

The Shaftesbury Theatre, London
Sunday 21st December
IMPORTANT INFORMATION



December 3, 2025

Dear Wapa London Performer,

We hope that you are looking forward to giving a fantastic performance in London on Sunday 21st December. We are so excited to see you performing on stage in the West End very soon!

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Please put in lots of extra practice every day now so you can really give your best performance yet! All of the backing tracks are on the student page on the google drive on the following link.

<https://www.wapa.uk.com/wapa-photos> The password is **281973gg**

IF MEETING US IN LONDON AT THE THEATRE on 21st December:

All students making their own way to London should arrive outside the front entrance of The Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Avenue, London, WC2H 8DP at 12.00 pm prompt.

For those making their own travel arrangements the nearest underground stations are Tottenham Court Road, Holborn or Covent Garden. Please wait for the arrival of the Wirral coach and your tutors. Please note that we will not be allowed to enter the theatre until we are all together. Please be on time, wearing WAPA uniform with a warm waterproof coat / umbrella in case of rain. Bring all costumes, clearly named with you. You cannot go home and get anything once you arrive so double check you have everything you need before you leave.

WHAT TO WEAR ON ARRIVAL

Please can all performers arrive with hair in 2 braids or neatly tied off the face. Photographs in costume will be taken during the day so if all performers can arrive wearing stage make up it would be helpful. Basic stage make up includes: foundation - (for pale skin this should be darker than your normal skin tone), powder, blusher, brown eye shadow, mascara, red lip stick. Seniors can bring their own makeup with them to touch up during the day. Below is a good basic stage make up tutorial you may find helpful. We will have the WAPA's stage makeup with us so don't worry if you do not have the products that are used in the video. It would be wonderful if we could create some colourful make-up designs for Magic to Do so seniors please have fun exploring with this at home in preparation before the show. We will be able to help younger students with their make up / hair on the day. If your child has any allergies to face paints / make-up please let us know.

Make Up tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QA04MbwawUg>

Please can parents double check that their child has everything they need to bring on the day. This includes black jazz shoes and black socks and trousers / jogging bottoms for the finale and flesh / tan coloured tights if required. It would be helpful to put each costume in a named separate bag.

ARRANGEMENTS ON THE DAY:

All performers will need to bring a packed lunch and dinner with them to last the whole day. Please do not bring any nuts in packed lunches & dinners and remind your child not to share any food with any other students in the group. Bring lots of fluids but be sensible and ensure that all drinks are either in cartons or screw top plastic bottles. Chewing gum / bubble gum are not allowed. **Earrings and body piercings are not allowed for health and safety reasons so please leave all jewellery at home.** Studs may be covered with plasters if your ears have only just been pierced. Parents: please can you ensure that we have been provided with any mobile numbers as emergency contacts for you so that we can get in touch with you should there be any problems on the day. If your child needs to take medication at the theatre during the day you will need to complete a medical form with clear instructions and timings. Forms are available on request. Please make sure you make a note of the following number in case you need to contact us on the day.

SHELAGH 07971 559537

Show starts at 7.30 pm and ends approx. 9.50 - 10.00 pm.

All performers should go straight to our 'Selwyns' coach after the show, from where they can then be collected if they are staying in London. Under no circumstances should parents take their child without making sure that Shelagh or Jane have marked them off the register. The coach will arrive back on the Wirral at approx. 4 am on Monday morning.

FINALE COSTUME REMINDER

All performers are reminded that they need to provide the following items for the finale. PLAIN BLACK tracksuit bottoms, sweatpants or trousers NO LOGOS OR STRIPES, **(VERY IMPORTANT: LEGGINGS OR TIGHTS ARE NOT ALLOWED BY THE PRODUCERS).** WITH BLACK SOCKS & BLACK SHOES, (either jazz shoes or any other suitable footwear). Please double check you have the correct items as you will not be allowed on stage without them. T-shirts and Caps from Young performers will be given out on the day. We will check this

COACH PICK UP DETAILS: Departure time to be confirmed with those traveling by coach shortly.

The pick up point for the coach will be the bus stop bay opposite "Gravesberie" (formerly the Twelfth Man Pub) on Greasby Road, Greasby, CH49 2PP. This is just around the corner from Sainsbury's Upton. If you choose to park in the Gravesberie Car Park please park at the far end (left hand side as you face the pub) and please do not make any unnecessary noise that will disturb customers sleeping in the Premier Inn. PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO EVERYONE IN YOUR PARTY. There are also places to park on the main road and side roads near the bus bay if you prefer not to park in the pub car park. A reminder that all car owners leave their cars at their own risk and should not leave anything on display. The coach will be leaving early and parents are asked to arrive in plenty of time to get organised. Please double check your performer has everything they need the night before. We can't go back and get anything once we have left. There is a toilet on the coach and we will be having a brief stop on the way down. As it will be a long travel day it is suggested that you bring something to amuse yourselves with and a pillow and blanket so that you can sleep on the journey and that if you sometimes get travel sick that you take some pills before you get on the coach. **Please do not get onto the coach before a member of WAPA staff has instructed you to do so.** Many thanks for your help here so we can ensure family groups can all sit together.

On behalf of all of the WAPA tutors I would like to say a big thank you to all parents and grandparents behind the scenes for their hard work in making our West End performance a success. Good Luck to all of our wonderful talented performers, we are so proud of each and every one of you! Break a leg! Enjoy every minute! Should any parents have any queries regarding any aspect of the London performance or arrangements, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email or on 07971 559537.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shelagh O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

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