

# JUTE ACTORS STUDIO



Professional Pathways Program, Schedule, Terms and Conditions.

<b>JUTE ACTORS STUDIO PATHWAYS PROGRAM</b> <b>*2024 SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>MONDAYS</b> <b>29 January - 17 June 2024*</b> Studio B, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre 4pm to 6pm *Excluding April School Holidays <i>Exception due to public holiday on Monday, May 6, when the class will be moved to Tuesday May 7, 4-6pm.</i>
	<b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>1 February – 13 June 2024*</b> Studio B, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre 4pm to 6pm * Excluding April School Holidays <i>Exception due to public holiday on Thursday April 25, when the class will be moved to Tuesday April 23, 4-6pm</i>
<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>MONDAYS</b> <b>8 July – 30 November 2024*</b> Studio B, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre 4pm to 6pm *Excluding first week of June School Holidays but the second week of June school holiday there is a planned 1-week creative development, see below * Also excluding September School holidays <i>* Exception due to public holidays on Monday October 7 class when the class will be moved to Tuesday October 8, 2024</i>
	<b>THURSDAYS</b> <b>11 July – 21 November 2024</b> Studio B, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre 9.00am – 11.00am Studio B, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre 4pm to 6pm *Excluding first week of June School Holidays but the second week of June school holiday there is a planned 1-week creative development, see below (TBA) * Also excluding September School holidays
<b>Creative Developments</b>	<b>MONDAY- FRIDAY 1 - 5 July 2024 - TBC</b> Studio B, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre 9am to 5pm (June School Holidays)

<b>JUTE Actors Studio Annual Production Season</b>	<b>29 – 30 November 2024 (2- 3 performances)</b> Theatre, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre NB: The week of November 25 -28 is the tech/dress week of the production and actors may be asked to do additional rehearsals in the evening if necessary.
<b>Performance TIMES</b>	<b>FRIDAY – OPENING NIGHT – 29 November</b> Theatre, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre <b>Show time:</b> 7pm <b>Call time:</b> 5.30pm
	<b>SATURDAY - CLOSING NIGHT – 30 November</b> Theatre, Bulmba-ja Arts Centre <b>Show:</b> 7pm <b>Call Time:</b> 5.30pm

\* Please note, this schedule is subject to change and we ask that the actors be as flexible as possible with any changes required for reasons out of JUTE’s control such as pandemic requirements, venue issues or facilitator illness. Wherever possible JUTE will seek to provide an alternative time to make up for any sessions missed but the company cannot provide partial refunds if an actor is not able to attend any rescheduled sessions. Extra rehearsals may be added as needed – closer to the date of the production.

**PARTICIPANT ACTOR & PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT**

Please read the following Terms and Conditions:

- All actors must attend **all** rehearsals and performances, unless granted prior permission by the program coordinator, Kathryn Ash. Some activities are optional, but the actors should lock in the dates for the regular weekly classes and be aware of the commitment of end of year rehearsals and performances.
- No medical certificate is required if an actor is unwell and unable to attend a single session, but please contact the JUTE Office on 07 4281 6832 at your earliest convenience to inform the company of the absence.
- **Regular attendance is a critical requirement, however. Should the actor fail to attend more than two sessions without notifying the co-ordinator and/or without reason, their place in the program is jeopardised. If the participant is not meeting the requirements of the program due to overcommitment in other areas of their life or a lack of consistent effort in class, they may be asked to leave and their place in the program will be filled by another.**
- Actors must not attend if they are ill or have COVID-19 related symptoms and/or are COVID-19 positive. This includes all workshop and sessions.
- Actors agree to always follow the instructions of venue staff. If actors do not comply with protocols or authorised requests when on the venue premises, they may be asked to leave immediately without refund or further recourse.

- Actors and Parents/Guardians acknowledge that while the venue has taken all reasonable health and safety precautions to keep participants, staff, visitors safe, actors enter the venue at their own risk without recourse against the venue regarding health outcomes.s
- Cost of the program (for over 200 hours of tuition) is \$4373.00, incl. GST.

## PROGRAM CONTENT

**The JUTE Actors Studio Professional Pathways Program is an intensive 12-month program of professional actor training.**

Facilitator **Amber Grossmann** will lead all sessions. She will also be in attendance for all workshops. She will be the director of the end of year season of performances.

The training will focus on building solid acting skills which will transfer to actors working on a variety of texts and devised work throughout the year.

The program has not yet decided on a performance text for the JUTE Actors Studio Annual Production. However, the text will *reflect contemporary teenage issues and themes*. Theatre is a mirror which reflects the truth of our world, be that good or bad. This means that to honour the truth of common teenage experiences, at times the texts used throughout the year and in the script chosen for the final youth mainstage performance season *may* contain material such as the following:

- MA+ 15 rating material
- Coarse language
- References to sex and diverse gender identity
- References to drug use and alcohol use, including depiction of alcohol use.
- Scenes depicting relationships that are sexual in nature (but not explicit)
- Implicit and/or non-explicit violence or verbally abusive behaviours
- Themes of mental health issues and/ or poor life choices

Amber Grossmann, director of the production and co-facilitator, has training in creating and facilitating safe working spaces for young people, placing care around traumatic issues affecting young people, and ensuring opportunities for adequate debriefing is offered to actors participating in the safe telling of stories that include traumatic events. All care will be given to ensure the wellbeing and safety of the participating actors.

We emphasise *that great care will be exercised around any performance and presentation of difficult or confronting teenage issues and problematic teenage behaviour*. The program seeks to give teenage actors an opportunity to work with material that is both resonant and representative of their everyday life experience but in no way seeks to normalise or legitimise dangerous behaviour or poor life choices. The text used will be fully supportive of the responsibilities we should have for health and safety awareness, appropriate age behaviour and responsible practice for young people under the age of 18. We further add that content warnings regarding any troubling issues expressed in the end-of-year production will be prominently displayed in all advertising of the public performances.

**Actors, by signing this document:**

- you are acknowledging you have read and understood the above schedule and conditions.
- you agree to the conditions of the program

**If the actor is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign this document.**

Parents and Guardians, by signing this document:

- you are acknowledging you have read and understood the above schedule and conditions.
- you give permission for your child to audition for the JUTE Actors Studio's Professional Pathways program.
- you acknowledge that you are aware of the cost of the 2024 program which includes over 200 hours of tuition is \$4373.00, incl. GST. (Payment plans are available)
- you give your permission for your child to participate in the program, should their audition be successful, with the clear understanding that the material used during the year and the end-of-year production may contain some dramatic young adult themes common to and resonant with the experiences of teenagers aged 15-18.

**Young Actor's Name (Please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Young Actor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**