

2017 GRIFFIN AMBASSADORS PROGRAM Applications Now Open

Griffin Theatre Company is seeking applications for its 2017 Ambassadors program.

Running successfully since 2004, Griffin Ambassadors is an annual access-all-areas program for Year 10, 11 & 12 students drawn from a diverse range of schools across New South Wales. Ambassadors are united by a common curiosity about contemporary Australian stories, a love of theatre and the motivation to know more. They might be techies, budding playwrights or performers, or maybe just love going to see theatre.

Ambassadors participate in a structured, year-long program of activities. They attend all Griffin Main Season productions for free throughout the year, engage with casts and creative teams in post-show discussions, and explore various aspects of theatre craft in special workshops. It's an opportunity for students to discover new Australian plays in a unique and intimate space, explore the issues behind the plays, and potentially source texts for modules in the HSC English syllabus.

Griffin values these connections with students – it's an opportunity to develop new audiences, new artists and contribute to career pathways. The program is offered free of charge to all successful applicants.

"For me Griffin's Ambassador 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, 2010.**

About Griffin

Griffin, resident theatre company at the SBW Stables Theatre in Kings Cross, is Australia's only professional theatre company dedicated to the development and production of new Australian plays.

Who should apply?

Students enrolled in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2017 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?

2017 Ambassadors will:

- Attend an induction session to learn about Griffin's 2017 season, the workings of the company and its artistic direction.
- Participate in exclusive Ambassador workshops (in directing, acting, or writing) taught by leading theatre practitioners.
- Attend a Saturday matinee performance of each Griffin Main Season production and participate in post-show forums with casts and creatives.
- Be able to share their experience of Griffin's work with a special \$20 ticket price available to Ambassador's family members and friends.

2017 GRIFFIN AMBASSADOR EVENT DATES

Saturday 18 February
12pm – 1pm
2pm – 3:30pm

Ambassadors induction session at the SBW Stables
Performance of *A Strategic Plan* by Ross Mueller

Saturday 8 April
10am – 1pm
2pm – 3:30pm

Ambassadors workshop
Performance of *The Homosexuals* by Declan Greene

Saturday 5 August
10am – 1pm
2pm – 3:30pm

Ambassadors workshop
Performance of *Rice* by Michele Lee

Saturday 14 October
2pm – 3:30pm

Performance of *Diving for Pearls* by Katherine Thomson

How to apply:

Interested students must complete this online form to apply:

<https://bit.ly/GriffinAmbassadors2017>

Please be aware that we receive more applications than we can accept, and it is unlikely that we would be able to accept students who have participated in the program before.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Thursday 1 December 2016

For more information on the program please contact our Program Coordinator Lane Pitcher by emailing lane@griffintheatre.com.au or calling the Griffin office on 02 9332 1052.

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