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Highbridge Youth Theatre to reach new heights this summer

Wednesday 11 August: Young people of Highbridge are leading the way in establishing their own new theatre in their town. Seed has commissioned Somerset Youth Theatre to help local young people to create **Highbridge Youth Theatre Group** and **Youth Theatre Company**. Through weekly meetings at Churchfield School, the young people have had fun and already learnt skills in improvisation, physical theatre & devising.

They are now excited to start working with innovative theatre circus company **Pirates of the Carabina**, and community theatre specialists **Actiontrack** through this month's Summer School. At the Summer school. The young people will work with local Theatre maker Selina Keedwell, Pirates of the Carabina & Actiontrack to create their own original performance, using theatre skills & aerial circus.

Selina says *'our aim is for young people to have a safe place to explore, create and find their voice through theatre. The ideas and the shows come from the young people and we work with professionals to give them the skills to help turn these ideas into a show for local audiences. We believe young people are brilliant Artists and they all have the ability to make and create new work.'*

There are a few places remaining for the Highbridge Youth Theatre Summer School, from 10am-4pm 23rd, 24th August (11-18yrs) and 25th-26th August (6-11yrs). Places are FREE but booking is essential.

For more information, and to book, email: info@somersetyt.com.

IMAGES

Images 1-3 show the Highbridge Youth Theatre in action, images 4 & 5 show Pirates of the Carabina



Full size Images to accompany this release can be downloaded via:

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Seed is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

Homes in Sedgemoor,
Community Council for Somerset,
Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum,
Somerset Film
Bridgwater Town Council; and
Young Somerset.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

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