Monash Uni Student Theatre (MSA) in 2021

GET INVOLVED! GET TO A PERFORMANCE! GET WITH THE PROGRAM - in whatever forms it takes!

Monash Uni Student Theatre is a department of MSA, run by professional theatre makers, and a theatre company that creates vibrant performances by and with Monash students, for everybody. Shows are diverse, ranging from devised pieces to adaptations, from festivals to intimate experiments - and sometimes, fully digital offerings! Students are involved in every area: direction, marketing, stage management, design, music, tech, acting & more. MUST pairs new people up with experienced student mentors and holds workshops to develop skills. Involvement is open to ALL Monash students.

In 2020, We moved our whole season online! Our community stayed ambitious in their art making, generating great new ideas for getting people together and learning. An online platform was created to house digital works. Highlights are available to check out via the MUST/MSA site: msa.monash.edu/must or directly via: musttheatre.com

In 2021 MUST is planning a wide range of online opportunities and IRL experiences too! Here are just a few:

Semester One and onwards

Now available via: msaofest.com/reruns

The 2021 MUST O-Show, Indiana Jones and the Lost City of Monash
This year it’s a 6-ep film! Simultaneously an informative spoof of student life and a spoof of the Indiana Jones franchise.

MUST O-Fest Panel Discussion - ‘MUST and making work digitally’

2021 MUST Beginners and International Students Workshop Program
A program of fun, free weekly performance workshops (hopefully all IRL) culminating in public showings In September. Tuesday nights within Semester, March 16 – September. Underway & full up – stay tuned for next year.

Musical Theatre Workshops
Intensive workshops for musical theatre performers led by experienced MUSTers and alumni. Beginners & more experienced people all welcome! Attendance required at both sessions: Fridays 10:30am - 4:30pm, 23 & 30 April

eventbrite.com.au/e/musical-theatre-workshops-must-tickets-150681361007

Loops - Sound Design Workshop Project - Learn how to record, manipulate and design an audio piece across 8 weeks -
Email callum.cheah2000@gmail.com Underway

STRANGEkit
This performance collective of 11 artists is eager for new adventure and will be using the MUST Space as their experimentation hub. Check out their previous work via musttheatre.com & strangekit.com

From MUST Till Dawn, the podcast, continues via musttheatre.com
Each episode introduces a new guest to see if their chosen film can hold its own against cult classic From Dusk Till Dawn.
Asynchrony: An Interactive Minecraft Experience
An interactive online performance experienced by playing multiplayer Minecraft whilst voice-connected to nearby actors and audience. You’ll take on the role of an intrepid explorer two hundred years into the future - from the comfort of your own home! Performances May 3 – 15 | Bookings & more info: bit.ly/AsynchronyMUST
*Not an official Minecraft product. Not approved by or associated with Mojang.

FIND - Festival of Ideas and New Developments
May 17 – 30 IRL in The MUST Space | More ideas? Contact yvonne.virsik@monash.edu.
Loads of events and performances incorporating Fun, Immersion, New Work and Discovery! Including:
- A Networking Night with exMUSTer professional theatre makers – Mon 17 May
- A Disney Society / MUST Karaoke Night, Tues 18 May
- “In Your Dreams...” A themed night of performances Wed 19 May
- The Debut of new work “We the Ocean” Thurs 20 & Sat 22 May
- Dungeons and Dragons Night - actual play in a show with a live audience, Fri May 21
- An Intercultural Night - performances & connections, Mon 24 May | More workshops and performances coming!

SUNRISE - Produced by Monash University Performing Arts Centres
A collaboration across Monash, inviting us all to help create a series of exciting experiences and performances. MUST will be collaborating with MPAC to help make it all happen! Stay tuned.
- Sunrise Studio - Take a survey and turn your experiences of 2020 into a brief for a surreal photo shoot.
- Sunrise Big Big Band - Improvise with hundreds of other students -performance August 13th.
- Sunrise Rushes - You can be filmed in ultra-slow motion, undertaking extreme physical challenges!

Follow the MPAC socials: facebook instagram monashpac

From Scratch via musttheatre.com Round one is underway. Email mustfromscratch@gmail.com for round two now! Writers work in small supportive groups to create monologues, then hand them over to directors and actors to film.

Scripts Ahoy continues via musttheatre.com MUST’s continuous playwright project. Someone writes a scene then passes it on to the next writer to continue...

Semester Two onwards

Kill Climate Deniers, a riotous black comedy by David Finnegan IRL in The Alexander Theatre & in the Fringe Festival in the Mid Sem break! Auditions late April into May, crew gathering gradually from now. Performances Sept 30 – Oct 2
What happens when the unstoppable force of climate change meets the immovable object of Australian Politics?

CabFest Brilliant offerings of theatre, dance, drag, music, and comedy. MUST is hoping to run CabFest in a hybrid form, with some live performances and some streamed in October. Stay tuned ...

The Legendary MUST Wrap Party and Awards Night In late November

MUST Boot Camp 50 students and a week of workshops, creation and inspiration in Falls Creek! In early December

2021 MUST Interns and specific student positions
A number of students are undertaking year-long internships with MUST staff and new positions have been created to focus on building accessibility for all, and supporting our community.

Monash Shakespeare Co. A club that gets some support from MUST. Keep in touch with them as well!

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