

Blackburn Empire Theatre in Association with Pendle Productions
Present

The Academy 2018/ 2019

Summer 2018

Film School and Movie Making week working with a professional movie Director
30th July - August 3rd 2018



Musical Theatre Week (West End And Broadway Musical)

6th – 10th August 2018

Based around “Matilda”

Roald Dahl’s

Matilda

Summer Pantomime

13th – 17th August 2018

“Aladdin”

ALADDIN

October Half Term

22nd & 23rd October 2018 Half term taster sessions

Easter Musical 15th – 18th April 2019



Blackburn Empire Theatre, Aqueduct Road, Blackburn , BB2 4HT
Tel 01254 685500

Who are we?

The Blackburn Empire Theatre is a professional theatre staging a variety of professional and amateur work throughout the year. Pendle Productions are a nationally recognised professional Theatre and Arts Company who have been touring and performing across the UK since 1985. Both organisations have come together to provide the best instruction and experiences for young people in the best environment with first class facilities.

The Academy is now in its 6th successful year and is a professionally led performance, actor, technical film-making and musical performer training company for young people. All our activities are designed to be a fun way of learning new skills, making new friends and exploring the arts. All our staff are fully qualified and experienced practitioners who work professionally in the Theatre/Film/ Television/ Radio industries. We have DBS checks on staff and are fully insured to work with children.

What do we do?

We work together with young people to create professional quality performances and experiences in the arts, while teaching the skills and knowledge necessary to further enjoy their artistic activities.

We run Summer and Holiday projects, through which young people work on one project for a whole week presenting a final project to the public in the main house theatre on the final day.

We also run taster sessions each Easter and October where you can sign up to try out and learn new skills whilst working with industry professionals. These taster sessions are a fun way to experience, learn, develop and explore.

2018/2019 Programme

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Further Details

30th July – 3rd August 2018 Film School and Movie Making week Film premiere on Friday night (15 Minutes)

Whether behind the camera as a director, writer and camera person or in front of the camera as an actor, dancer and singer you will have the opportunity of working with one of this country's leading award winning film makers. You will work and develop your own unscripted or scripted films while learning vital screen-acting and film-making techniques. At the end of the rehearsal period you will be able to film under the supervision of a professional director and actor trainers. The high quality film will then be premiered in the Theatre on the Friday evening. So it doesn't matter if you want to perform or work in the back room this workshop week will be just for you. Young actors benefit from the expertise of our professionals in the Film & TV industry, as well as the specialist skills of experienced actor trainers.

6th - 10th August 2018

Musical Theatre Week

"The Musical Theatre week with a heavy emphasis on teaching musical theatre skills and performance from the musical theatre world. This workshop is also for those who would like to work on their technical production skills, as there will be opportunities to work on set design, lighting and sound. So if you're a budding musical performer, dancer, singer or actor this workshop will be right up your street. Come to our West End or Broadway theatre presentation on the Friday evening. (40 minute minimum show.) Following the success of "Return to the Forbidden Planet", "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown", "Blood Brothers" and "Barnum" in previous years we will be working this year on the West End Hit "Matilda".

13th – 17th August 2018

Summer Pantomime Aladdin

Your opportunity to star in a fully produced pantomime (Performance) on the Friday night.

Scripted by Pendle Productions own Artistic Director you will be taught all the skills you require to take part in the Blackburn Empire Theatre's fifth Summer Pantomime. You could be playing Aladdin, Wishee Washee, The Wicked Abanazar, Princess Jasmine, Emperor, Fairy of the Ring, Genie or one of the Comic Policemen. With a public performance on the Friday evening this workshop week will be sure to be the smash hit of the summer.

October 2018

"Adventures in the Arts" Taster Days

22nd & 23rd October

Blackburn Empire Theatre in association with Pendle Productions (Professional Theatre and Pantomime Producer) launch this exciting opportunity for young people to work with professionals from the Theatre and Television industries and discover, learn and explore new skills in the Arts.

There will be workshops run over two days and each Arts Explorer will have the opportunity to choose (at registration) two workshops to take part in each day. Registration will be at 9 am and the workshops will run from 9.30 am -12.30 pm and 1.15 pm – 4.15 PM. There will also be the opportunity for the individual workshop groups to show to each other the arts work produced during the day from 4.30 pm – 5 pm. Collection by parents will be at 5 pm from the Performing Arts Building Booking Office at the back of the Blackburn Empire Theatre. All Arts students must bring a packed lunch and refreshments for the day, as there will be no access off site during the day. Workshops aimed at age 7 - 18 years.

Workshop Staff will include Tim Lince (Artistic Director of Pendle Productions, BBC and International Theatre Director), Callum Arnott (Television, Theatre Actor and Director), Danielle Edwards (Actress, Choreographer) as well as other specialist staff from the BBC and other media organizations.

£60 if booked in advance
£75 if booked on the day of Events

Easter 2019 13th – 18th April 2019 *“The Secret Garden”*



This is an intense week, full of creative and physical challenges, but you'll come away having made great friends and experienced the thrill of working in a professional theatre.

Are you ready for the challenge? Probably the most exciting thing 7-18 year olds can do during the Easter holidays this year. In the course of just one week, we will rehearse and perform a musical production of “ The Secret Garden”. Everything from, rehearsing and performing the final show will be done in just four days.

Dates: Monday 15th – 18th April 2018 (4 days) Times: 9.30 am to 5pm each day (Registration from 9 am each day)

Performance: Thurs 18th April at 5 pm Where? The Blackburn Empire Theatre, Aqueduct Road, Blackburn. BB2 4HT

Who's it for? Anyone aged 7 to 18 years old

Price: £95 per person for the four days (Booked by March 1st) £110 if booked after March 1st. Save 25% on the cost of a second or third child

Places are limited so book your place now!

01254 685500

Return the attached booking form to the box office to secure your place

- PLEASE NOTE: Once a place has been booked on this week you will receive a telephone call or email from a member of our staff with a full pack of information to complete so that we have more details about your child.
- The workshop is in partnership with The Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions.
- You can purchase tickets on The Blackburn Empire Theatre website at www.blackburnempiretheatre.co.uk

Booking office and administration

Tel 01254 685500

These workshops are for you if you are full of ideas, love theatre and want to learn from industry professionals

Your child will receive-

- an opportunity to learn and explore in a fun environment
- a place in the cast of the final presentations
- first class training from well qualified and experienced industry and Arts professionals
- the opportunity to see personal ideas become public reality
- work experience with a professional director and team
- Full supervision by professional, qualified staff
- 2 complimentary tickets to the final presentations (of the workshop you have participated in) for Musical Theatre week and Film presentations only
- 2 reduced cost tickets to the Pantomime performances on the 17th of August 2018

Are there any unseen costs?

There are no added costs.

Your child will be expected to wear working clothes (Tee shirt and trousers or dance wear if that option is taken) and appropriate shoes.

Your child will be expected to bring refreshments and lunch for themselves every day.

What should I do next?

If this sounds like the right kind of workshop for you, then please print out the attached documents, complete and return them with your payment, to the address below. This will secure your place on the Easter workshops, Summer or October

Payment is made payable to **The Blackburn Empire Theatre**
Summer Academy & Adventures in the Arts
Blackburn Empire Theatre
Box Office
Aqueduct Road,
Blackburn,
Lancashire.
BB2 4HT
Tel 01254 685500
www.blackburnempire.com

PASTORAL CARE AND BOOKING FORM (LOCO PARENTIS)

Must be returned at time of booking.

CHILD DETAILS

Child Full Name: _____

Gender: _____

Date of Birth and age at the time of the workshop: _____

Please indicate in the boxes the workshops you wish to book:

1. SA Film School and Movie Making Week 30th July – 3rd August 2018
2. SA Musical Theatre Week. 6th -10th August 2018
3. SA Pantomime Week 13th – 17th August 2018
4. Adventures in the Arts 22nd & 23rd October 2018
5. Easter Performance week 15th – 18th April 2019.

PARENT DETAILS

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Home Tel: _____

Work Tel: _____

Email: _____

Mobile: _____

Please state your relationship with the child: Parent / Guardian / Other

Does the child reside at this address? YES / NO

MEDICAL CARE

Family Doctor's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone:

Known medical conditions/allergies

Previous serious illnesses

Medication taken on a regular basis

Please circle your answer

Does your child have a statement of special educational needs or require more supervision than expected of their peer group?

YES / NO / UNSURE

If yes, please let us have details.

Other than understanding English, are you aware of any reason why your child may be unable to understand or comply with specific safety instructions at any time?

YES / NO / UNSURE

I give consent for this medical information to be communicated to appropriate members of Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions staff

Please tick

PHOTOGRAPHS and FILM

Due to the nature of work in the Arts, your child will be photographed and filmed regularly throughout the Workshops. Images of workshop participants are always used with care. They are taken for such

purposes as part of training, of publicity, of documentary evidence and of art.

The images will be used in various forms: In the screening of a final product, in promotional literature and on the company website.

The next form is a standard industry tool commonly known as an “actors release form” It says much the same as the above 2 paragraphs, but is in much more legal language. Please take your time to read and understand the content of the form, which is effectively a parental permission form for us to use your child’s image and recordings sensitively as part of our work.

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS & SUMMER WORKSHOP WEEKS

I, _____(full name), parent/guardian of
_____(full name),

give/do not give* consent for my child to be filmed and photographed at appropriate times by Pendle Productions representatives, during their participation in the Blackburn Empire Theatre’s Workshop Programme (2017/ 2018).

I give/do not give* my consent for The Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions to use photographs, moving image and voice recordings from the 2018/2019 workshop season, occasionally and sensitively on promotional materials, press releases and the Blackburn Empire Theatre website.

Neither my child nor I will contest or retract these permissions at a later date. Nor will my child nor I try to recover sums of money from The Blackburn Empire Theatre or Pendle Productions with respect to photographs, or moving images, or voice recordings taken, during the 2018/ 2019 Workshop Programme.

This agreement contains the full and complete understanding between myself, Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions. It supersedes all prior understandings and agreements between us and cannot be modified except by written agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Print Name _____

Name of Child _____

Age of Child at time of Signing _____

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Code of Conduct is based upon mutual respect and tolerance. The Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions workshop programme is about safely having fun, making friends and trying new & positive experiences. We insist that our code is followed at all times.

As an organisation we are also committed to and support anti-bullying campaigns and will not tolerate anti-social practices whenever and wherever it occurs. We therefore insist that if any parent/guardian has concerns or is aware of a history of a child being unable to comply with points raised within our Code then we should be contacted immediately. We will carefully consider matters and advise on whether we feel the 2018/ 2019 workshop programme is an appropriate choice with particular references to such considerations as access, successful participation and health & safety.

We reserve the right to exclude any child if their behaviour is incompatible with the general enjoyment and well-being of others. We fully support the National Anti-Bullying Campaign and will not tolerate bullying of any kind in our *Company*. We reserve the right to decline to accept or cancel any membership, at any time, prior to or during the course, if in our reasonable opinion the behaviour of that child is or may be disruptive, dangerous, or incompatible with the general enjoyment of other members.

Please discuss these important points with your child and sign below. Our Code of Conduct helps ensure that your child has a safe, happy and memorable experience with our 2018/ 2019 Workshop programme. Behaviour deemed inappropriate includes, but is not limited to:

- Threatening behaviour, offensive or insulting language to other members.
- Underage consumption of alcohol or smoking.
- Suspected involvement with illegal drugs.
- Fostering an inappropriate relationship with another member.
- Theft, vandalism or illegal activities.
- Bullying (in any form) which adversely affects the enjoyment of another member.

We strive to ensure that our Workshop Programme is a very special experience, a truly inclusive environment, where children of all ages and backgrounds have the opportunity to become part of a wider family and where trust is fostered and rewarded.

Please sign below to show that you understand and agree to the Code of Conduct

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____

CHILD'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions are committed to excellence in all aspects of its undertaking, including its management of Health & Safety.

All our Staff are fully qualified for the fields in which they work and have full safeguarding qualifications, enhanced DBS checks and full insurance to work with children.

In addition to its statutory obligations for Health & Safety at work, we acknowledge the special responsibilities we hold for the Health & Safety, well-being and welfare of the young people and others who participate in our activities.

Our general policy is to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the Health & Safety at work of our staff and the Health & Safety of our members and any other persons who may be affected by our undertaking.

We will comply, as a minimum, with the requirements of relevant Health & Safety legislation, approved codes of practice and, as appropriate, guidance published by the Health and Safety Executive and/or other recognised industry bodies.

We will seek to continually improve our Health & Safety performance in order to raise standards and reduce the potential for occupational injuries and/or cases of ill-health.

Our objective is to achieve a business culture with a 'zero tolerance' to unnecessary Health & Safety hazards and risks and, thereby, reduce the incidence of accidents, incidents and/or cases of occupational ill-health.

Our commitment is to minimise unnecessary hazards and risks and ensure that Health & Safety actively contributes to the success of the business, and will be supported by ensuring the real engagement of our employees and, as necessary, others in delivering good Health & Safety.

Our staff and, as appropriate, others will be made aware of our Health & Safety policy and our commitment to its effective implementation; and their responsibility to support the business in its effective implementation.

We will supply, on request:

Enhanced DBS documents

Public liability insurance documents

Staff Qualification Documents

Child Safeguarding Documents

Risk Assessments

ANTI BULLYING POLICY

We believe that every child has an equal right **to have a fantastic time with us and for that reason always keep a close eye on any teasing or bullying or other anti-social behaviour that may affect another member's experience with us.**

Fortunately these instances are uncommon. **However please do tell your children that if this does happen then they should quietly inform their Workshop leader or any other member of the Team immediately. If they tell you during the course of any experiences such as this, then please check whether we have been advised and if not, then please tell us as soon as possible. We will take immediate steps to rectify this. We have firm rules in place and will act in regard to any child who is wilfully spoiling another Company members' enjoyment.**

If problem behaviour is persistent or serious, we will contact the parent or guardian to decide on further action. We reserve the right to immediately send home any child at parent/guardians' expense and to charge for any additional costs incurred (after contact is made with parent or guardian). No refunds will be considered for any children sent home for behavioural reasons. Children will be asked to pay for any damage deliberately caused to any Blackburn Empire Theatre or Pendle Productions equipment.

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We pride ourselves on the easy going and fun atmosphere that prevails at all our workshops. We therefore insist that the parent / guardian or other person acting in "loco parentis" fully advise us when booking, of any illness, disability, social or behavioural problems that a youngster currently has or has recently experienced, which might affect the youngster or other guests during their workshop experience..

This advice must also be confirmed in writing at the earliest opportunity. We will carefully consider matters and advise you whether we have the staff and facilities to provide an appropriate experience in these circumstances, with particular reference to such considerations as access, successful participation and health and safety.

We always reserve the right to exclude any person after workshop commencement if his/her behaviour is incompatible with the general enjoyment and well-being of others. In these circumstances, collection would be entirely the responsibility and at the expense of the person acting in "loco parentis," to whom any costs for damage and other expenses incurred would also be charged.

PAYMENT DETAILS

1. The total payment for Summer Academy workshop weeks

Workshop Weeks £120 each week if booked and paid for by 1st June 2018
£130 each week if paid for between June 1st and start date.

If three weeks workshops are booked and paid for before 1st June Total cost £300
If three weeks workshops are booked and paid for between June 1st and start date £340

2. The total payment for “Adventures in the Arts” October Taster Days is:-

£60 if the both days are pre booked. By the 15th of September 2018

There will be a £70 cost of booking on the day of the Course.

Full payment is required when booking the “Adventures in the Arts” days.

3. Easter “The Secret Garden” the Musical

£95 if booked by March 1st 2019

£110 if booked between March 1st and the 13th of April 2019

Terms

You can pay by cheque/credit card or arrange to transfer money directly.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have Email: admin@pendleproductions.co.uk

Many thanks for the time you have taken to complete this form and to go over the relevant points with your child. Though it may seem extensive, I'm sure you understand that it is in the best interests of your child, with a view to the safety and enjoyment of all involved.

I would like my child to attend the 2018/ 2019 workshops run The Blackburn Empire Theatre and Pendle Productions. I have read all of the documentation concerning the Workshops, and I have filled in and signed the relevant documents on pages 6, 7, 8, 9 & 13

I enclose a Cheque/ Payment for the workshop places reserved on page 7.

Name _____

Parent of _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please address documents to:

Blackburn Empire Theatre
Workshop Programme
Aqueduct Road,
Blackburn
BB2 4HT

Box Office 01254 685500

Please let us know where you heard about these workshops.

Parents Comments after the 2017 Academies

These are some of the parents' comments returned on the feedback forms to the theatre after the Summer Academy in 2017.

'Amazing, Exciting & Inspirational'

'He absolutely loved it, made friends and was buzzing at the end of the day'

'Fantastic final performance, amazed this was put together in 5 days'

'Wish it was longer than 3 weeks as the kids loved it and stops them being bored'

'Very Imaginative'

'The enthusiasm of the participants and the quality of what was produced says it all, well done!'

'Your Movie week was excellent & would even have come if it cost a lot more'

'Summer Pantomime, the best one yet & thoroughly enjoyable'

'Excellent'

'The final performance exceeded expectations'

'A good solid start for anybody interested in the Arts'

'Brilliant experience'

Why not join the unique theatre and film experience that is the, "Summer Academy", Adventures in the Arts October workshops and the Easter family Musical "The Secret Garden" all run by Pendle Productions in association with the Blackburn Empire Theatre.