

# Young Community Theatre 4All

## The Next Project

Following a very successful first year, culminating in the performance of an adaption of "Where the Wild Things Are", the company is aiming to build the size of its membership in order to take on performances of the children's musical "Rats!". Young Community Theatre 4All is led by Tom and Frances Samson, both experienced retired teachers. Tom was a Drama and Theatre teacher and both Tom and Frances have enhanced DBS clearance. For this project they will be joined by the musician Julia Green.

"Rats!" is an up-beat retelling of "The Pied Piper of Hamlyn". It is a fantastic, zippy show with lots of 'go', excellent, very catchy songs, plenty of good parts and great costumes. It will also need a good set and quality stage lighting. In short, this is a major piece of musical theatre!

Young Community Theatre 4All is open to children in school years 4 to 9. The group meets on a Tuesday evening and the first meeting for the new academic year will be on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 4.30 to 5.30pm. At some point during the rehearsal process the time will be extended to 6.00pm. At first, in October, the group will be working on basic drama skills aimed at drawing the new group together and then, sometime towards the end of the month, we will begin the rehearsal process. It is also very possible that, as the project develops, we will have the occasional full day Saturday workshop. We will give parents good advanced notice of this and if for some reason Saturdays just don't work for your son/daughter because of other regular commitments (sport etc) I'm sure that we will be able to work round this.

A project such as "Rats!" incurs a high level of expense. Performance royalties will have to be paid, a stage set built and painted, costumes made and make-up purchased. On top of all of these costs we will also have to hire the hall. The group's only income will come from ticket sales and a termly charge. Therefore, it will be necessary to set a children's sub of £20 per term (a total of £40 over the whole project). We do not expect the first instalment to be paid on the first session as we realise that those new to the group will wish to try things out for a few weeks but we would ask that all parents would commit to paying the first instalment by the end of October and the second by the end of January. Performances will be given towards the end of March 2023.

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