



BREAKSEA

2025

BREAKSEA YOUTH ENSEMBLE
Lower Great Southern
INFORMATION



PROJECT

Breaksea Youth Ensemble - Lower Great Southern

VENUE

Southern Edge Arts
77 Sanford Rd, Centennial Park

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Matt Reuben James Ward

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Pia Harris

MUSIC

Term 1 & 2 Aliwah Bardinar by Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse
Term 3 & 4 Concert Event (Yet to be announced)

ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

Rachael Colmer

ABOUT BREAKSEA

Breaksea is a multi-artform performance company dedicated to sharing the joy of music and theatre across Western Australia. At Breaksea we strive to facilitate community skills development and increase access and engagement with arts and culture.

www.breaksea.org

www.vimeo.com/breaksea

BREAKSEA YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Breaksea is pleased to launch an ongoing Youth Ensemble for the Lower Great Southern, which will meet weekly during term times and be integrated into Breaksea's upcoming productions. Supported by the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries & Healthway, participants will learn singing, acting, performance skills and Noongar language with exciting performance opportunities.

Across Term 1 & 2, the ensemble will work closely with local and visiting performing artists to rehearse and stage ALIWAH BARDINAR! at the Albany Entertainment Centre.



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Led by Choral Director Neville Talbot and repetiteur Julia Kershaw, and supported by the Albany Youth Advisory Committee and Albany Elders Circle, participants aged between 12 and 18 years will be provided with opportunities for social connection, participation in music and singing activities, and to learn from local Menang elders.

Participation opportunities:

- Weekly sessions held after school at Southern Edge Arts
- Sessions will provide young people with opportunities to participate in:
 - mindfulness, sharing stories and ideas,
 - learning from professional artists (singing, music, performance skills),
 - learning from elders,
 - learning from diverse representatives from The Albany Youth Advisory Council/ Albany Youth Support Association,
 - Zoom sessions with Music Director Pia Harris and,
 - Production week with Artistic Director Matt Reuben James Ward and Director of Music Pia Harris.

In Term 1 & 2 we will be learning music from Aliwah Bardinar! (Look-out Rosella!).

Multi-award winning composers of Wanjoo and Koolbardi wer Wardong, Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse's new production tells the sweet Nyttiny (creation) story of how the Bardinar (Western Rosella) got its colours.

Premiering at the Albany Entertainment Centre in June 2025, the production features cheeky frogs, elegant swans and the beauty of the Noongar language.

The Breaksea Youth Ensemble will have the opportunity of performing in this production at the AEC in June.

SCHEDULE - Breaksea Youth Ensemble (singing, acting, performance skills & Noongar language) at Southern Edge Arts

Music & development rehearsals

Weekly sessions Term 1:

Thursday 20 February 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 27 February 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 6 March 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 13 March 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 20 March 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 27 March 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 3 April 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 10 April 5:00-6:30pm

Weekly sessions Term 2:

Thursday 1 May 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 8 May 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 15 May 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 22 May 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 29 May 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 5 June 5:00-6:30pm
Thursday 12 June 5:00-6:30pm

Production week & performances

Albany Entertainment Centre

Tuesday 17 June 4:30-7:30pm
Wednesday 18 June 4:30-7:30pm
Thursday 19 June 4:30-7:30pm Dress Rehearsal

Friday 20 June

11:30am call for cast
1:00pm Performance 1 (Schools' Matinee)

Saturday 21 June

9:00am call for cast
10:30am Performance 2
1:00pm call for cast
2:00pm Performance 3

RESOURCES

Lyrics, sheet music and learning tracks will be available from the 10 January. Once registered you will receive an email.



APPLICATION PROCESS - Breaksea Youth Ensemble: singing, acting, performance skills & Noongar language

Participants please complete our [registration form HERE](#) and at www.breaksea.org/whatson

Please complete our [payment form HERE](#) and at www.breaksea.org/whatson by **2 December 2024** for **early bird discount, Term 1 & 2 \$162**

Ages: Recommended 12 - 18 years

Ensemble: Participants will be required to sing, act and learn some basic choreography

Participation fee: You can elect to pay for 1 or 2 Terms

\$96 for Term 1, \$192 for Term 1 & 2, payable by **3 February 2025**

Payment form: [Click here to access form](#) Payment includes membership to Southern Edge Arts for Term 1 & 2.

Aliwah Bardinar! Performances

Albany Entertainment Centre

Friday 20 June, 1pm Saturday 21 June, 10:30am & 2pm

Tickets: www.breaksea.org/whatson





FAQs

Should I consider this opportunity?

If you love to perform, are keen to develop singing, acting and dancing skills, want to have fun, meet new people and learn more about a future in the performing arts, then YES!

What experience do I need?

No prior experience is needed and there is no need to audition, however, you will need to be able to sing in tune and be willing to work hard to develop new skills across singing, acting and dancing.

Do I need to read music?

No, we provide lyrics and sheet music to support all abilities and learning styles.

Am I able to be a part of the rehearsal process but not perform in the production?

YES! You are able to rehearse and learn the music and not perform in the production.

Are there scholarships available to cover the participant fee?

Yes, Breaksea is pleased to have sponsorship to support two participants as part of the program. Please indicate this on your online EOI form.

I have more questions.

Please see contacts on the next page.



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