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# BECOME AN MTC AMBASSADOR

## 2019 NOMINATION FORM

An immersive year-long theatre experience  
for a selected group of Victorian Year 11 students

MTC is a department of the University of Melbourne



# 2019 MTC Ambassadors Program

'I love being able to see a show each month and then discuss it with all the other MTC Ambassadors. It's so cool to be able to talk and hear from people who work in different areas of the Company.'

LUCY, 2018 MTC AMBASSADOR

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Each year, MTC selects a group of Ambassadors to participate in a year-long program designed to challenge and inspire. Meeting regularly, these Year 11 theatre-lovers are offered the chance to extend their knowledge and experience by attending MTC productions, hearing from guest speakers, and sharing their responses to theatre with a group of like-minded young people.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN MTC AMBASSADOR?

- Ambassadors receive a free ticket to nine MTC productions in the 2019 season.
- Ambassadors get the opportunity to meet with theatre professionals, and find out about the inner workings of one of Australia's largest theatre companies.
- Ambassadors take a leadership role which has two functions; to act as youth representatives within the Company, and to act as advocates for MTC within their school and social communities.
- The program brings together like-minded young people who can engage in a level of discussion about theatre which may not always be possible in the classroom.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Selected MTC Ambassadors will form a club, facilitated by MTC's Education team, which will meet at MTC Headquarters from April to December.
- Each meeting will commence with a talk from a theatre professional, such as an actor, director, writer, designer or MTC staff member.
- During meetings there will also be a facilitated group discussion about the last production attended, and a light dinner will be served.

- After the meeting, Ambassadors will walk together to Southbank Theatre or Arts Centre Melbourne to see a performance.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION?

Students in Year 11 in 2019 are eligible for nomination by the Head of Drama or Performing Arts or another relevant teacher. **Only one nomination will be accepted per school.**

### Guidelines for nomination:

- Ambassadors should have a serious interest in theatre and enjoy seeing and discussing plays, not just performing. We encourage nominations for students with an interest in an area of theatre other than acting, such as writing, directing, design and production.
- Ambassadors need to be able to commit to attending all of the meetings listed below. Students who have a full load of extra-curricular commitments are not recommended for nomination.
- Ambassadors should be confident communicators, willing to report back to their school communities and social networks about their experiences at MTC, and to act as advocates for the Company. Nominating teachers should be willing to assist students in finding opportunities to report back to the school community.
- Ambassadors will be asked to write reviews of MTC productions and provide verbal and written feedback to the Education team. Ambassadors who can offer genuine and well thought-out responses will be highly valued.
- We strongly encourage teachers to nominate students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and those with disabilities.

## HOW DO I NOMINATE A STUDENT?

- Ask the student to complete the attached form (there is also a section to be completed by the student's parent or guardian), and complete the nominating teacher's section yourself.
- Send it to MTC by **Tuesday 5 March 2019**. All students will be contacted regarding the outcome of their nomination by Tuesday 19 March.

## 2019 MEETING DATES

Tue 2 Apr  
Tue 7 May  
Tue 28 May  
Tue 25 Jun  
Tue 16 Jul  
Tue 6 Aug  
Tue 10 Sep  
Tue 8 Oct  
Tue 26 Nov  
Tue 10 Dec

All meetings commence at 4.30pm. Finish times vary depending on the duration of the performance (usually approximately 9pm).

**MTC would like to thank the Youth Ambassador Giving Circle for their generous support of this program.**

Melbourne Theatre Company acknowledges the Yalukitj 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.

'The best part of MTC Ambassadors is the passion everyone shares, and the access to seeing behind-the-scenes. The meetings are so interesting.'

MATEO, 2018 MTC AMBASSADOR

# Nomination Form

## FOR THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes, Aboriginal

Yes, Torres Strait Islander

Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

No

Are you from a language background other than English, or do you speak a language other than English at home?  Yes  No

Additional comments (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you living with a disability?  Yes  No

Additional comments (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to attend all the meeting dates between 4.30pm and approx. 9pm?  Yes  No

Are you in Year 11 in 2019?  Yes  No

Subjects being studied in Year 11: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE ATTACH NO MORE THAN ONE A4 PAGE ADDRESSING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Why would you like to be an MTC Ambassador?
2. What aspects of theatre are you most interested in and why? (e.g. acting, writing, costumes, lighting)
3. Describe your involvement in extra-curricular theatre at school and/or in your community:  
Do you perform roles onstage, work behind the scenes, or both?
4. What styles of theatre do you enjoy most and why? (e.g. naturalistic, non-naturalistic, drama, comedy, musical, classical, contemporary)
5. What's the best production you've ever seen (small or large, amateur or professional) and what was it that made it so memorable?

## FOR THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

'I hereby consent to my child/ward applying for the 2019 MTC Ambassadors program'.

I agree with the course conditions, as outlined in this brochure.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By completing this form, you agree to receive communications from Melbourne Theatre Company.  
Your data will be handled securely in accordance with our privacy policy, and you may opt-out of communications at any time.

**FOR THE NOMINATING TEACHER TO COMPLETE**

Nominated Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the student in Year 11 in 2019?  Yes  No

Are you related to the student that you are nominating?  Yes  No Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW. FEEL FREE TO ADD AN EXTRA PAGE IF NEEDED.**

1. Why do you believe that this student is the best candidate for the MTC Ambassadors program from your school?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Please describe the student's level of maturity and reliability in relation to extra-curricular commitments.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

3. How do you think the student would benefit from taking part in the MTC Ambassadors program?  
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4. Do you think the student would be willing to share their experiences at MTC with members of the school community?  
Is there any forum for this kind of sharing within the school? (e.g. school newsletter, assembly)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019**

Please send the completed nomination form to:  
Email: [education@mtc.com.au](mailto:education@mtc.com.au)

**Or post to:**  
Education Coordinator  
Melbourne Theatre Company  
252 Sturt Street  
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE MTC  
EDUCATION TEAM ON 03 8688 0974.**

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