

BRUISER

THEATRE COMPANY

Education Prospectus

23/24



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Bruiser Theatre Company

Bruiser is one of Northern Ireland's most vibrant and successful arts organisations. Founded in 1997 and based in Belfast, Bruiser produces theatre that is exciting and innovative, down to earth and accessible to all. We're committed to providing high impact theatre experiences for our audiences in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and further afield. Inspiring the next generation of talent is a core part of our vision. We're dedicated to providing training and development opportunities to young actors through our education and outreach programs.

We exist to engage, excite, stimulate, and inspire through our unique brand of physical theatre.

We aim to:

- Use minimal set for maximum impact;
- Further explore the role of the actor, enforcing them as the central mechanism of performance;
- Streamline and explore the relationship between the essential dynamics of theatre– the actor, the space and the audience;
- Encourage an environment for the exchange of ideas and collaboration between arts practitioners in production;
- Commit to touring, workshop development and teaching to encourage a greater access to theatre;
- Produce a consistently high quality product.

Teacher Testimonials

“A wonderful experience. It has enriched the learning of the students beyond anything I thought possible. They are more engaged, committed and enthused by the experience. I could not recommend Bruiser highly enough.”

Mary Maginty



“I have worked in Northern Ireland as a drama teacher for 17 years and the constant creative support provided by Bruiser has been invaluable to the teaching of Drama for my GCSE and A-Level students. I have had about 20 students who have accessed their support via work experience, their

summer academies and their ‘A Day with Bruiser’ projects as well as visiting practitioners providing workshops. All of these students are either studying Drama/ Performing Arts at 3rd Level education or are actively working within the Performing Arts Industry here in Northern Ireland or in the UK.”

Judith Sialianskaia



“Vital is such an apt name as you have been a brilliant support to our drama department”.

Trish Mc Grugan



“Working with Bruiser has given pupils the opportunity to see that performance work is made and produced here...

Working with NI practitioners shows them that these roles are possible, for them and gives them achievable aspirations. The facilitators have all engaged and enthused our pupils... I can see this in practice in class already. This has been such a worthwhile experience.”

Ruth Hylands



“The students engaged fully in the workshops delivered by Bruiser and were inspired to create and execute devised and scripted performances with motivation and drive.”

Joanne Conere

Timeline

Academic Year

2023-24



● September

1ST SEPTEMBER

VITAL CONNECT REGISTRATION OF INTEREST IS OPEN

● October

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER - 20TH OCTOBER

BRUISER IN A BOX - COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED) TOUR

20TH OCTOBER

EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR A DAY WITH BRUISER WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE

● November

1ST NOVEMBER

ALL APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR:

- BRAVE AND BOLD - MONO & DUO COMPETITION
- EARLY BIRD OFFER FOR A DAY WITH BRUISER WORKSHOPS WITH KS3
- CPD TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF DRAMA
- BRUISER SUMMER ACADEMY
- BRUISER IN A BOX 2024

● December

31ST DECEMBER

EARLY BIRD TICKET DEADLINE FOR A DAY WITH BRUISER (KEY STAGES 4 & 5)

● January

15TH JAN - 26TH JAN

A DAY WITH BRUISER WORKSHOPS IN VENUES ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND FOR KEY STAGES 4 & 5

● February

29TH FEBRUARY

EARLY BIRD TICKET DEADLINE FOR
A DAY WITH BRUISER (KEY STAGE 3)

● March

1ST MARCH

DEADLINE FOR SHARING FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS

26TH & 27TH MARCH

A DAY WITH BRUISER FOR KEY STAGE 3

● April

20TH APRIL

SHARING FESTIVAL

● May

3RD MAY

DEADLINE FOR BRAVE AND BOLD SUBMISSIONS

31ST MAY

CPD TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF DRAMA

● June

5TH JUNE & 20TH JUNE

CPD TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF DRAMA

● July/ August

MON 1ST - SAT 6TH JULY: START ACADEMY

MON 15TH - THURS 25TH JULY: SUMMER SCHOOLS

MON 29TH JULY - SAT 10TH AUG: GRADUATE ACADEMY

BRUSIER PROJECTS THAT CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- VITAL CONNECT
- WEEKLY CLASSES & AMBASSADOR GROUP
- BRUISER ON YOUR DOORSTEP
- BRUISER DIGITAL RESOURCES



VITAL CONNECT

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

VITAL CONNECT (VC) is a three year programme which seeks to support twelve schools drama and performing arts departments to re-invigorate a passion for theatre and drama through practice.

Over the course of an academic year, VC will provide specialist coordinated training sessions to strengthen and reignite the existing practice of four schools.

After the first year, having achieved the Bruiser stamp, these schools will become Bruiser affiliated schools and all the benefits that this incurs; access to training, bespoke sessions, open invitation to 'Sharing Festival', teacher mentoring, student mentoring and a continued relationship with a theatre company widely studied on the national curriculum, Bruiser Theatre Company.

For more information on the project, email education@bruisertheatrecompany.com

To register your interest , fill out the form below:

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**THE COMPLETE WORKS OF
WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE
(abridged)**



For more information when resources
become available email:
cheryl@bruisertheatrecompany.com

A DAY WITH BRUISER **KS4 & 5**

**A full day crash course for GCSE,
Alevel & BTEC Drama students**

A Day With Bruiser is the perfect opportunity for students at GCSE, A-Level and BTEC stages to explore Bruiser's unique physical style.

Working with a range of expert facilitators, pupils will rotate around three 90-minute dynamic workshops on the Bruiser style, physical theatre and devised/collaborative theatre.

This one-day crash course will equip pupils with the skills they need to create exciting devised pieces, gain knowledge on Bruiser's ensemble style and develop confidence as performers. A must for all performing arts students!

Early bird price £20 per student, full price £25

SIGN UP!

BRAVE & BOLD

MONOLOGUE AND DUOLOGUE COMPETITION

Who Can Enter?

There are two categories: Ages 12-15 and Ages 16-18
We are only accepting submissions from young people aged 12-18 based in Northern Ireland, so please only apply if you fit these conditions.

How to Enter?

You can choose a monologue/duologue from any play; classic or contemporary. All we ask is that it 2-3 minutes long and that there aren't any distractions in the background (a plain background is best).

All competitors will receive personalised, constructive feedback from our team.

We'll select the top finalists, who will all have their monologues and duologues showcased on our website!
Registration in the competition costs £10 for a monologue and £15 for a duologue.

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The deadline to submit your self tapes is **Friday 3rd May 2023**

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A DAY WITH BRUISER **KS3**

A full day crash course for Key Stage Three drama students

A Day With Bruiser is the perfect opportunity for students at Key Stage Three to explore the history of theatre through Bruiser's unique physical style.

Working with a range of expert facilitators, pupils will rotate around dynamic workshops on the Bruiser style, and explore through practical workshops the history of theatre and how it has impacted modern theatre.

This one-day crash course will excite and inspire students to chose drama as a GCSE.

Early bird price £20 per student, full price £25

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TEACHER TRAINING



MAY/ JUNE 2024

Designed for post-primary school Drama teachers in Northern Ireland, training is tailored to the curriculum and informed by the specifications of all major exam boards.

Tickets are available:

- Half day at £100
- One full day at £150 per person
- Two full days at £200 per person
- Three full days for £250

Friday 31st May '24

9AM - 3:30PM

Accidental Theatre
Belfast

Wednesday 5th June '24

9AM - 3:30PM

Accidental Theatre
Belfast

Thursday 20th June '24

9AM - 3:30PM

The MAC
Belfast

- Transitions & genre flipping
- Theory & Practice of Bruiser Practitioners

- Introduction to Bruiser Technique
- Devising Techniques

- Technical Theatre
- Advanced Bruiser Technique

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ARTS ACADEMY

JULY - AUGUST 2024

The Bruiser Arts Academy is an essential part of any young actor's training. During the course, we focus on enhancing performance skills and professional development, equipping our students to perform at the best of their ability - it's a lot of fun too!

START ACADEMY

Ages: 12+

Dates: 1st - 6th July 2024

Location: The MAC, Belfast

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Ages: 14+

Dates: 15th - 25th July 2024

Location: The MAC, Belfast

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GRADUATE ACADEMY

Ages: 18+ years

Dates: 29th July - 10th August 2024

Location: The MAC, Belfast

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START ACADEMY

This entry level course is designed for young people who love the idea of performing, but may not have had the chance to be on stage before. This course bridges the gap, fast-tracks the audition process and is aimed at confidence building through performance.

SUMMER SCHOOL

This course is designed to inspire and challenge young actors, providing them with the building blocks required to further pursue their acting ambitions. The Bruiser team will be joined by a range of industry professionals to coach and guide participants, holding them to a high standard of practice and providing essential experience and insight into the working world.

GRADUATE ACADEMY

The Bruiser Graduate Academy is an intensive 12-day training course for young adults with a passion for the performing arts, who are serious about their career. You'll get heaps of individual attention from our expert directors, musicians, and choreographers to really hone your skills.

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TEACHER REFERRALS

We would like to particularly draw your attention to our new **START Academy**, aimed at 12-16 year olds, who have little or no experience in performance, and perhaps would not have the confidence to participate in the more intensive summer schools. We are asking teachers to refer students who they think may be suitable for The **START Academy**, to remove the daunting audition process, and encourage participation.

For The **START Academy** we are interested in working with young people who may have specific educational / behavioural needs, low confidence or may be overlooked in performing arts sessions.

You should also know that we are offering a special rate to students for the The **START Academy**, that are referred to by teachers. If a student is referred by a teacher they will get a reduction of 50% on the fee.

TEACHER REFERRAL FORM

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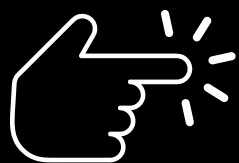


BRUISER IN A BOX

SEPT - OCT 2024

Bruiser in a Box is our annual tour of post-primary schools across Northern Ireland. The Bruiser team will stage a professional production in your assembly hall for as many students as you'd like to attend. This is the perfect opportunity for students studying Bruiser as a chosen practitioner, for live theatre evaluations without the hassle of visiting a venue, and to spark an interest in the performing arts amongst young people.

- An in-school performance of a professional theatre production performed in Bruiser's trademark style
- A Post-Show Workshop or Q&A for up to 30 pupils
- Digital educational resources on the production for follow-up classwork



MORE INFO



Please don't hesitate to get in touch:
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WEEKLY CLASSES & AMBASSADOR GROUP

We are recruiting for The Bruiser Weekly Classes - Professional development for young people in the arts!

This is an essential part of the training provision available to young people in Northern Ireland. Participants will experience visually exciting, rhythmic, choral and choreographic elements for which Bruiser is renowned.

Group 1: Young People aged 10 - 14

Group 2: Young People aged 12 - 19

Group 3: Young People aged 18+

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BRUISER ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Bruiser Theatre Company will design and deliver bespoke workshops to cater to any groups needs.

Examples include:

- Text work
- Devising work
- Monologues
- Group pieces
- Design aspects
- Technical theatre
- Directing sessions
- Character work

These sessions will be created to achieve targets and learning objectives as set by exam boards.

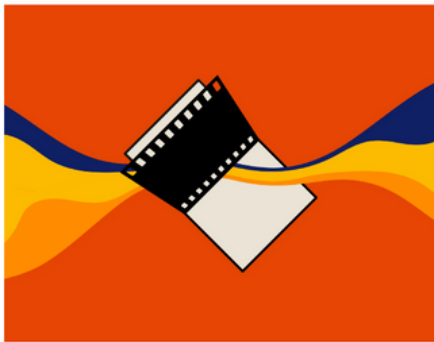
In order to produce the best session plan, please complete the information form using the link button below.

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DIGITAL RESOURCES

Bruiser is dedicated to providing informative and innovative resources for your students. Adapting to the current virtual environment, we are delighted to offer schools a host of digital educational resources.



BRUISER DIGITAL HANDBOOK



HOW-TO DEMO VIDEOS

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO

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