



# SYTG PA Performing Arts School



Spennymoor Youth Theatre Group was formed in 1995 to meet a need for Youth Drama within the Spennymoor area in County Durham. Weekly workshops were carried out and the first show of 'Bugsy Malone' performed to excellent reviews.

A decision was made based on the demand for further shows and musical theatre experiences to continue the group for as long as was required. Many years later the group has performed in many public venues and theatres with superb cast members throughout. This small undertaking has stretched throughout the whole of County Durham and surrounding areas as far as Carlisle.

All committee and production team are entirely voluntary relying on the support of local organisations to maintain a healthy balance of funds to continue to provide the learning environment and musical theatre experiences that are currently on offer. The group have recently been awarded the Investors In Children award which was gained on feedback from our members as well as an assessment of the work carried out by our volunteers.

Our current project is to perform 'Seussical the Musical' in October of this year in the Gala Theatre, Durham with a cast of over 70. Not only are individuals involved in the performance but our members will produce their own programme (with sponsored advertisements). Following this performance we will once again be providing educational workshops and aim to expand our offerings should funding be gained for this and also to focus on utilisation of music via instruments and are currently raising monies for a Salsa Band for use by the members.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

All members are aged over 10 years with upper age limit being around the 24 years old mark. Members are invited once in the senior age bracket to become workshop leaders with support from existing staff.

## **FEES**

£10 per half term is payable on the first session to secure a place for the whole of that module which will run for six or seven consecutive weeks. No additional money will be required during the sessions as all materials are supplied. Should there be any financial difficulties then please contact us for details on our provision in special circumstances.

## **WORKSHOPS**

Workshops are themed on many and varied aspects of musical theatre including:

- Technical Theatre
- Costume/Make Up
- Drama
- Dance
- Singing
- Radio Programme
- Film Project
- Poetry
- Audition Technique

## **SYTG ON TOUR**

One of the recent additions to the group has been SYTG On Tour. This is a collection of individuals within the membership who perform either in teams or individually to showcase the achievements of the group. Many venues have been used from School Summer Fairs, Elderly Care Establishments, Hospice and other fetes and public venues.

## **SUPPORT**

The group is ran entirely by volunteers who offer both time and expertise on a weekly basis or during performances.

All workshop leaders and production team are checked by the Criminal Records Bureau prior to interactions with our members for the safety of all concerned.

First Aid support is available at every workshop.

## **SUCCESS**

The Group have been fortunate enough to have been awarded the Investors In Children award for the contribution to its young people as well as the provision of services to individuals with special needs and from all social classes/ethnic backgrounds.

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