



EMERGE COMPANY

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

Canberra Youth Theatre is thrilled to be launching the Emerge Company in 2021.

Canberra Youth Theatre's Emerge Company is a new training and professional development program for early-career theatre makers aged 18 to 25 years.

This exciting new program brings together actors, writers, directors, and theatre makers to collaborate, train, and create both as individual artists and as an ensemble.

Mentored by industry professionals, the Emerge Company will explore collaborative theatre making processes, and equip participants with the skills to develop their own work and produce independent theatre. This program is for emerging artists eager to develop creative skills, challenge their artistic practice, and gain the tools to build a sustainable career in the arts. Artists will work together to form a company and create an imaginative and dynamic new work with a public presentation. This program will showcase the work of our most promising emerging theatre makers.

The Emerge Company is a collaborative ensemble, and all artists will be involved in performance training, as well as other specific disciplines.

WHO CAN GET INVOLVED ?

Emerge Company is open to early career artists aged 18 - 25 to participate in training and creative development, build creative networks and explore artistic practice.

Emerge Company is a collaborative training program working towards the performance of a studio production and created by the members of the company. We encourage theatre makers, actors, writers, directors, as well as other disciplines to come together in 2021.

We encourage submissions from:

- Early Career artists
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists
- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse artists
- Artists who identify as LGBTQIA+
- Artists living with disability

WHAT DOES EMERGE COMPANY COST ?

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors and donors, Canberra Youth Theatre is able to offer the Emerge Company as a heavily subsidised program to support early career artists in the Canberra region. The value of this program is \$1700 per person.

We offer a variety of payment options for Emerge Company:

- Two payments: \$280 per payment (due by stages one and three)
- Single payment \$500 (due by week 2 of block one)

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact us on 02 6248 5057 or programs@canberrayouththeatre.com.au to discuss your situation and options.

Canberra Youth Theatre is committed to ensuring young artists from all financial backgrounds have access to our training programs, and we have a range of measures in place, including reduced payments and scholarships available to our participants.

AUDITION & INTERVIEW PROCESS

Auditions / Interviews will take place on Tuesday 23 February at 6pm. The process will take approximately 2-3 hours

As a member of the Emerge Company, you will work collaboratively as an ensemble, and all artists will be involved in performance training, as well as other specific disciplines. The audition / interview will reflect this.

Applicants will participate in ensemble work and, whether you're an actor or not, you will need to present a 2-minute contemporary monologue. If you're a writer, a theatre maker, or specialise in another discipline, you can present something that reflects your artistic practice.

You will also have a chat with our Artistic Director about your artistic practice and why you'd like to be involved in the Emerge Company.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

It is expected that all Emerge Company Artists are available for all of the sessions outlined below.

Stage One: 9 March - 1 April
 Stage Two: 19 April - 14 May
 Stage Three: 1 June - 25 June
 Stage Four: 26 July - 10 September
 Performance Week: Week Commencing 13 September (5 x 8hr days)

Date	Day	Time	Session
9 Feb 2021	Tuesday	5pm	Applications Close
23 Feb 2021	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Interview / Audition
Stage One			
9 March	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
16 March	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
22 March	Monday		Payment Due (full / first instalment)
23 March	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
30 March	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
Stage Two			
20 April	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
27 April	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
4 May	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
11 May	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
Stage Three			
31 May	Monday		Payment Due (second instalment)

1 June	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
8 June	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
15 June	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
22 June	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
Stage Four			
27 July	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
3 August	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
10 August	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
17 August	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
24 August	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
31 August	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
7 September	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Weekly Workshop
Performance Week – Exact schedule TBC			
14 September	Tuesday	8 hours	Tech Day 1
15 September	Wednesday	8 hours	Tech Day 2
16 September	Thursday	8 hours	Performance
17 September	Friday	8 hours	Performance
18 September	Saturday	8 hours	Performance

*This is current as of December 2020 and represents a minimum time commitment. Additional sessions may be negotiated with the Canberra Youth Theatre Artists as needed, particularly leading into the production period. Emerge Company is a collaborative, ensemble program, which relies on consistent attendance from the whole company in order to function. This program is for emerging artists dedicated to developing their artistic practice.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply for the program by submitting the [Emerge Company Application Form](#) online by **6pm on Tuesday 9 February 2021**.

Following this you may be invited to attend an audition and interview for the program on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

For more information contact Canberra Youth Theatre on 02 6248 5057.