



Stage 65 is Wiltshire Creative's vibrant Youth Theatre, celebrating the creativity and imagination of young people!

Through storytelling, drama techniques, performance skills, and collaborative games, members build confidence, make new friends, and enjoy creativity in a safe supported environment.

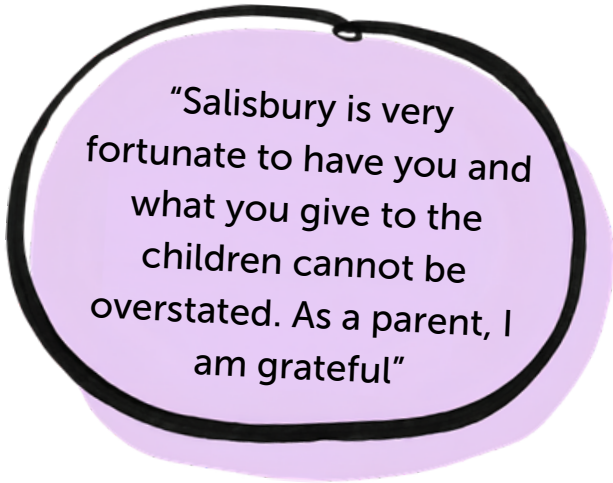
They will have the chance to work with professional artists and industry practitioners and work towards shows and showings of their work in the Salberg Studio, Salisbury Arts Centre and, for Group 4 and above, main stage performances at Salisbury Playhouse. Members are sometimes also invited to perform as part of professional productions within the community cast and as part of Salisbury International Arts Festival.



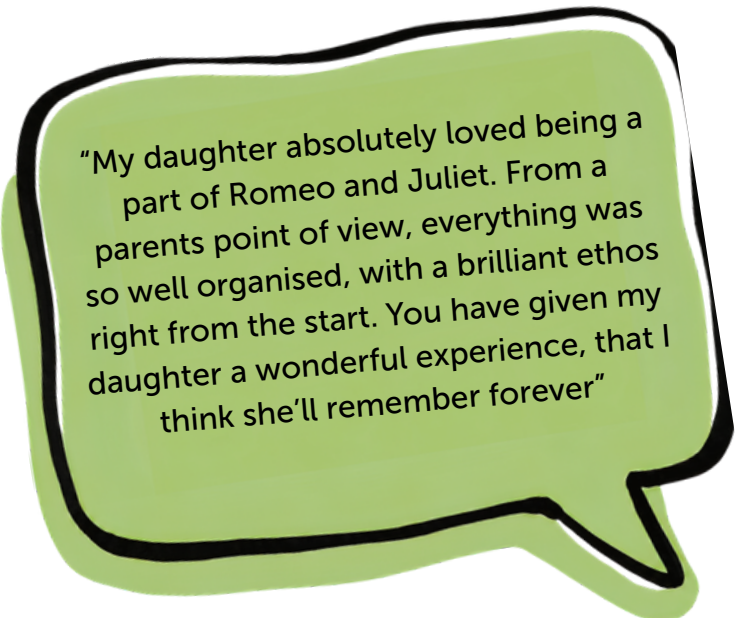
"Stage 65 allowed me to explore my passions and continue to fall in love with theatre. Stage 65 has given me the time, space and opportunity to find a career path that I absolutely adore"



"I have had the best time at Stage 65. I have been given some incredible opportunities, met the best people and made friends for life"



"Salisbury is very fortunate to have you and what you give to the children cannot be overstated. As a parent, I am grateful"



"My daughter absolutely loved being a part of Romeo and Juliet. From a parents point of view, everything was so well organised, with a brilliant ethos right from the start. You have given my daughter a wonderful experience, that I think she'll remember forever"

Who can join?

We welcome anyone aged 6-21 with an interest in performing arts; no previous experience is needed. Our team also provides support for young people with additional needs to ensure everyone can take part and thrive. There are no formal auditions to join or for shows and we involve everyone in all our projects.

Why join Stage 65?

- Build confidence and communication skills
- Develop performance and storytelling techniques
- Work with professional artists
- Make new friends in a welcoming, creative environment
- Take part in unique performance opportunities

Fees

The 26/27 cost for a 10-week term is £85.00. With an initial taster week in September, free of charge, this means you can try out the class before you sign up!

Once you are a Stage 65 member, you will be emailed a payment link at the start of each term. Payment must be made by the specified deadline to secure your place.

Autumn Term 1 (Sept-Dec)
Spring Term 2 (Jan-Mar)
Summer Term 3 (April-July)



Bursary Scheme

Financial assistance is available through our bursary scheme, helping ensure Stage 65 is accessible to all. Our bursary scheme provides financial support to young people from low-income households. Depending on individual circumstances, a bursary may cover 50%, 75% or 100% of programme fees, which will be reviewed annually.

Eligibility Criteria:

A respectful, trust-based process.

A young person may be eligible if any of the following apply:

- Low or inconsistent household income
- Financial hardship or sudden changes in circumstance
- Young carers
- Looked after children or care leavers
- Receiving or eligible for Pupil Premium
- Living in a family with no recourse to public funds due to immigration status

We do not ask for proof of income, benefits or financial documentation.

Self-referral is welcome. Young people can also be referred by parents, teachers, youth workers, social workers, or community organisations.

Decision-Making:

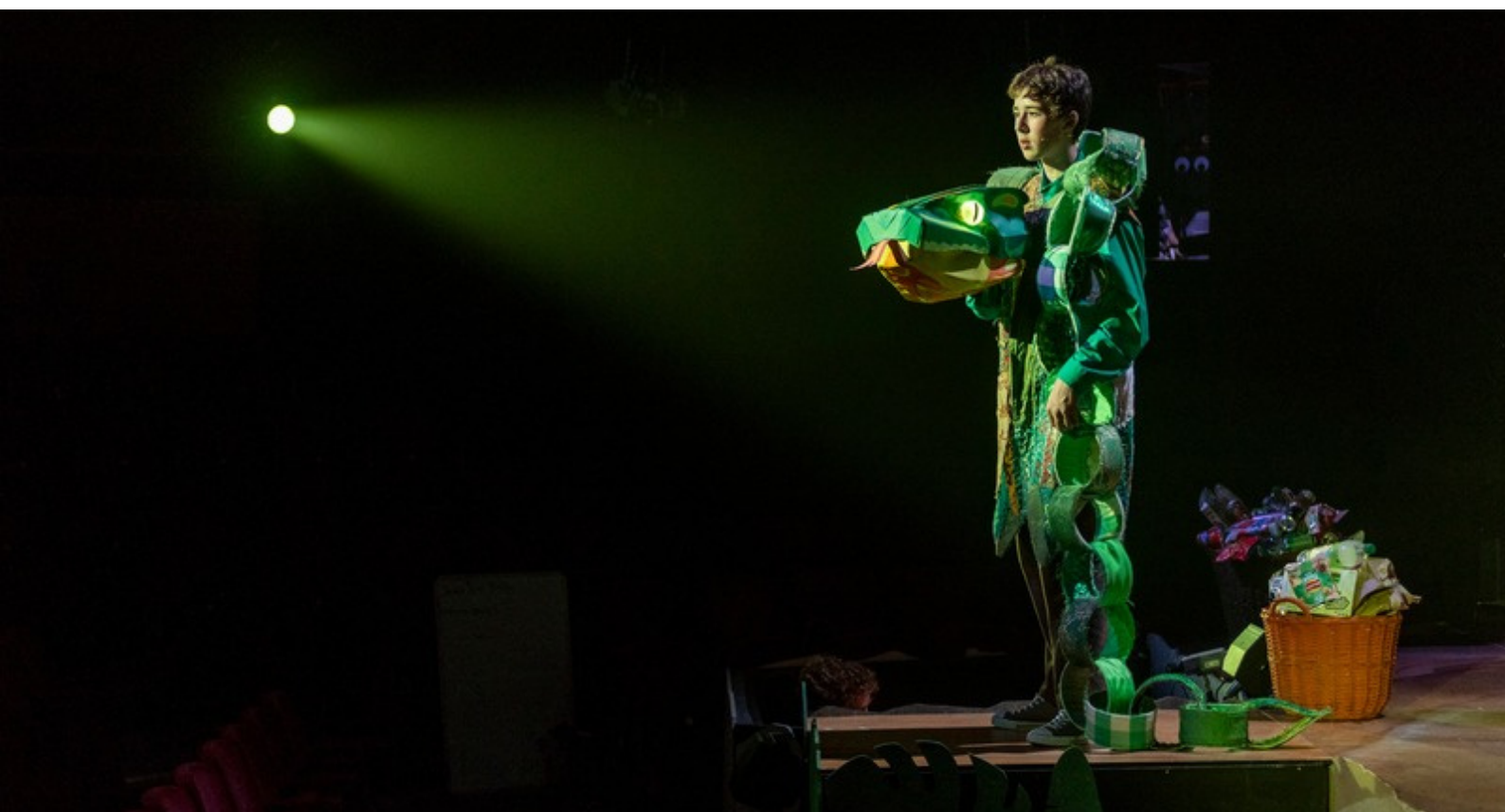
Applications are considered confidentially and based on need, interest in participating, and available bursary funds.

Application Process:

The Application process is simple and we aim for it to be as stress free as possible. You can apply by:

- Filling out [this form](#)
- Calling Take Part on 01722 320117, Option 3 and sharing your information, in confidence, with a member of the team. We will complete the form for you
- If you are already attending Stage 65 and your circumstances have changed, you can use one of the options above or simply talk to the Youth Theatre Leader before or after one of your sessions

STAGE 65
YOUTH THEATRE



Session Timetable

All sessions are held at Salisbury Arts Centre, Bedwin Street, SP1 3UT

Group 1	Ages 6-8	SCH YRS 2&3	14 Spaces	Mondays, 4:15pm- 5:15pm
Group 2	Ages 8-10	SCH YRS 4&5	24 Spaces	Mondays, 5:30pm- 6:45pm
Group 3	Ages 10-12	SCH YRS 6&7	40 Spaces*	Tuesdays, 4:30pm-6pm
Group 4	Ages 12-14	SCH YRS 8&9	40 Spaces*	Tuesdays, 6:15pm- 7:45pm
Group 5	Ages 14-16	SCH YRS 10&11	30 Spaces	Wednesdays, 5pm-6:30pm
Young Company	Ages 16-21	SCH YRS 12+	30 Spaces	Wednesdays, 6:45pm- 8:15pm

*Split into two groups of 20

Parents/carers - There will always be a space where you can wait at the arts centre - this may be upstairs in our Art Room or downstairs in our Cafe Bar.

Stage 65 members - in Year 7+ are welcome to wait here after school until their session starts. Our Media Space is reserved for them from 3:30pm. This is not a constantly supervised space, so permission will need to be given by a parent/guardian upon registration.

Performance Opportunities

We work on a two-year rotation for performing opportunities. All of our groups work towards performances, with smaller scale opportunities for younger members, as they build skills and confidence, and additional opportunities for our older Young Company.

YEAR A (September 2026- July 2027)	Performance	Rehearsals
Group 1 & 2	Formal Sharing in the Salberg Studio at Salisbury Playhouse- Feb 2027	Within Autumn Term sessions with additional Technical Rehearsal
Group 3	Salisbury International Arts Festival 2027- May Half Term	Within Spring/Summer Term Sessions
Group 4, 5 & Young Company	July Main House Production at Salisbury Playhouse	Within Spring/ Summer Term sessions. For Additional Easter Break, Saturday, Technical and Dress Rehearsals see timetable below. COMMITMENT: Members must attend ALL Tech, Dress and Performance dates. Plus 80% of all other rehearsals
Young Company	February Small Scale Performance in the Salberg Studio at Salisbury Playhouse	Within Autumn Term sessions with additional Technical Rehearsal

YEAR B* (September 2027- July 2028)	Performance	Rehearsals
Group 1 & 2	December Sharing	Within Autumn Term sessions with additional Technical Rehearsal
Group 3, 4, 5 & YC	May-June Community Performance	Within Spring and Summer Term sessions with additional sessions in Easter Break, some Saturday Rehearsals plus Technical and Dress Rehearsals dates tbc. 100% Commitment to Tech, Dress and Performances. 80% Commitment to Rehearsals
Young Company	March/April Small Scale Production	Within Spring Term sessions with additional Technical Rehearsal

* TBC. This year's performance opportunities and locations may be impacted by our exciting Capital Plans at the Playhouse but the structure will remain similar to the above.

26/27 Term Dates

Group 1 & 2

14 September 2026	Taster Session (Tasters Only)
21 Sep - 30 Nov 2026 (No Session 26 Oct- Half Term)	Autumn Term
11 Jan- 22 March 2027 (No session 15 Feb- Half Term)	Spring Term
19 April- 5 July (No session 3 May B/H and 31 May B/H)	Summer Term

Additional Dates*

4 February 2027	Performance 1 6pm
5 February 2027	Performance 2 6pm

***For those in Groups 1, 2 and 3, we encourage you to take part and be available for Performance Opportunities, as this will help you get the most from the programme. Please speak to us if you have any concerns regarding dates of the opportunities.**

Group 3

15 September 2026	Taster Session (Tasters Only)
22 Sep - 1 Dec 2026 (No Session 27 Oct- Half Term)	Autumn Term
12 Jan- 23 March 2027 (No session 16 Feb- Half Term)	Spring Term
27 April- 6 July (No Session 1 June- Half Term)	Summer Term

Additional Dates*

1st-2nd June	Timings TBC
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Group 4

15 September 2026	Taster Session (Tasters Only)
22 Sep - 1 Dec 2026 (No Session 27 Oct- Half Term)	Autumn Term
12 Jan- 23 March 2027 (No session 16 Feb- Half Term)	Spring Term
27 April- 6 July (No Session 1 June- Half Term)	Summer Term

Additional Dates

6 April 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-2pm
7 April 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-2pm
3 July 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-12pm
14 July 2027*	Health & Safety Orientation
15 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 1
17 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 2, 3 & 4
19 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 5
20 July 2027*	Dress Rehearsal
21 July-24 July 2027*	5 Performances

***Compulsory Dates. All will take place outside of school hours. You must be available on these dates to take part in Stage 65 this year.**

Group 5

16 September 2026	Taster Session (Tasters Only)
23 Sep - 2 Dec 2026 (No Session 28 Oct- Half Term)	Autumn Term
13 Jan- 24 March 2027 (No session 17 Feb- Half Term)	Spring Term
28 April- 7 July (No Session 2 June- Half Term)	Summer Term

Additional Dates

6 April 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-2pm
7 April 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-2pm
3 July 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-12pm
14 July 2027*	Health & Safety Orientation
15 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 1
17 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 2, 3 & 4
19 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 5
20 July 2027*	Dress Rehearsal
21 July-24 July 2027*	5 Performances

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Young Company

16 September 2026	Taster Session (Tasters Only)
23 Sep - 2 Dec 2026 (No Session 28 Oct- Half Term)	Autumn Term
13 Jan- 24 March 2027 (No session 17 Feb- Half Term)	Spring Term
28 April- 7 July (No Session 2 June- Half Term)	Summer Term

Additional Dates

4 February 2027	Performance 1 7:30pm
5 February 2027	Performance 2 7:30pm
6 April 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-2pm
7 April 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-2pm
3 July 2027	Extra Rehearsal 10am-12pm
14 July 2027*	Health & Safety Orientation
15 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 1
17 July 2027*	Tech Rehearsal 2, 3 & 4
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How do I join?

If you are interested in joining Stage 65, please ensure you have read the Performance Opportunities and Term Dates information so you understand the commitment involved over the 26/27 academic year.

If you are new to Stage 65, you must attend a taster session before committing to becoming a member. Upcoming Taster Sessions:

Group 1: Monday 14th September, 4:15pm-5:15pm

Group 2: Monday 14th September, 5:30pm-6:45pm

Group 3: Tuesday 15th September, 4:30pm-6pm

Group 4: Tuesday 15th September, 6:15pm-7:45pm

Group 5: Wednesday 16th September, 5pm-6:30pm

Young Company: Wednesday 16th September, 6:45pm-8:15pm

To book onto a Taster Session, please complete the following form:
[Stage 65 Taster Session and Waitlist Sign Up Form – Fill out form](#)

Please be aware that we currently have a waiting list for all Stage 65 groups and attending a Taster Session does not guarantee you a place straight away. Places will be offered based on availability on a first come, first serve basis. By signing up to a taster session, you will be automatically added to the waiting list.

If you would like to join Stage 65 following your Taster Session, you will be emailed a payment link and registration form to complete, once a space is available.

If you have any questions, please email
takepart@wiltshirecreative.co.uk.

FAQs

Where are sessions held?

Regular sessions are held at Salisbury Arts Centre, Bedwin Street, SP1 3UT. Sessions will take place upstairs in the White Room, which is accessible via stairs or a lift.

Access to Salisbury Arts Centre will be via the back door, next to the Arts Centre car park. Please be aware parking is limited- please make use of College Street and Salt Lane Car Parks where possible.

Some rehearsals and performances may take place at Salisbury Playhouse, and will be indicated on your Performance Schedule.

Is there somewhere to wait before/during sessions?

Parents/carers - There will always be a space where you can wait at the Arts Centre - this may be upstairs in our Art Room or downstairs in our Cafe Bar.

Stage 65 members - in Year 7+ are welcome to wait here after school until their session starts. Our Media Space is reserved for them from 3:30pm. This is not a constantly supervised space, so permission will need to be given by a parent/guardian upon registration.

What should I wear to sessions?

Please wear comfortable clothing you can move in such as joggers, leggings, t-shirts and jumper. Please wear trainers- not sandals, crocs or boots. Please refrain from wearing your school uniform- you are welcome to get changed at the Arts Centre before your session.

What should I bring to sessions?

A water bottle

Any medication you may need in a labelled bag

You can bring mobile phones, but they must stay in bags during sessions

Do I have to be available for the Performance Opportunities to take part in Stage 65?

For those in Groups 1, 2 and 3, we encourage you to take part and be available for Performance Opportunities, as this will help you get the most from the programme. Please speak to us if you have any concerns regarding dates of the opportunities.

For those in Groups 4, 5 and Young Company, you must be available for all compulsory dates of the Performance Opportunities, to join Stage 65. If you are unavailable, we ask that you do not sign up this year.

Are there any Stage 65 trips planned?

We will be holding our annual Stage 65 trip to see our Pantomime at Salisbury Playhouse on Thursday 3rd December at 7pm. This year's pantomime is 'Beauty and the Beast'. Tickets to this will be £13.50. We will share more details in September, on how to book.

I am on the waitlist. When will I receive a space?

All Stage 65 groups are currently full, so spaces only become available when a member leaves or moves up to a different group. Because of this, we're unable to give a timescale for when a place may become available. All young people on the waiting list must attend a free taster session in September. If you would then like to join, we'll contact you when a space becomes available, in waiting list order.

If you are not yet on the waitlist, you will be automatically added by booking onto a taster session.

I am an existing member. How do I secure my place?

Existing members will be emailed a payment link for each term. They must make payment by the specified deadline, to secure their place. After this deadline, any available spaces will be offered to the waiting list. If an existing member misses the deadline but wishes to still join, they will be added to the waiting list.