

Shakespeare

SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Inspire your whole school with Shakespeare Schools Festival in Scotland!

Shakespeare Schools Festival is the UK's largest youth drama festival, we work with over 1000 schools and 140 theatres across the country, and we hope you will join us this Autumn to make the 2015 Festival the biggest and best yet!



What is Shakespeare Schools Festival?

SSF is a charity that gives primary, secondary and special schools across the UK the opportunity to perform a 30 minute abridged Shakespeare play on a local, professional stage, alongside other local schools. We provide the training, resources and structure that enables you to direct a cast of up to 30 students to perform your chosen play in a non-competitive, celebratory night of Shakespeare in the Autumn term. For more detailed information please visit www.ssf.uk.com/howitworks.

This year in Scotland we will host the Festival at the following theatres, the Platform Theatre in Glasgow, The Church Hill Theatre in Edinburgh, Eden Court in Inverness, The Lochgelly Centre in Fife, Falkirk Town Hall and ACT Aberdeen. The performances will be in November, with additional training dates earlier in the year.

Spaces are limited, so do contact us via the details below as soon as you can if you are interested in hearing more!

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How does Shakespeare Schools Festival benefit my students?

The impact on the young people who participate is profound:

Literacy and articulacy are improved by speaking Shakespeare's words.

Aspirations are raised by working in a professional environment and seeing hard work reap rewards.

Understanding of complex emotions and themes is developed by inhabiting Shakespeare's characters.

Confidence is boosted by performing on a professional stage.

Team work is developed by collaborating with fellow cast members and other schools.

Community is strengthened, with four local schools coming together to perform for friends and family and working together as one big theatrical company.

By involving your students in an exciting project at the beginning of the school year, their engagement in school life and attainment levels for the rest of the year (and beyond) can be transformed.

How much does it cost?

Shakespeare Schools Festival is a charity and subsidises the cost of participation for each school. It costs SSF £1,767 for every school that participates – the school pays a registration fee of £850+VAT and SSF raises the rest. There are lots of ways to help fund that registration fee so do ask for advice or for our fundraising pack.

How do I get involved?

To sign-up for SSF, you need to fill out a registration form here: www.ssf.uk.com/register or contact Jenny Rush-Cooper on 020 7601 1933, we would love to hear from you!

Schools come back to SSF year after year and tell us that it is the highlight of the school calendar – now is the time to experience it for yourself.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes

The SSF Team

'Shakespeare Schools Festival was amazing. I honestly think if I hadn't been chosen to play Hermione in The Winter's Tale, I wouldn't be the same person I am today.'

Ellie, student, Guiseley School, Leeds

'Every child in every school ought to have the chance to experience this magical process.'

Philip Pullman, writer and SSF patron

