

# RIVERSIDE'S UPSTAGE CLUB

## 2025 PROGRAM

Please find the Upstage Club 2025 program below. This information is all subject to change, but you will get advance written notice of any changes.

It is a condition of the club that all members keep the following dates and times free so they are able to participate, as the program's value lies in maximum attendance.

Please check the website links provided below for content advice on the shows.

### EVENT 1: NO WORDS! (COMPULSORY EVENT)

**Date:** Saturday 8 March

**Times:** 10:15am – 4:30pm

**10:15am- 11:00am:** Getting to know you workshop

**11:00am – 12:30pm:** Mime 101 with Broken Box Mime Theater

**2:00pm- 4:30pm:** MYSTERY EVENT! To be confirmed in Feb 2025

**Facilitators:** Amy Matthews and Broken Box Mime

**Workshop Description:** Get to know your fellow 2025 Upstage club members with Amy Matthews, Senior Producer – Education and Communities and your Upstage club coordinator.

Then, we have a treat for you with INTERNATIONAL mime artists all the way from NEW YORK CITY – Broken Box Mime Theater- to give you a fantastic workshop "Mime 101". Explore contemporary mime as a tool for embodied storytelling, character development, and devised theatre-making in this playful masterclass.

**Show Description:** It's a mystery! We'll let you know in February 2025 once you're accepted into the club.

### Event 2: TO BE OR NOT TO BE... AN INSTRUMENT!

**Date:** Wednesday 16 April (school holidays)

**Times:** 12:30pm – 5:30pm

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12:30pm- 1:00pm: Icebreakers with Amy  
1:30pm- 2:30pm: Show- You're an Instrument  
3:30pm- 5:30pm: AirSticks Workshop

**Show Description:** You're in Instrument is an engaging performance for kids aged 5-12, featuring two scientists who take the audience on a wild interactive ride where every movement, thought and emotion becomes music.

Framed as a 'workshop gone rogue' this crazy quirky experience is an ideal intro to cutting-edge interactive musical practices, theatre, science, science-fiction and the power of sound-art and story-telling. The Sonicrats are a group of professional performers and real-life music technology researchers.

This is a show for children, but trust me- you're going to love it!

[Learn more here.](#)

**Workshop Description:** Join the Sonicrats - creators and performers of 'You're an Instrument' to - learn about their cutting-edge invention, the AirSticks, and how to use them to create theatre magic. This will be a fun and playful event and will open your mind to the possibility's technology brings to live performance.

## Event 3: TROJAN HORISING ABOUT

**Date:** Saturday 31 May

**Times:** 10:45am – 4:00pm

10:45am- 11:00am: Icebreakers with Amy  
11am- 1pm: Ensemble Comedy Workshop  
2:30pm – 3:30pm: show - The Trojan War  
3:30pm- 4:00pm: Q & A/ Meet & Greet

**Workshop Description:** Comedy is better together! Explore how to harness silliness and frivolity into a hilarious ensemble theatre that's fun for you and the audience. Facilitator/s TBC.

**Show Description:** Like a wild dress-up party, The Trojan War tells the story of the tragic fall

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of Troy through theatrical magic, twisted pop songs and explosive wit. The most charming performers you can hope to meet play a revolving repertoire of outrageous characters.

Created and performed by A Slightly Isolated Dog, this New Zealand theatre company delivers a frantic and hilarious mash-up in the style of Monty Python meets The Mighty Boosh. Leave your inhibitions at the door and join us to explore hilarious parallels between war-torn ancient Greece and the chaos, confusion and absurdity of the present day.

[Learn more here](#)

## Event 4: BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING... YOUR AUDITION

**Date:** Saturday 26 July

**Times:** 10:15am – 4:15pm

**10:15am – 10:30am:** Ice - breakers

**10:30am – 12:30pm:** Casting and Auditions Workshop

**2:00pm – 3:40pm:** Show- 1984

**3:40pm - 4:15pm:** Q& A/ Meet & Greet

**Workshop Description:** How does the casting process for live theatre work? How should you prepare and what should you do for an audition? Get a peak behind the scenes and some tips and tricks from an industry professional.

**Show Description:** Strap in for an electrifying take on the George Orwell classic – from the multi award winning creative minds at Shake and Stir (who brought us *Fourteen* in 2024). Can the oppressive forces of The Party, led by BIG BROTHER, obliterate the indomitable human spirit?

[Learn more here](#)

## Event 5: DEBATING, DRAMA AND DRAG KINGS

**Date:** Saturday 9 August

**Times:** 10:30am – 5:00pm

**10:30am – 12:30pm:** Characterisation Workshop

**2:00pm - 3:15pm:** Show- Trophy Boys

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**3:15pm - 3:45pm:** Meet & Greet/ Q & A

**3:45pm - 5:00pm:** Consultation and End of Year Celebration.

**Workshop Description:** In Trophy Boys, the cast of all female and non-binary actors expertly play male characters, making them satires but not caricatures. Learn about building larger than life characters and how to perform them with humour, integrity and believability.

**Show Description:** It is the biggest night of Melbourne's high school academic calendar, the Grand Finale of the Year 12 Inter-school Debating Tournament. The all-boys team from the elite St Imperium college are ready to totally annihilate their sister school rivals until... Played in real-time as the St Imperium team prepare their case, Trophy Boys is a queer black comedy about power, privilege and high school debating.

[Learn more here](#)

**CONSULTATION AND END OF YEAR CELEBRATION:** Join us after the workshop to have your say on the future of Upstage Club, and then an end of year celebration with your fellow Upstagers!

## EXTRAS!!

Stay tuned for EXTRA events and special offers that will be offered to members of the Upstage Club throughout 2025! These may include:

- Ticket discounts to other shows
- Networking events
- External opportunities

and more!