



**The Biz Theatre Summer School Production –  
Mon 13 – Sat 25 Aug 2018**



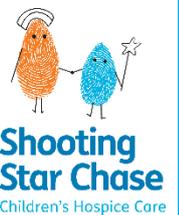
**One of the world's best-known  
and meow-velous musicals!**



**Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber**

Our Summer Production is a unique summer holiday performance opportunity produced by The Biz Theatre School and Biz Productions, culminating in fully staged performances of **CATS** at The Rhoda McGaw Theatre in Woking. Following on from The Biz Theatre's critically acclaimed productions of Hairspray (2017) Into The Woods (2016), Phantom of The Opera (2015), Les Misérables (2014), Grease (2013), Footloose (2012), West Side Story (2011) etc, **CATS** will be our fourteenth youth production.

The Biz Theatre School and Biz Productions have consistently delivered high quality West End style performances, and as such we have achieved national recognition from our productions (please see our web site). With a top professional creative team to produce the show including Director and Producer Erika Vincent, and Musical Director Sam Coates, The Biz will once again hire in a professional set and employ a full live orchestra to ensure that our youth productions are always of the very best possible quality and an unforgettable experience for all of our young cast taking part. Once again we will be raising money for **SHOOTING STAR CHASE**.



**Book your AUDITION now for this 2 week professional Musical Theatre training course, concluding with fully staged performances of the fantastic musical CATS at The RHODA MCGAW Theatre Woking. Working with a top West End Production team with professional scenery, costumes and a live orchestra. All principal & ensemble parts open! Ages 8-21**

Cats, one of the longest-running shows in West End and Broadway history, received its world premiere at the New London Theatre in 1981, where it played for 21 record-breaking years and almost 9,000 performances. The groundbreaking production was the winner of the Olivier and Evening Standard Awards for Best Musical. Cats has been presented in over 30 countries, translated into 16 languages and seen by more than 73 million people worldwide. Originally directed by Trevor Nunn and featuring musical staging by Gillian Lynne, the all-singing, all-dancing Tony-winning musical spectacular is set amongst a larger-than-life junkyard playground and is alive with purr-fect felines including Rum Tum Tugger, Mr. Mistoffelees, Macavity, Jennyanydots, Old Deuteronomy, Skimbleshanks and Grizabella. The Jellicle Cats come out to play on one special night of the year—the night of the Jellicle Ball. One by one they tell their stories for the amusement of Old Deuteronomy, their wise and benevolent leader, who must choose one of the Cats to ascend to The Heavise Layer and be reborn into a whole new Jellicle life.

**REHEARSALS** for **CATS** take place at Christ College, Guildford (first week) and at The Rhoda McGaw Theatre (second week) with three performances of **CATS** at the end of the 2 weeks. We have only 50 places available for young people aged 8-21 years to be in our cast of **CATS**. To audition for **CATS** you must be available for all rehearsal dates, between **Mon 13 – Sat 25 August 2018**. (N.B. We will not rehearse on the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August).

**What do you need to be in this production?** We are looking for a cast with energy, fun, stage presence, good vocal ability, movement and the dedication to give what it takes to be in musical theatre. You will be given an exciting opportunity to perform in the production under the guidance of West End professionals, as part of the Biz Theatre School's Summer School Production. With a time constraint of only 2 weeks, it will be exciting to see the musical taking shape. The students will be involved in acting, singing and dancing. It will be hard work but with a strong emphasis on enjoyment for all! We will produce an exciting show and we will endeavour to ensure that the 2 weeks are great fun! The course, which takes place Monday to Friday between 9 am and 4 pm, (plus extra rehearsals 2nd week) will help the participants to develop confidence and performance skills and comprises of 10 days of enthusiastic and busy rehearsals and preparation towards the climax of performances on the Friday and the Saturday in the theatre, utilising the skills learned during the course.

Places to take part in **CATS** are by audition only, no previous musical theatre experience is necessary, but you must be talented and prepared to sing, dance and act in front of a panel at your audition and a love of performing is essential. We will also hold re-call auditions for those who we are considering for a principal role.

#### **Audition Information:**

**DATE: SATURDAY 19TH MAY TIME: 12.30-2PM WHERE: Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford, GU1 1JY (In The Duke of Edinburgh Theatre)**

Parents are welcome to wait in the College outside the auditions, parents will not be allowed to accompany children into their audition. We expect the auditions to last for approximately one and a half hours. There will be a licensed chaperone present on the day to supervise children auditioning and to supervise anyone waiting to be collected.

#### **Audition Criteria**

You must be aged 8 up to the age of 21

- You must be prepared to sing, dance and act at your audition in front of the panel and other people auditioning
- You must be available for all dates of the project outlined above
- You must be able to get yourself to and from Christ's College for rehearsals and Rhoda McGaw Theatre for show performances

**Auditions are by application only and forms must be received by The Biz Theatre before the audition date. Please note that due to the volume of audition application forms we receive you may not receive an acknowledgement back from us, you just need to turn up at the correct time on the 19th May.**

**The Biz CATS Fees** If you are successful at your audition, the fees to take part in **CATS** are:

£275 if you confirm by the **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**. (£325 after that date) and includes Rehearsals, hire of scripts, music, most costumes, Chaperones, Souvenir T-Shirt and performances at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre.

If you are successful at your audition you will be notified by email and you will be required to pay a deposit of **£95** by **28<sup>th</sup> May** to secure your place, with the remainder due to be paid by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**.

**To perform in CATS you may also be required to provide, and on some occasions purchase a small amount of costume items such as shoes. We will endeavour to keep costs down as much as possible.**

Please note that we do have a limited number of bursaries available to cast members. The bursaries are awarded to those who apply from the lowest income families to cover the participant fee. Application forms will be available on request once you have successfully auditioned.

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### Frequently asked questions:

**How to register** Please complete the application form below in full and return by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** to: THE BIZ COLUMBYNE HOUSE, PINE ROAD, WOKING, SURREY GU22 0DX. Or alternatively you can fill in or scan and email your application to [enquiries@thebizgroup.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@thebizgroup.co.uk)

**How much does it cost to audition?** Auditions are completely free of charge. If selected to take part in CATS there will be a fee as outlined above, bursaries are available.

**Does everyone who applies get an audition?** Yes, if you register for an audition by returning the application form along to us by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** you are eligible to audition on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May**, please note that due to the number of applications we receive you may not get a confirmation acknowledgement of your application form. Just turn up to the audition as above!

**Do I need to prepare anything for my audition?** We recommend that you have a basic knowledge of the most popular songs from *CATS* prior to your audition and be prepared to sing, dance and read a few lines. Full casting and audition details attached.

**What do I need to wear for my audition?** Please make sure you wear loose comfortable clothing that you can dance in and trainers or dance shoes. Please keep jewellery to a minimum and if you have long hair please tie this back.

**What is a re-call?** Selected auditionees will be invited to attend our re-call auditions. The re-call auditions are to cast the principal roles in *CATS*. If you have not been asked to attend the re-call day you may still have been cast in an ensemble role and please note that the director's decision is final.

**What happens after my audition?** You will be emailed with information on whether you have been given a role in *CATS*, are on our reserve list (in case any places become available) or whether you have been unsuccessful.

**Tickets** for the performances will be on sale from March onwards. Ticket prices are expected to be around £16 each (including 50p theatre restoration levy). It is hoped that any profits from the performances will go to **SHOOTINGSTAR CHASE, CHILDREN'S HOSPICE FOR SURREY**. We have already raised over **£34,000** for local Charities with our previous productions.

### Reviews from the last few productions:

*Absolutely fantastic show! Well done to everyone!!!! Thanks again - it is the highlight of her year and she gains so much from taking part!*

*Congratulations on the performance last night. It was fantastic and we were so impressed by what you've achieved in such a short time frame. One lady we spoke to said that she has been to many youth productions but this is by far the best that she's ever seen.*

*Last night was fantastic, you have a very talented cast but I don't know how you managed to produce such a difficult musical to such a professional standard in such a short time frame. I went with a friend last night who is a professional theatre critic, she was very impressed and we drove home just marvelling at how you managed to do it. It was better than many professional productions I have seen.*

### From Local Press:

*The Director is to be highly commended for leading such a fine and polished production with just a ten day rehearsal period. Being ambitious paid off for The Biz with their 10<sup>th</sup> Summer School Production. The audience was on its feet at the curtain call and applause was fully deserved for both the cast and the production team.* **Surrey Advertiser**

*"Talent is the Word for Theatre School-Musical fans were dazzled as young performers from The Biz Theatre School's summer school performed the hit show Grease at The Rhoda McGaw Theatre...The intensive preparations paid off as they delivered a professional production.* **Surrey Advertiser**

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# THE BIZ

Please note terms and conditions

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- I understand that, if offered a place in the Company for 2018 the student is required to attend all rehearsals and performances. Students will need to be available for 2 weeks - all day Monday Friday from **9.00 am – 4 pm**. N.B. some cast and principals may be required to stay later second week tbc.
- Week 1 will be at **Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1JY**. (Fantastic performing arts facilities conveniently situated between Woking and Guildford and near to A3) Week 2 will be at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre (from Monday for production days).
- In addition to the rehearsals there will be performances at the theatre on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7.15pm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 2.15pm and 7.15pm** (also dress rehearsal **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 7.15pm**)
- The course will start at **9.00am** every morning and finishes promptly at **4pm** (until Week 2 when they may be asked to stay later). Arrangements must be made for the above named to be collected at the stated time of finish of any given session. The Biz will not accept responsibility for any child who leaves any rehearsal premises without seeking permission from an appropriate teacher. If your child is making his or her own way home or leaving the premises at Lunchtime, you must sign permission slips. These will be provided upon acceptance and are available for candidates over the age of 12
- You must provide a full packed lunch for your child each day and snacks and drinks etc.
- The full fee is due in full before the start of the course and cannot be waived in respect to any absence. No refunds will be given.
- The Biz has the right to use both video and photographic coverage of all its students both in performance and rehearsals. The Biz has the right to publish this material in any means it feels necessary including (but not exclusive to) any printed and digital material and on the Biz website ([www.thebizgroup.co.uk](http://www.thebizgroup.co.uk)). The copyright of this material will be owned by The Biz and must not be used without written permission.
- The Biz cannot accept liability for any items lost or stolen from any venue used for rehearsal or performance.
- The Biz reserves the right to refuse admission to rehearsals and/or public performances to anyone who is disruptive or rude to any member of staff\*, whilst also reserving the right to make alterations to venues, the teaching faculty, rehearsals or castings of any show being produced.
- Personal details given on this form will be held on a database for communications only and by signing this form you are giving consent to receive communication emails

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**Training and rehearsals Monday 13th - Friday 24th August.**

**Performances Friday 24th - Saturday 25th August 2018**

**At THE RHODA MCGAW THEATRE WOKING.**

**The Biz Theatre School and Productions always welcomes new members, so come and be part of something very special!**

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**THE BIZ CATS Production Registration Form**

*Please Staple a passport type photo here*

*Please complete form in block capitals*

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** Male/ Female

**Parent/Guardian Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School/College/University Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**School/college/university you attend (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1st Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Emergency Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to child:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** (our preferred method of communication, please write as clearly as possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information/Access Requirements** Please specify any information of which we ought to be aware of e.g. asthma, allergies, injuries, hearing impairment etc

**Costume Information** Height (in ft/ins) .....ft .....in. Shoe size.....

Normal clothes size: Age..... Or Ladies dress size..... Waist..... Chest size..... Collar (boys).....

**Performance Licence Regulations** In order to comply with Surrey County Council performance licensing regulations we need to know **the number** of professional performances (if any) you have or will perform in between **March - Aug 2018** at a professional licensed venue such as a theatre, this does not include any school performances.

Please state how many **professional** performances you have performed in between March - Aug 2018. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note, we are asking the question for licensing reasons, not to find out how experienced you are at performing.**

Who is your local authority? (i.e. Surrey County Council) \_\_\_\_\_

**CATS Permissions:** *Please highlight/delete*

➤ I do/do not give permission for my child to leave CHRIST'S College/RHODA MCGAW Theatre unaccompanied during lunch breaks

➤ I do/do not give permission for my child to leave CHRIST'S College/RHODA MCGAW Theatre unaccompanied at the end of the day

*Please note that if you have marked I do not give permission for my child to leave venue unaccompanied at the end of the day then we will expect a parent/guardian to personally collect your child from our chaperones at the end of the day. We will not be able to allow your child to meet you anywhere off site. If you intend for your child to leave our building to buy themselves lunch then you must have given us permission above to allow your child to leave our buildings at lunch time. (Under 16's Only).*

**Photography and Film Consent** The Biz Theatre School, In accordance with our child protection policy we will not permit photographs, video or other images of children and young people to be taken without the consent of the guardian/carers and children. During the CATS auditions, rehearsals and performances photography and filming may take place by Biz staff and/or visiting media and official photographers for use by The Biz and/or local press

I ..... (guardian/Student over 18) consent to The Biz Theatre photographing or videoing  
..... (name of child).

Signature:.....Date: .....

**DECLARATION**

**I AM THE PARENT/ GUARDIAN OF ..... I UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ABOVE AND AGREE FOR MY CHILD TO APPLY TO ATTEND THE BIZ SUMMER SCHOOL AND PRODUCTION.**

Signed ..... Date .....

Signature of parent / guardian

Parents/Guardians - I may be able to help with: backstage crew  Stage Lighting and Sound Design  Theatre usher  Wardrobe  chaperone for show performance (NOW MUST BE LICENSED)