



# FIRST PEOPLES YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAM

2021 APPLICATION FORM

A one-of-a-kind creative learning initiative for  
young First Nations people

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'This program was more than I expected – very eye opening to the theatre industry. All the love and learning I got from this program will definitely stay with me. Being in the rehearsal rooms at MTC HQ was amazing – I felt at home and like I was meant to be there.'

SHANIQUA, 2017 PARTICIPANT

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Now in its sixth year this is a one-of-a-kind program with MTC is offered in partnership with the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development at VCA, and YIRRAMBOI. The program is generously enabled with support from The John and Myriam Wylie Foundation.

Participants will explore potential career pathways in the creative industries as well as develop their own ideas, skills and confidence through practical workshops and performance work.

The program will cover all aspects of making theatre - from finding a story through to how to best share it with an audience. Participants are guided and supported the whole way by teaching artists and industry professionals, and will see a variety of shows to inspire their own work.

## BLOCK 1 – DEVELOPING STORY

Discover stories, write scripts, create dialogue and develop characters.

## BLOCK 2 – EXPLORING DESIGN

Learn about a designer's process and experiment with costume, set, sound and lighting in practical workshops.

## BLOCK 3 – DIRECTING & PERFORMANCE

Develop performing and directing skills and build confidence.

## WHEN AND WHERE?

### BLOCK 1

Mon 28 June – Friday 2 July  
10am–5pm daily  
Southbank Theatre

### BLOCK 2

Mon 27 Sept – Friday 1 Oct  
10am–5pm daily  
MTC Headquarters

### BLOCK 3

Mon 29 Nov – Fri 3 Dec  
10am–5pm daily  
Southbank Theatre

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people aged between 16 – 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

Accommodation (with shared facilities) can be provided for regional participants and an accompanying parent/guardian for those under 18.

Travel can also be provided for regional participants.

## MEALS

Lunch is provided each week day of the program. Meals outside of the program hours will be at the participants expense.

## CLOSING DATE

Applications close Monday 8 March 2021

Email or post your application to:

Karin Farrell  
Email: [education@mtc.com.au](mailto:education@mtc.com.au)  
Melbourne Theatre Company  
252 Sturt Street SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

'I loved seeing shows that I otherwise couldn't have seen. Getting to see behind the scenes and meeting performers was amazing too. I feel more confident and ready to take on everything that comes my way.'

MALYAN, PARTICIPANT 2018

# Application Form

## FOR THE PARTICIPANT TO COMPLETE

Name	Preferred Name	
Address	Suburb	
State	Postcode	Date of birth: / /
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?  No  Yes Nation/Language Group (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently at school or in study?  No  Yes

Name of school/institute: \_\_\_\_\_ Year level/course being studied: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**PLACES ARE LIMITED IN THE PROGRAM SO ANSWER THE BELOW IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU CAN. ATTACH EXTRA PAGES IF YOU NEED TO.**

Why would you like to do this program?

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How would the skills and knowledge gained through the program impact yourself, your family, your peers and/or community?

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What experience have you had in the performing arts?

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Tell us about a production/performance/event you've seen that involved some kind of an audience and was memorable for you. Why?

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Tick which areas most interest you:  Writer  Performer  Director  Producer  Stage Manager  Lighting  Sound  Other

Tell us about one area you've ticked and why it interests you.

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Are you able to attend all three weeks of the program?  No  Yes

**FOR THE PARTICIPANT'S REFEREE TO COMPLETE**

Ask a teacher, employer or someone you've worked with on any kind of project, to tell us more about you.

Name of referee

How do you know the applicant?

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

Can you see them taking up a role in the creative arts industry in the future?

**FOR THE PARTICIPANT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO COMPLETE**

If you are under 18 please get a parent or guardian to fill out the below and sign.

Parent/Guardian Name

Mobile

Email

I hereby consent to my child/ward applying for the 2021 First Peoples Young Artists Program. I agree with the course conditions, including their attendance for all three weeks, as outlined in this brochure.

Parent/Guardian signature

Date / /

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR PROGRAM QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT KARIN ON 0417 017 153 OR EMAIL EDUCATION@MTC.COM.AU**

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.

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