

Eden Court, Highland Alcohol

& Drugs Partnership and partners

are delighted to premiere a new schools

performance challenge in March 2020.

NORTHERN STARS 2020

Northern Stars is all about showcasing

the very best Highland talent on the

Highland's biggest stage;

the Empire Theatre at Eden Court.

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The focus of Northern Stars is to engage young people in a high-quality performing arts experience and to encourage every participant to be the best they can be, in a positive and supportive environment. Northern Stars is supported by the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership in recognition of the contribution participation has on encouraging positive lifestyle choices in an environment supported by peers.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO CREATE

A 5 – 8 minute performance to your chosen theme. A theme can tell a story, reflect on history, comment on the world or simply say something that you would like to say, all whilst celebrating participation in the performing arts.

The theme of your performance is up to you, but we will ask you to tell us more about it nearer the time, and an element of the judging will be based on how well your performance conveys your chosen theme or story.

OTHER THINGS WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR

Once you've got rehearsals underway some of the Northern Stars team will come to visit your school twice throughout your rehearsal process. This will enable us to get a feel for how your performance comes together and offer some support and advice.

We are really interested in what your school will be doing in terms of involving the wider schools community in your Northern Stars performance and the approaches you are taking to overcome some of your unique challenges.

WHAT'S THE PRIZE?

For primary schools:

Primary schools will be judged for individual award categories, rather than be ranked in places.

Each award category will have a sponsored prize and certificate.

For secondary schools:

The overall winning school will receive £1,500 towards strengthening access to the performing arts for your school community. This might involve refurbishing a performing space, buying technical equipment or inviting world-class performers and companies to visit your school and lead workshops. Runner up schools will receive grants of £1000 and £500.

The winning school will also receive tickets for their whole team to see a professional show of their choice at Eden Court as well as see the set from backstage, meet some of the cast and crew and ask them questions about life as a theatre professional.

We'll also arrange a private screening of the top five performances in our cinema with lots of VIP extras. Each of the top schools will be invited to share this experience.

HOW TO ENTER

Any Highland School can enter, no matter your size.

Each school will be required to pay a Participation Fee. Your Participation Fee is determined by the number of participants in your group, and will be due in full by Friday 6th December. We will issue details of how this payment will be processed in due course.

The Participation Fee is £8 per participant for secondary schools and £5 per participant for primary schools.

Registration will open on Monday 28th October and close on Friday 8th November.

School Registration Forms will be available at www.eden-court.co.uk/northernstars. Eden Court will also send a copy directly to schools when they resume on Monday 28th October.

Once submitted, and you have received confirmation of your schools' place, we will share further information with you.



TIMELINE

Registration Opens	28 October
Registration Closes	8 November
Schools Information Drop 1	w/b 18 November
Participation Fees Due	6 December
Schools Information Drop 2	w/b 16 December
Ticket On Sale Date	tbc February 2020
Performance Dates	25, 26 and 27 March 2020

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