

Grace Studios

2016 Rising Stars Showcase Package

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Performance Information

Dear parents and students,

We are delighted to announce the date for our annual 2016 Rising Stars Showcase. This is an exciting opportunity for students to showcase their work on stage in a professional and impressive theatre space. Parents are amazed every year by the polish and talent exhibited by students in these performances. Please be aware that preparation for this stage work commences in term three after students have spent terms one and two building performance skills. Participation in this exciting opportunity is not compulsory, however, students who attend classes in term four must be able to commit to attending this production.

Date: 04/12/2016

Time: Students will be required for full day rehearsals for an early evening show.

Location: Lawrence Hargrave Dr, Thirroul NSW 2515

Venue: Anita's Theatre

Anita's Theatre

We are so lucky this year to have secured a wonderful venue close to home. Anita's Theatre is a new and luxurious venue that is breathtakingly beautiful.

This space will provide students with a real theatre experience with state of the art sound, lighting, dressing rooms and stage space. The venue itself boasts a gorgeous reception area which will be serving drinks and snacks on the night. We invite parents to arrive from 4.30pm onwards, where they can relax in this lovely area, catch up with family and friends and browse through the program for the evening's show. Please note, parking is available at the rear of the building.



Visit us online!

If you would like to view snaps from previous concerts, read forum posts on student achievements and previous awards or keep an eye out for updates. It is always a good idea to take a look at our web page online. This site not only supplies parents with a quick and easy way to access enrolment forms but it also allows us to keep in touch with the Grace Studios community. We encourage parents to become a member of the site. This will allow you to contribute comments to forums and pictures, and if you are particularly happy with our service we would greatly appreciate your comments in the testimony section of our site! Thank you for all of your support. We are excited for what is always the highlight of the year: the Grace Studios Rising Stars Showcase!

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Event Tickets and Showcase Fee

In previous years, the studio has tried to fundraise to cover the cost of performance extras such as trophies, certificates, programs and thank you gifts for teachers and volunteers who assist with the stage production, hair and makeup on the day. The studio also provides all of the important performance materials (hair and makeup) so that students are stage ready. Unfortunately, fundraisers have not proven to be an effective enough means for covering these expenses, all of which are vital for ensuring that the evening is made special for all of those involved. **Consequently, the studio will be implementing a showcase fee of \$30.00 per student.** This will ensure that all students receive a trophy, certificate, program and full hair and makeup on the day.

Tickets to the performance will go on sale at the beginning of term three and are able to be purchased up until week four in term four. Please remember to invite family and friends along to support our students and cheer them on. Ticket sales are vital to ensuring that we are able to cover the cost of the venue, which is by far one of the most beautiful theatres found in Sydney, with high tech sound and lighting production. Please put this event in your calendars early and tell your family and friends!

Grace Studios - Ticket Order Form

Please return this note with the enclosed CASH money. Please note we do not accept cheques or bank transfers as this money will be collected and banked separately to studio fees - This is a not for profit event.

I _____, relation of (please insert the name of the student who will be collecting this ticket package) _____, would like to purchase _____ (number) tickets at the cost of **\$21.00 a ticket**. This adds up to a total of \$ _____. My best contact number is: _____
Signed: _____

Costuming Fee

Each year we do our best to provide props and costumes for a visually exciting show at a budget price. All students attending group lessons are required to pay a fee of **\$60.00** to facilitate the supply of props and costumes. Please note, this only covers the cost price of the material and does not reimburse us for the many hours we spend making the costumes, props, and building the sets for students. Unlike other studios where parents spend hours sewing costumes or tracking them down, we are happy to complete this task on your behalf as part of our service. This allows the studio to borrow costumes and recycle props to minimise the expense for parents. For students in private lessons you will be responsible for sourcing your own costume and your class teacher can assist you with this task.

Please Note: If you have more than one child at the studio you are required to pay for each child.

Showcase notes with a permission slip and a showcase / costume fee return slip will be handed out in term three.

The Grace Studios Perpetual Award

Each year students are awarded a merit certificate and trophy to honour their hard work and dedication towards their achievement in drama. It takes the talent of many students to produce a show that is polished and engaging, and all should be recognised for their commitment throughout the year, and efforts on the day.

To further encourage the dedication, flair and excellence of student performances on the day, a major prize is also given, entitled 'The Grace Studios Perpetual Award'. This award is given to one student each year based on their performance at the end of year concert. An independent adjudicator will be viewing the show to give feedback to the studio as a whole, and to select the winner of the Grace Studios Perpetual Award. The criteria for the winning recipient will be based on quality not quantity. This means that the award will be given to a student who exhibits refined vocal skills, unfaltering characterisation, controlled and intentional movement, energy, flair and most importantly, stage presence. All students will, of course, be rewarded for their hard work and commitment and the Grace Studios Perpetual Award will be another way to commend outstanding students for their efforts.