to support. Please be aware that no one will be able to volunteer at Silhouette if they have not gone through this training.

MIDSUMMER NIGHTS DREAM – PARENT SESSIONS

Our **RSC Ambassadors** will be leading a session for **ANY parents (with their children if they want)** that want to come and find out about our upcoming production of **Midsummer Night's Dream**. The Ambassadors will take you through the **story and the characters** and you will get a chance to work with your child through some of the text and the scenes.

The session will take place on **Wednesday 22nd April from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.**

If you would like to come then all you need to do is email leighwol@okudala.com and tell us how many people will be coming!

HOLIDAY SESSIONS

We are going to run an **Easter Holiday session from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th April** (3 days in total). This is the first time we have run holiday sessions and we want to see how popular they will be.

The sessions will run from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** and your child will need to **bring a packed lunch** for the day. We will spend three days working on a **range of material from dance, to music, to drama to musical theatre** and it will be focussed on developing skills while enjoying ourselves.

To begin with we want to focus on the children that already attend Silhouette and they will need to be from **Year 4 or above**. They will need to **attend all three days** so that we can develop work as we go.

The **cost for the three days will be £50.00** and this is at a **reduced rate** (it makes it the cheapest around)!

We are looking at having a **maximum of 20 children over the 3 days** so if you are interested in booking a space **please email me ASAP**.