

2012 GRIFFIN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Running successfully since 2004, Griffin Ambassadors is an annual access program for year 11 & 12 students. Drawn from a range of schools across Sydney, and united by a common interest, Ambassadors participate in a structured, one-year program of activities. Ambassadors attend all Griffin and Griffin Independent productions for free throughout the year, engage with casts and creative teams in post-show forums, explore various aspects of theatre craft in special workshops, have the opportunity to perform on the SBW Stables Theatre stage, and generally join in with the life, workings and artistic vision of a professional theatre company. With up to 100 students accepted each year, the Griffin Ambassadors program is offered free of charge to all successful applicants.

“For me Griffin’s Ambassadors program is an opportunity unmatched by any other company in Sydney, that not only allows me to expose myself to a diverse range of theatrical work without the burden of cost, but has also connected me with artists who inspire me as well as people my age with similar interests and aspirations. What it does better than any other youth-based program, is cultivate discussions and dialogues between talented theatre artists who are successfully working in the industry, and the young people who will one day be contributing to the industry themselves.” **Laura Hopkinson, Griffin Ambassador 2009/2010**

About Griffin

Griffin, resident at the SBW Stables Theatre in Kings Cross, is a leading professional theatre company developing and producing new Australian plays.

Who should apply?

Students enrolled in Year 11 or 12 in 2012 at a Sydney/NSW secondary school who are interested in script writing, directing, acting, design or stage management, or who simply love theatre.

What does the program involve?

2012 Ambassadors will:

- Attend an induction day at the start of the year to learn about Griffin’s 2012 season, the workings of the company and its artistic direction.
- Participate in exclusive Ambassador workshops (directing, acting, writing, design) taught by leading theatre practitioners.
- Attend Saturday matinee performances of each Griffin production and participate in post-show forums with cast and creatives.
- Have the opportunity to attend Griffin Independent productions (Griffin’s curated season of new international works by independent theatre companies) for free, giving a more complete view of the SBW Stables Theatre as a home for new writing and putting Griffin’s main season of new Australian works into an international context.
- Be invited to perform on the SBW Stables stage following a 24hr Play Project.
- Discover new Australian plays in an intimate and unique space and explore the issues behind the plays as a source of text for modules in the HSC English syllabus.
- Be able to share their experience of Griffin’s work with an additional free ticket given to each production and a special \$16 ticket price made available to Ambassador family and friends.
- Act as advisers to Griffin by giving feedback and providing new ideas.
- Be given support and advice on their final years of schooling and first years as theatre-makers, and access to industry professionals and archival material.

How to apply?

Interested students must complete an application form and return to Griffin together with a letter of recommendation from a teacher or theatre worker by **10 January**. Mail to *Griffin Ambassadors*, 13 Craigend Street, Kings Cross, NSW 2011, fax to 02 9331 1524 or email belinda@griffintheatre.com.au. For more information on the program visit the Education section of our website at www.griffintheatre.com.au or contact Belinda Kelly on 02 9332 1052 or belinda@griffintheatre.com.au.