

# **Sussex Youth Theatre**

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## **Rising Star Award**

## **Audition Pack**

### **Congratulations!**

**Your application has been successful!**

**Please read the following pages carefully.**

**It includes everything you need to know  
to prepare yourselves!**

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

### THE AUDITION DAY

You are invited to attend our individual audition day on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**.

Each person will have their own 10-minute slot to perform a short showcase including a monologue of their choice.

#### Rising Star Audition Day

**Date – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Auditions Times – 9.30am – 7.00pm**

**Location – Worthing location to be confirmed**

Your individual timeslot will be emailed/text to you after the closing date (You may be messaged before), but once again we ask that you keep the whole day free as timeslots cannot be re-arranged.

## HOW AND WHAT TO PREPARE FOR YOUR AUDITION

You will need to prepare a short monologue to perform.

It must be no shorter than one minute and no longer than 2 minutes and must be recited from memory. We don't mind where you find your monologue, it can be from a play, a film, a book, or even self-written. Just make sure that it only has one-character speaking and is suitable for your age.

You may also prepare a short song to sing but this is not compulsory. You must provide your own backing track either on a phone, i-pod, i-pad with an earphone socket and we will connect with our speaker, although it's preferable to receive your song beforehand via email (send to [mitch@sussexyouththeatre.co.uk](mailto:mitch@sussexyouththeatre.co.uk)). Your song should be no longer than 2 minutes.

You may also prepare a dance/movement piece no longer than 2 minutes.

***The monologue is compulsory***, but the song and dance are not. SYT is more heavily drama based than anything. You have around 5 minutes to present your 'Showcase' to us. You may also have a special skill or want to show us your skills on the guitar, or another instrument!

After you have performed your monologue and/or song, there will be a short interview with the panel about yourself and why you would like to be our Rising Star. Make sure you research Sussex Youth Theatre beforehand.

## **CHOOSING YOUR MONOLOGUE – DOS & DON'TS**

### **Do**

- Choose a character that is close to you in age.
- Choose a speech where you understand all the language and the issues that the character is talking about.
- Choose something that you like performing.
- Be yourself!

### **Don't**

- Use an accent that you are not 100 % comfortable with.
- Copy a performance you have seen somebody else do. We want to see your original ideas and how you can perform.
- Be worried to use your imagination and be a bit different!

## **THE AUDITION PANEL**

The audition panel will include the Artistic Director of Sussex Youth Theatre, an artistic associate, an independent assessor, and persons relevant to the process. The Artistic Director Mitch Jenkins will have no vote on The Rising Star or Sparkler Awards recipients.

## **WHAT HAPPENS ON THE AUDITION DAY?**

### **WHEN YOU ARRIVE ...**

Please arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before your audition.

On arrival you will need to sign in and will also be asked to fill in a release form for any photographs and videos taken during the auditions.

### **WHAT TO WEAR ...**

Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing that you can move around in easily. Please do not come in costume for your monologue. You may, however, bring small props or any dance attire you may need. The floor may be carpeted, so if you are moving around, please be aware of this.

### **THE AUDITION ...**

When it is your time, you will be called in for your audition. You will be asked your name, age and the title of your audition piece. Your whole audition should last no more than 10 minutes, if your monologue or song are longer than 2 minutes please be aware you may be asked to stop.

**AFTER YOUR AUDITION ...**

Once your audition is over you are free to leave.

**WHEN WILL WE ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE RISING STAR AWARD?**

We will be announcing the result of the Rising Star award at midday on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, live via our SYT Facebook page, so do follow us if you haven't already.

[www.facebook.com/theatreinsussex](https://www.facebook.com/theatreinsussex)

This will be followed by email and releases on our Instagram page, so make sure you are connected to these by clicking the links below and liking/following us.

[www.instagram.com/susseyouththeatre](https://www.instagram.com/susseyouththeatre)

**WHEN WILL WE ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS OF THE SPARKLER AWARDS?**

You will be contacted within a few days of the announcement of The Rising Star.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM CHOSEN TO BE THE RISING STAR?**

Your award will come into effect in September 2025. It will cease at the end of the 2026 Summer School. By accepting the award, you will be agreeing to abide by our SYT T's & C's. These will be fully laid out in your Rising Star Award Agreement with SYT.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M NOT AWARDED THE RISING STAR?**

Competition for the rising star award is extremely tough, with many people applying, so if you did not succeed this time, please don't be discouraged or feel that you weren't good enough. There may be a variety of reasons as to why you weren't successful, and we encourage everyone to try again next year.

Good Luck everyone and we can't wait to see you at the audition day!

Best wishes and kindest regards

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MJ' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mitch Jenkins (Artistic Director)

**Questions** – Please email us and we will be glad to help. You can also WhatsApp on 07788497779 and you will receive a voice message back with answers to your query.



Our 2018 Rising Star, Joel Hogg, receiving his award from James Bond's Ian Pirie



Our 2019 Rising Star, Aisha Letamendia with twin Sister Maia!



Our 2024 Rising Star, Christian Ridley 2019 Rising Star, Aisha!