

# THEATRE TRAIN DANCE ACT SING

Empowering **126,000+** kids with theatre skills since 1992



"Theatretrain is a truly superb place..."



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**126,000**  
Pupils trained  
at Theatretrain



**57**  
International  
Performances



**13**  
Performances at  
The Royal Albert Hall



**103**  
West End Shows inc.  
The London Palladium



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## Our story

Kevin Dowsett founded Theatretrain in **1992** when he saw what was missing from the average theatre school. He created a theatre company that welcomes children of all ages to build friendships, find their inner voice and **discover the power of theatre.**

At Theatretrain, we follow the Theatretrain Way, which means making performing arts **accessible** to everyone, **fun** for young people and **inspiring** for students' futures. We produce large-scale, professional-standard performances at venues like the Royal Albert Hall, where your children get the chance to be a **part of something bigger** than themselves and bring the skills they have been learning to the stage with **confidence.**

If you're looking for a **welcoming** theatre school where your child can relax, find their confidence and truly **reach their full potential**, then Theatretrain is the place for you.



# Looking for performing arts training for your kids? **Everything you need to know about Theatretrain**

Looking for **professional, friendly** and **fun** theatre training for your kids?

You're in the right place!

At Theatretrain, we're passionate about **inspiring, supporting** and **teaching** young performers. Whether your child is bold or shy, our theatre company will give them the **skills, confidence** and **real-life stage experience** like no other.

We don't have any auditions or stressful exams, because we know your young person learns best by doing things and will thrive as part of a **vibrant group**.

And don't worry, there's **a place for every child**, no matter how confident or anxious, as everyone shares the same goal. Just like you, we want your child to find **self-confidence** and build on their passions to **prepare for life**.



## Theatretrain is a truly superb place...

"Theatretrain is a truly **superb place** for children to explore new skills, **make new friends, gain untold confidence and to flourish.** The way they are brought on and built up has been incredible for my daughters and I genuinely cannot recommend them enough."

Joe, Parent



Not just performing arts...  
**The additional benefits of theatre training**



**Enhanced verbal and nonverbal communication skills**

**Improved confidence and self-esteem**

**Leadership and creative thinking**

**A greater sense of self**

**Long-lasting friendships**

**Increased focus and concentration**

**Better physical and mental health**

**Greater emotional understanding and empathy**



# Why choose Theatretrain

## Have fun & develop confidence

Performing arts should be FUN! The Theatretrain Way allows young people to thrive, grow their confidence and benefit from the teaching of theatre professionals in a **friendly but focused environment**.



## Grow as a performer & person

We put the theatre element centre stage, emphasising storytelling, attitude and adaptability, creating **well-rounded young people** and performers who are confident in their abilities.

## Take advantage of agency opportunities

Theatretrain is associated with a reputable theatre agency, so your child can have the opportunity to audition for their books, taking their newfound passion towards a **fulfilling career**.



## Be a part of large-scale performances

At Theatretrain, you don't just get professional theatre training. Your child will get the opportunity to gain real stage experience and perform in national performances at large-scale venues such as the **Royal Albert Hall!**



## Expert teachers

Our teachers are not just educators; they are **industry professionals** with a passion for cultivating young talent. With years of experience and a deep understanding of the performing arts, they bring out the best in every student.



## Prepare for a career in performing arts

Founded by Kevin Dowsett, a theatre professional who was Head of Acting at Italia Conti and worked at many drama schools. Kevin has taught a generation of performers who are now household names, such as Catherine Tate. The Theatretrain Way is based on the **highest levels of professional training.**



## Our classes

Using a **theatre-centred** programme designed by industry-leading expert Kevin Dowsett, our students aren't just entertained; they're inspired and taught the core elements of **dancing, acting and singing**.

The Theatretrain Way puts theatre front and centre in your child's performing arts training. We focus on giving your child the full experience, encouraging them to engage as part of a group while learning the fundamentals of **sound, time, space, attitude, movement and storytelling**.



# Main Company

In Main Company, your child will explore their love and talent for performing arts while gaining valuable training and real stage experience - at the same time as making friends and having fun! These fun and professional performing arts classes are aimed at **6 to 18 year-olds**.

- **3-hour sessions, an hour on each discipline**
- **Divided into the following age groups: 6-9-year-olds, 9-12-year-olds, and 13-18-year-olds**
- **No auditions required**

These sessions bring students together in their age groups to learn ensemble songs, work on their acting skills and dance their socks off!

They become rehearsals for a performance as the year progresses, and **all students have the chance to perform every year.**



# Minis

As part of our Junior Company, your child can participate in engaging group performance activities and start learning the freedom of the Theatretrain Way. This is their time to express themselves! Exciting and structured performing arts sessions for **4 to 5 year-olds**.

- **90 Minute sessions**
- **Build basic performance skills**
- **Suitable for all abilities and confidence levels**

Build confidence in a friendly and fun environment! Your child will sing with their friends, dance to their heart's content and impress with their acting.

This is the best place to encourage your child's passion and **let them spread their performing arts wings**.





## And there's more...

Some of our centres offer even more chances for your child to express themselves and build on their experiences. By playing an important role in their group, they will learn to value their unique abilities, feel good moving their bodies and staying active, empathise with others and face their fears.

They can do this through incredible events and skill-building activities such as...

# Tinies

Get those little ones smiling in our performing arts classes **exclusively for 3-year-olds**. Our Tinies Junior Company is the perfect place for your little ones to jump around, move their bodies, find bravery in their voices and connect with other children their age.

- **45-minute weekly sessions**
- **Structured teaching suitable for little ones**
- **Fun, friendly and purposeful**

These professionally-taught lessons introduce your little ones to performing arts and allow budding performing artists to fall in love with singing, dancing and acting.

This is where your child can experience the building blocks of **encouragement, praise and expressive communication**.





## A truly wonderful company...

"A truly **wonderful company!**  
The kindness and supportive environment is such an amazing space to encourage **creativity, confidence and growth** in our children.

The Royal Albert Show was a perfect example, and such a **brilliant achievement.** I can't recommend them enough. **Inspiring** and **first class!** Thank you."

Stewart, Parent



## Advanced Singing/Choir

If your child has a special love for singing, our advanced singing and choir sessions are an ideal way to nourish their confidence and start training them to a professional level. Sessions operate mid-week in mixed-age groups.

## Holiday Workshops

Available at some of our companies nationwide, these 1-5 days workshops run midweek during school holidays in appropriate age groups. Children get the chance to take part in daily activities that challenge and teach them while enjoying time with friends.

## After School Clubs

Take advantage of the after-school energy and let your child enjoy our specialist clubs in drama, musical theatre and dance. These “just for fun” clubs give your child a fun way to blow off some steam after school while getting a taster of what performing arts has to offer.



# Musical Theatre

These mixed-age sessions teach your child how to tell stories through musical theatre, recreating and presenting a scaled-down version of an individual musical each term. For the creatives, the deep-thinkers and the passionate, this is a rich opportunity to pursue musical theatre.

# Advanced Dance

Focus on a particular genre of dance, such as tap, ballet or street dance, and unlock your child's potential to perform at an incredible level. In these sessions, a qualified instructor will guide your young person through the basics to the advanced, nuanced skills they need.

# Advanced Acting

Follow the Theatretrain Way and work diligently and generously with a group of like-minded young actors who want to perfect their performances. Children will follow Kevin Dowsett's unmatched methods and prepare for further education or future performances.



# Our shows

We make sure every student feels they are a part of something bigger, and sometimes that means literally! Your child will have the opportunity to perform in live events, local theatres and nationally too.

Our large-scale events at breathtaking venues (including **The Royal Albert Hall, Sadlers Wells, Theatre Royal Drury Lane, the London Palladium** and even the **O2 Arena!**) give your child the opportunity to gain real-life performance experience like no other.

At its heart, Theatretrain is a space that makes professional theatre accessible to children of all ages - no auditions necessary!

Learning to perform to an audience is special. It brings so many life skills with it - and it brings a smile to performer and audience alike!



## A magical escape for the kids...

"A magical escape for the kids, surrounded by lovely authentic people. Our 4 and 6 year old love Saturdays, and the Annie Jr show was just amazing. Our daughter has been singing herself to sleep since! An invaluable experience, **can't recommend Theatretrain highly enough!**"

Damien, Parent



## Hi, I'm Kevin Dowsett, founder of Theatretrain.

With over 50 years of experience in the industry, I've enjoyed a long and successful career in theatre. I've worked at some of the most prestigious theatre schools, written six full-length musical plays and books, and taught the likes of Catherine Tate, Daniel Mays and twice Olivier award-winning Denise Gough.

But it's my passion for inspiring others that makes Theatretrain truly unique.

I've dedicated the last 30 years to making Theatretrain the most accessible, welcoming and encouraging environment for your child to learn the performance and life skills found in theatre. By combining the practical learning and skills found in theatre training, with the stage experience and camaraderie of a theatre company, your child will find confidence and truly reach their full potential as a performer.

Through Theatretrain, I channel my decades of experience into giving your child a memorable, formative - and most of all fun - experience with us...



A white, handwritten signature of Kevin Dowsett in a cursive script, positioned to the right of his portrait.

## Theatretrain - a wonderful theatre education

"My daughter absolutely loves her Theatretrain mornings - she lives for them in fact! Not only has her musical theatre skill set grown, but she has also **developed teamwork** and **leadership skills** which have been recognised and celebrated by the **fantastic teaching team.**"

Laura, Parent

## So amazing at what they do...

"My daughter went for her taster session in 2021 just as we were coming out of Covid. The **staff were brilliant** and let her join in with what she was comfortable with. Fast forward to now... she's just performed at the **Royal Albert Hall** in front of hundreds of people, beaming from ear to ear. Theatretrain has helped her **confidence** so much, the **staff are so amazing**, and she loves every single second she's there. **Could not recommend them more.**"

Hannah, Parent

## Amazing experience for your child...

"**Amazing experience** for your child to be extra fabulous! Be who they want to be  
**Grow in confidence**  
**Make new friends**  
And so so much more!  
You will not be disappointed."

Customer, Parent



# The Theatretrain Guarantee



1. Personal growth beyond performance
2. Inclusive, no-pressure environment
3. Real-life stage experiences
4. Holistic development focus
5. Fun tailored programmes for diverse needs
6. Community and connection

# Frequently asked questions

## **Do you have to audition to join Theatretrain?**

Nope! We don't ask our students to audition for their place at Theatretrain because we believe everyone should have access to expert training in singing, dance and acting regardless of previous experience or existing ability. Students quickly learn and enjoy our training methods.

## **Is your training suitable for shy or quiet children?**

Yes. At Theatretrain, we focus on bringing together all the important elements of dancing, acting and singing in a friendly and supportive manner. That means our sessions are ideal for children who want to try something new in a comfortable environment where they can make lifelong friends.

## **What days and times are the sessions?**

Generally speaking, sessions take place on a Saturday morning or Saturday afternoon, with some taking place on a Friday evening. To get more specific times and dates for sessions, visit [www.theatretrain.co.uk](http://www.theatretrain.co.uk) and search for your local centre.

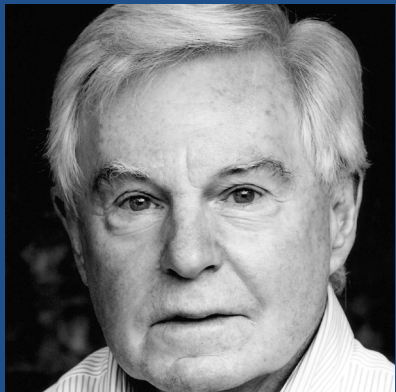
## **How much does Theatretrain cost?**

To see our current pricing and class times, visit [www.theatretrain.co.uk](http://www.theatretrain.co.uk). You'll be able to search for your local centre and find all the information you need.





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**Next steps...**  
... your journey starts here

## **Book a taster session**

If you are interested in theatre training for your child, the next step is to book a taster session. This is a totally no-obligation opportunity for your child to come along and see what Theatretrain is really all about.

**Visit our website** and locate your local company to book your taster session now.

**BELIEVE** in yourself  
**ACHIEVE** your dreams  
**EXCEED** expectations

