

NOMINATION AND INFORMATION PACK 2018



The Kiwi All-Star program will offer New Zealand's most outstanding young musical theatre performers the chance to travel to the USA and represent their country!

Our ensemble of 40 Kiwi students will travel, as a group, during the 2020 January School Holidays with Music Theatre International Australasia and Travel Gang to New York, where they will be exposed to auditions, Broadway performers, Broadway shows and a week-long rehearsal intensive where they will learn the choreography and music to a Broadway JR title which will then be presented in Atlanta at the Junior Theatre Festival where there will be more than 5000 musical theatre lovers from all over the world waving more than 10,000 jazz hands! Then on the way home, our Kiwi All-Stars will stop off in Hollywood for a special tour of Universal Studios. Then to top it all off we visit the happiest place on earth...Disneyland!

The program is designed and delivered by Travel Gang to not only offer unprecedented performance and growth opportunities for young Kiwi musical theatre stars, but also for them to build lifelong friendships with other like-minded performers from all over the country.

With the help of our friends at Music Theatre International Australasia and the Amici Trust we are able to coordinate some truly memorable and life changing experiences. We are extremely grateful for their help and support in bringing this program to your students.

As you can imagine coordinating this kind of international adventure is no simple feat and this "Audition Nomination and Information Packet" is designed to give you as much information as possible. Please feel free to share some or all of the information with your nominated students parents to help them understand the magnitude of commitment that is involved in this program.

As always, we can't wait to see you at JTCNZ.

JTCNZ Team



GROOF NAME.	
DIRECTOR'S NAME:	
DIRECTOR'S MOBILE:	
DIRECTOR'S EMAIL:	
HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR GROUP FOR JTCNZ THIS YEAR? (please circle)	YES / NO

CDOLID NAME.

Please list up to 8 performers from your student group who you wish to nominate for the Kiwi All-Stars program: **Students must be no older than 17yrs 6mths at the time of audition.** 

NAME	SURNAME	Age as of Jan 2020

Complete this "Audition Nomination and Information Form" and submit by emailing to <a href="mailto:hello@travelgang.com.au">hello@travelgang.com.au</a> before Friday 1st October, 2018









DAY	PROPOSED DATE	ACTIVITY	
1	Thu 9th Jan	Meet at Auckland International Airport	
		Travel Auckland to JFK (via LAX)	
		Evening Arrival New York	
2	Fri 10th Jan	Rehearsal Day 1	
3	Sat 11th Jan	Sightseeing Day #1	
		Sightseeing may include: Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Time Square, Empire State Building	
		BROADWAY SHOW #1	
4	Sun 12th Jan	Sightseeing Day #2	
		Sightseeing may include: Grand Central Station via The Drama Book Shop and Bryant Park Fountain, Battery Park, Rockafella Center, Chrysler Building, Central Park Ice Skating, Museum of Natural History	
		BROADWAY SHOW #2	

5	Mon 13th Jan	Rehearsal Day 2	
		Chaperone Activities throughout the week while All Stars rehearse may include: Lower Manhattan Walking Tour, High Line Walk, Ground Zero Museum, Little Italy, SoHo, Chelsea Markets, Fifth Avenue, Macy's, Sacks on Fifth shopping experience, The Met, MoMA	
6	Tue 14th Jan	Rehearsal Day 3	
7	Wed 15th Jan	Rehearsal Day 4	
8	Thu 16th Jan	Rehearsal Day 5	
9	Fri 17th Jan	Early morning flight from New York to Atlanta	
		Visit CNN Studios for lunch	
		Visit Centre for Puppetry Arts	
		Transport to Accommodation	
		Festival Registration Afternoon Rehearsal	
10	Sat 18th Jan	Festival Adjudication Day Other Festival Activities Dance Party	
11	Sun 19th Jan	Festival Day 2 Other Festival Activities Festival Concert	
12	Mon 20th Jan	Fly Atlanta to LAX	
		Transfer to Hollywood Boulevard, including Griffith Park Observatory, Beverly Hills, Rodeo Drive	
13	Tue 21st Jan	Universal Studios	
14	Wed 22nd Jan	Transfer from Hollywood to Anaheim (Disneyland resort) via Hollywood Boulevard	
15	Thu 23rd Jan	Disneyland Day 1 Magic Kingdom	
16	Fri 24th Jan	Disneyland Day 2 California Adventure	
17	Sat 25th Jan	Transfer from Anaheim to LAX via Santa Monica/Venice Beach	
		Evening Flight from LAX to Auckland	
18	Sun 26th Jan	Lost In Flight	
19	Mon 27th Jan	Arrive home into Auckland and transfer to home town cities.	



#### **DATES**

Thursday 9th until Monday 27th January 2020.

NOTE: It is mandatory that successful Kiwi All-Star participants make travel arrangements to arrive into Auckland no later than Wednesday 8th January. All successful Kiwi All-Stars must also remain as members of their school or drama academy for the period before and after the Kiwi All-Stars adventure dates.

### COST

\$8548/participant\* Spaces are available for chaperones to accompany their children.

This figure is based on quad share accommodation at the NZ/ USA exchange rate of 0.66. Final cost subject to change as affected by currency exchange rates, group numbers and availability of ground tour components.

## **PAYMENT PLAN**

- \$1000 (23rd Nov, 2018)
- \$2516.00 (15th Feb, 2019)
- \$2516.00 (17th May, 2019)
- \$2516.00 (22nd Sep. 2019)

#### **INCLUDED**

Estimate includes:

- Workshop participation and all workshop resources.
- Flights from Auckland to USA return, economy class
- Quad Share Accommodation, 4 Star
- Breakfasts each day
- Airport motorcoach transfers in USA
- Admissions to activities as listed in the above itinerary unless otherwise stated
- Accompanying Tour Director and creative team.

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transport to and from Auckland, Passport, USA VISA (ESTA) fee - \$14USD, travel Insurance, Meals other than breakfast, Spending money.



#### **AUDITION NOMINATION PROCESS**

- **STEP 1:** Students can only be considered as an Kiwi All-Star if their group is registered to attend JTCNZ.
- STEP 2: Students can only be nominated by their director or a member of their creative team.
- **STEP 3**: Seek approval from your nominated students parents to make sure they are aware of the fee and the full commitment.
- **STEP 4:** Make sure each of your nominated students hold a valid passport or are willing to organise one asap should they be offered a place as an Kiwi All-Star.
- **STEP 5:** Complete this "Audition Nomination and Information Form" and submit by emailing to <a href="mailto:hello@travelgang.com.au">hello@travelgang.com.au</a> before Friday 1st October, 2018
- STEP 6: Ensure your nominated students can attend our Kiwi All Stars auditions on the Friday night at JTCNZ 2018.
- **STEP 7:** Auditionees will be evaluated by MTI Australasia staff and creative teams and notice will be provided via email to Directors and teachers of successful applicants. Auditionees will also be notified.
- STEP 8: Information will be distributed and info sessions will be held with successful Kiwi All-Stars.
- STEP 9: Deposits will be due by 23rd November 2018.
- STEP 10: The organising begins!!!

#### **AUDITION PREPARATION**

Students are NOT required to prepare anything for audition. They will be taught a song and some choreography during the audition. They will also be provided with a scene as part of a work-shopped audition.

#### SUPERVISION

Qualified teacher supervision is provided for the Kiwi All-Stars group. However, we invite parents along for the ride. Spaces are available for chaperones to accompany their children.

### **GETTING A POSITION BY INVITATION**

During your group's adjudication session at JTCNZ adjudicators select a group to perform during the Closing Ceremony on the Saturday evening. This group are called the "JTCNZ All-Stars". This is a *different* group to the "Kiwi All-Stars", however, by being selected as a JTCNZ All-Star you are given an automatic invitation to join the Kiwi All-Stars without needing to audition.

# ABOUT TRAVEL GANG

We aim to change the world by innovating creative international experiences that allow young people to develop new ways of thinking. At Travel Gang we love to learn and we love to travel and we love to have fun! That's basically us in a nutshell. We design, customise, organise and conduct group adventures and programs that embrace key curriculum learning areas, subjects, topics and themes for schools, dance companies, sporting clubs and other special interest groups.



"The team at Travel Gang were meticulous in their preparation, coordination and genuine care and support shown to each and every one of the fifty children and chaperones who participated in the 20 day tour of the USA. It is by far the most comprehensive and professionally managed group event I have been associated with. The quality of the communication and attention to detail which accompanied the management of this tour was highly impressive. I have no hesitation in recommending a Travel Gang program to any parent or educator."

Steve Gately (Principal- Biddabah Public School)