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Young Playwrights

Learn the tricks of the trade from the professionals!

Scottish Youth Theatre, Scotland's National Theatre 'for & by' young people, is delighted to introduce their Young Playwrights course for script enthusiasts aged 16-25.

The course will help develop existing skills whilst learning more about writing for performance. Professional playwright, BAFTA nominated David Cosgrove, will offer guidance in developing scripts for stage, TV, film or radio.

David Cosgrove is a writer with significant experience, SYT Productions has toured nationally and internationally with three of his plays; "Dying for It", "When a Star Falls" and "Geordie". These were developed alongside members of the youth theatre.

Thanks to funding from the Labyrinth Trust the course is **free**. The Labyrinth Trust focuses on children and youth; working quietly behind the scenes. They fund small things that could not happen without their support.

If you live outside of Glasgow, please don't let that prevent you from applying. Travel expenses may be available for distant travellers, so please get in touch.

The first weekend will consist of a master class with David and the second day SYT Productions will get your script on its feet. There will be set tasks relating to the development of your script, that you will have to have completed in preparation for weekend two.

You will work on your script with actors, director and mentor in the second weekend. This will work towards a rehearsed reading of sections of your script.

"This is a fantastic opportunity, allowing us to identify and develop potential new talent amongst young people."

Graeme Bailie, The Labyrinth Trust.

So if you have an idea you want to develop or simply a passion to see your words on stage, then this is the course for you. Throughout the course you will also get the chance to see members of SYT Productions bring your work to life.

Young Playwrights runs over two weekends, the 21-22 March and 25-26 April. To apply download an application form from www.scottishyouththeatre.org or call us on 0141 552 3988.

After sending in your application you should provide us with an A4 sheet of prose (synopsis of an idea for a play or character monologue) or a scene (5-6 pages). We must receive this by 1st March and should be e-mailed to: young.playwrights@scottishyouththeatre.org

Please note there are a limited number of spaces available, so do not hesitate sending in your application!

Ends.

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