

Get up close with Melbourne Theatre Company



MTC AMBASSADORS NOMINATION FORM

Melbourne Theatre Company is a department of The University of Melbourne.



2012 MTC AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Each year, MTC selects a group of twenty-five young Ambassadors to participate in a year-long program designed to challenge and inspire. Meeting regularly, these Year 11 theatre-lovers are offered the chance to extend their knowledge and experience by attending MTC productions, hearing from guest speakers, and sharing their responses to theatre with a group of like-minded young people.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN MTC AMBASSADOR?

- Ambassadors receive a free ticket to eight of MTC's Season 2012 productions and two Lawler Studio productions.
- Ambassadors get the opportunity to meet with theatre professionals, and find out about the inner workings of one of Australia's largest theatre companies.
- Ambassadors take a leadership role which has two functions; to act as youth representatives within the Company, and to act as advocates for MTC within their school and social communities.
- The Ambassador Program brings together like-minded young people who can engage in a level of in-depth discussion about theatre, which may not always be possible in the classroom.

Ambassadors are also offered:

- A free programme for each production they attend
- Discounted tickets for family and friends
- The opportunity to submit reviews of MTC productions which will be posted on the website and in some cases, distributed to the wider community.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Selected MTC Ambassadors will form a club, facilitated by MTC's Education Manager, which will meet at MTC Headquarters every three to four weeks from April to December.
- Each meeting will commence with a talk from a theatre professional, such as an actor, director, writer or designer. There will be time for questions at the conclusion of the talk.
- During meetings there will also be a facilitated group discussion about the last production attended, and a light dinner will be served.

- After the meeting, Ambassadors will walk together to the MTC Theatre or Arts Centre Melbourne to see a performance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION?

Students in Year 11 in 2012 are eligible for nomination by the Head of Drama or Performing Arts or another relevant teacher. Only one nomination will be accepted per school.

Guidelines for nomination:

- Ambassadors will have a serious interest in theatre and enjoy seeing and discussing plays, not just performing. We encourage nominations for students with an interest in an area of the theatre other than acting, such as writing, directing, design and production.
- Ambassadors need to be able to commit the time to attend meetings on Tuesdays every three to four weeks between April and December. Students who have a full load of extracurricular commitments are not recommended for nomination.
- Ambassadors should be confident communicators, willing to report back to their school communities and social networks about their experiences at MTC, and to act as advocates for the Company. Nominating teachers should be willing to assist students in finding opportunities to report back to the school community.
- Ambassadors will be asked to write reviews of MTC productions and provide verbal and written feedback to the Education Manager. Ambassadors who can offer genuine feedback and express their thoughts clearly in writing will be highly valued.

HOW DO I NOMINATE A STUDENT?

- Ask the student to complete the attached form, and complete the nominating teacher's section yourself. Add an extra page, if necessary.
- Send it to MTC by **Friday 9 March 2012**. Whether successful or not, nominees will be notified by mail by the beginning of the Easter holidays, and the first Ambassador event will be held on 17 April 2012.

NOMINATION FORM

A FOR THE STUDENT TO COMPLETE

Name	Date of Birth	Male / Female
Address		
Suburb	Postcode	
Phone	Mobile	
Email		

Are you able to attend meetings/performances in Southbank every three to four weeks from April to December, on Tuesdays between 4pm and approx 9pm?

Yes / No

Are you in Year 11 in 2012? Yes / No

Subjects being studied in Year 11

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE BELOW QUESTIONS. ADD AN EXTRA PAGE IF NECESSARY.

Q. Why would you like to be an MTC Ambassador?

Q. What aspects of theatre are you most interested in? (ie. acting, writing, costumes, lighting)

Q. Are you involved in extra curricular theatre at school and/or in your community? If so, do you perform roles on stage, work behind the scenes, or both?

Q. What styles of theatre do you enjoy most? (eg. naturalistic, non-naturalistic, drama, comedy, musical, classical, contemporary)

Q. What's the best play you've ever seen and why did you like it?

C FOR THE NOMINATING TEACHER TO COMPLETE

Nominated Student's Name

Nominating Teacher's Name

Position

School/Campus

School Address

Suburb

Postcode

Phone

Email

Is the student in Year 11 in 2012?

Yes / No

Are you related to the student that you are nominating?

Yes / No

Relationship

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE BELOW QUESTIONS. ADD AN EXTRA PAGE IF NECESSARY.

Q. Why do you believe the student is a good candidate for the MTC Ambassador Program?

Q. Please describe the student's involvement in theatre at your school.

Q. How do you think the student would benefit from taking part in the MTC Ambassador Program?

Q. Do you think the student would be willing to share his/her experiences at MTC with members of the school community?
Is there any forum for this kind of sharing within the school? (ie. school newsletter, assembly)

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2012

PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM TO:

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Cover image: 2011 Victorian of the Year Geoffrey Rush with 2011 MTC Ambassadors Jordan, Jesse, Jessamine and Phoebe.