

ALABTROSS – WINGS OF FREEDOM

UPDATE – MAY 2014

1) TICKETS

Tickets are now on sale for all four performances:

Wednesday 23rd July at 11:30

Friday 25th July at 14:30

Saturday 26th July at 19:30

Sunday 27th July at 16:30

Call the Box Office (+44) 08444 821 556

Or you can book online:

<https://uk.patronbase.com/RoseTheatreKingston/Productions/Y211/Performances>

2) HOSTING

Thank you to the families who have offered to host two children from Braeburn School. We are currently expecting 30 children from Kenya (thereby requiring 15 host families). This number may change depending on the success of visa applications. I will confirm hosting allocations as soon as possible. However, if you are no longer able to host, please email me, thank you. *(Please note that we would hugely appreciate it if host families could provide the Kenyan children with a packed lunch each day during the hosting period. Many thanks.)*

Hosting dates: Wednesday 16th July – Monday 21st July.

6B: Abigail, Esme, Ella, Libby, Jude, Lola, Phoebe

6C: Jack, Leyona, Mia, Sam, Thomas

6H: Moses, Madeleine, Sacha, Josephine, Kaia

6R: Molly, Isabella, Zoe, Humaira, Bea

3) Chaperoning

Many thanks also to those who have offered to chaperone. I now need to know on which days you're able to chaperone (this will involve chaperoning backstage during performances). Please complete and return the attached sheet to indicate when you can chaperone. Thank you.

6B: Abigail, Isabel, Evie, Olivia, Elise, Florence, Esme, Alice, Scarlett, Ella, Hamish, Lola, Minnie, Sebi

6C: Edward, Jack, Mia, Isobel, Stanley, Sam, Isabel, Samuel, Nina, Emily, Felix,

6H: Luc, Moses, Chelsea, Nell, Madeleine, Theo, Kitty, Sacha, Josephine, Zia, Jake, Darcey

6R: Molly, Maggie, Zoe, Daisy, Ruby

4) Provisional Itinerary

Wednesday 16 th July	12:00 – Kenyan cast arrive at Downs Junior 15:15 – Kenyan cast collected by host families 17:00 – 19:00 Welcoming party at school
Thursday 17 th July	15:15 – 17:30 – Rehearsal at school
Friday 18 th July	15:15 – 17:30 – Rehearsal at school
Saturday 19 th July	10:00 – 16:00 at school 18:00 – 20:00 social chill out in Preston Park
Sunday 20 th July	10:00 – 16:00 at school 18:00 – 20:00 social chill out on Brighton Beach
Monday 21 st July	10:00 – Kenyan cast travel to Kingston and remain there until Tuesday 29 th July No rehearsals for the Downs Junior cast
Tuesday 22 nd July	08:30 – depart school, travel to Kingston for the tech rehearsal and dress rehearsal. Two packed lunches, drinks and costumes required. Return to school 18:00.
Wednesday 23 rd July	08:30 – depart school, travel to Kingston for a final rehearsal and first performance to audiences (including Downs Junior School children and staff) at 11:30. One packed lunch, drink and costumes required Return to school 15:15.
Friday 25 th July	10:00 – depart school, travel to Kingston to explore the International Youth Arts Festival (other theatre shows, live music and street entertainment) and the second performance of Albatross at 14:30. Two packed lunches, drinks and costumes required. Return to school at 18:15.
Saturday 26 th July	12:00 – depart school, travel to Kingston to explore the festival (other theatre shows, live music and street entertainment) and the third performance of Albatross at 19:30. Two packed lunches, drinks and costumes required. Return to school at 23:00.
Sunday 27 th July	11:00 – depart school, travel to Kingston to explore the festival and the fourth and final performance of Albatross at 16:30. Two packed lunches, drinks and costumes required. Return to school at 20:00.

5) Costumes

All Downs Junior children will require a 'slave' costume. We'd like this to be white linen or cotton. Ideally, the girls will wear a sleeveless dress (similar to a night dress) essentially looking like a sack-dress, and the boys will only wear trousers or shorts. When on stage, the kids will be barefoot. Although it will be great if the kids had pumps or any other form of simple slip-on footwear (crocs/flipflops) to wear on their feet when they're backstage or in the changing rooms.

All Downs Junior children will also require a 'Zanzibar school child' costume – light-weight, brightly coloured and patterned clothing. It would be a huge bonus if the print on the clothing was 'African' – more specifically, kanga print. The kids will spend most of their time on stage in this costume.

Thirdly, the Downs Junior kids will require a costume for the English harbour scenes (the kids know what they are): Victorian gentry or Sailors or Beggars or Sellers

Please remember – no logos or obvious zips or Velcro on clothing and no 'contemporary' fabrics, as this show is set in 1880-1890.

6) Instalment Payments

Many thanks to those of you who have paid the second of three instalments of £50 and to those of you who have already paid the full amount: The third and final instalment is due 3rd June 2014. Thank you.

7) Fundraising

I would welcome suggestions for raising money to fund:

- printing t-shirts for the cast and crew
- hiring a van to transport props, set and musical instrument
- hiring of specialist lighting and sound equipment
- hiring of lighting designer and sound engineer
- printing posters and leaflets to promote the show
- film crew and post-production team to create a performance DVD

Please remember to check the Albatross page on the school music website and to 'like' and 'follow' Albatross the Musical / Albatross – Wings of Freedom on Facebook and Twitter. Thanks.

Don't hesitate to get in touch (email is preferable) if you have any questions or concerns.

Musical regards,

Anna Rusbatch

Child's Name _____ Child's Class _____

Main adult for communication: (please use **CAPITAL** letters)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Tel: _____

Do you give permission for your child to be photographed and filmed during rehearsals and on stage by third parties, such as media groups, Creative Youth and the International Youth Arts Festival? Such images and footage may be used for theatre reviews, press reports and future festival promotional material and may also appear on social media sites such as YouTube and Facebook. (please circle)

YES NO

I would like to help with chaperoning duties (please circle) YES NO

If yes, please **tick** which chaperoning 'sessions' you **are** available for: (**if you select a backstage session, I will assume you are not planning to watch that performance*)

- ☐ Tuesday 22nd 08:30 – 18:00 - Full day in Kingston and in the theatre
- ☐ Wednesday 23rd 08:30 – 15:15 – Coach journeys and rehearsals backstage
- ☐ Wednesday 23rd 11:30 – 13:30 - *Backstage during the performance
- ☐ Friday 25th 10:00 - 18:30 – Coach journeys and exploring the festival in Kingston
- ☐ Friday 25th 14:30 – 16:30 - *Backstage during the performance
- ☐ Saturday 26th 12:00 – 23:00 – Coach journeys and exploring the festival in Kingston
- ☐ Saturday 26th 19:30 – 21:30 – *Backstage during the performance
- ☐ Sunday 27th 11:00 – 20:00 – Coach journeys and exploring the festival in Kingston
- ☐ Sunday 27th 16:30 – 18:30 – *Backstage during the performance

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Thank you very much for your support.