



FIRST PEOPLES YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

Melbourne Theatre Company, in partnership with the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at VCA, is offering a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity to young First Peoples interested in a career in the performing arts.

The program is made up of a series of workshops that explore performance skills, scriptwriting and design (sound, costume, set) as well as traditional dance and dedicated cultural experiences. There are also opportunities to shadow MTC staff and creatives as they work to see first-hand how things work in a major theatre company. The program ends with a short performance - devised and designed by the program participants - at Southbank Theatre for family and friends.

Participants will also see a range of productions including comedy, dance, musical and theatre shows and have the opportunity to meet a range of industry professionals (actors, writers, directors, designers) to learn more about potential career pathways.

Program participants will be supported by First Peoples teaching artists and mentors. The Wilin Centre will also provide cultural support, and assistance in making an application to the Victorian College of the Arts, The University of Melbourne, to explore further study.

WHEN AND WHERE?

Week 1 Monday 1 to Friday 5 July

Week 2 Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October

Week 3 Monday 2 to Friday 6 December

10am to 5pm daily

MTC Headquarters

252 Sturt Street, Southbank

WHO CAN APPLY?

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people aged between 17 - 22.

Interstate applicants are welcome to apply, however priority will be given to Victorian residents.

Places are limited and you must be able to attend all three weeks.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Shared accommodation can be provided for regional participants. Travel for regional participants can also be provided.

MEALS

Lunch each day during the three weeks of the program will be provided to participants.

Personal spending money will be required to cover evening meals or activities that are not a part of the program. We recommend participants have at least \$40 per day (\$200 for the week) with them to cover this.

CLOSING DATE

Applications close Thursday 4 April 2019

Email or post your application to:

Karin Farrell, Community Outreach Manager

Melbourne Theatre Company

252 Sturt Street SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Email: sharingthelight@mtc.com.au

For more information contact

Karin on (03) 8688 0936 or sharingthelight@mtc.com.au

Melbourne Theatre Company acknowledges the Yalukit Willam Peoples of the Boon Wurrung, the First Peoples of Country on which Southbank Theatre and MTC HQ stand. We pay our respects to all of Melbourne's First Peoples, to their ancestors and Elders, and to our shared future.



MTC is a department of the University of Melbourne



APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Preferred Name _____
Postal address _____ Date of birth: / /
Email address _____ Telephone _____

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? No Yes

Nation (if known) _____

Are you currently at school or in study? No Yes

Name of school/institute _____

Year level/course being studied _____

If you're not currently at school or studying what year level did you complete and when? _____

Are you currently employed or doing any voluntary work you can tell us about? _____

PLACES ARE LIMITED IN THE PROGRAM SO GIVE AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU CAN BELOW. ATTACH AN EXTRA A4 PAGE IF YOU NEED TO.

Why would you like to do this course? _____

How would the skills and knowledge gained through the program impact yourself, your family, your people and community? _____

What experience have you had in the performing arts? _____

Tick which areas most interest you:

Writer Performer Director Producer Stage Manager Lighting Sound Other

ASK A TEACHER OR EMPLOYER OR SOMEONE YOU'VE WORKED WITH IN THE PAST ON ANY KIND OF PROJECT TO TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOU TOO.

Name of referee: _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

Why do you think they'd be a good candidate for this program? _____

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 PLEASE GET YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO FILL OUT THE BELOW AND SIGN:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ At same address? No Yes

Address (if not the same): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I hereby consent to my child/ward applying for the 2018 Indigenous Scholarship Program. I agree with the course conditions, including their attendance for all three weeks, as outlined in this form.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: / /