

## INFO THEATRE GROUP FOR 5-7'S

A warm welcome to your child!

Please read through to the end so everything runs smoothly (we're not responsible for mistakes if you haven't done this).

### TIMES

- Tuesdays 16:00-17:15 (**arrive at 15:50**)
- This is an ongoing group, running in blocks of 10-12 sessions.
- Spaces are limited and priority is given to returning participants.
- [\*\*Check the current dates and schedule here on the website\*\*](#)

### LOCATION

- AnaMorphic Studio, OT301, Overtoom 301, 1054HW Amsterdam

### ARRIVAL TIME

- The arrival time is **15:50**. When everyone's on time, it creates a calmer start to the session.
- It might not be possible to let you in once the session has begun
- If your child cannot come one week **please let the teachers know in good time** by Whatsapp/SMS otherwise they will wait for you at the main entrance unnecessarily!

### TEACHERS

- Amy: +44 7976761262 / [amylewiz@gmail.com](mailto:amylewiz@gmail.com)
- Alkisti: +31 630832504 / [alkistitheophilou@gmail.com](mailto:alkistitheophilou@gmail.com)
- Most sessions will be lead together by teachers Amy and Alkisti who are also working theatre practitioners
- Occasionally there may be only one of them, or a guest teacher supporting.
- You can read a bit about them [\*\*here on our teachers page\*\*](#).
- Please contact them directly (not me!) with any questions **and be sure to let them know by Whatsapp /Signal/ SMS if your child cannot come one week.**

### DESCRIPTION

- Our theatre groups provide a warm and supportive space for kids to grow in confidence and feel good working together.
- Sessions mix drama games, movement and improvisation, allowing for energetic activities, quieter moments for group reflection and plenty of creative expression.
- **All activities are in English.**
- At the end of each block family and friends are invited to share in some of what the kids' have been working on.

- If your child is shy this is a great group for them to join! Our teachers are patient and skilled at helping kids feel comfortable. They will offer gentle encouragement and never push them to do anything they are not yet ready for.
- We actively work to make our learning environment as inclusive as possible. We are LGBT+ family friendly and celebrate all cultural backgrounds. We apologise that our studio is not currently accessible for wheelchair users or those who cannot climb stairs. We are working with the rest of the building to find a long term solution for this.

## **WHY THE TRYOUTS FIRST?**

- We're dedicated to creating a playful environment where each child can develop at their own pace.
- While we find that concentration, commitment, and a willingness to work together helps everyone get the most out of our sessions, we understand that each child's readiness may look different.
- To make sure our group is the right fit for your child at this time, we begin with one or two tryout sessions.
- If these go well they are invited to join the group (pending availability).
- If we see however that your child isn't yet ready to participate in the work, we will invite them to try again in the future when the time feels right.
- This approach helps us ensure the best possible experience for everyone.

## **CHECKLIST** - we appreciate your attention to these points:

- You've discussed with us if your child has (or you suspect) a neurodivergent diagnosis, **before** doing a tryout.
- We have the name and contact details if another person will bring your child to the sessions, **and you have passed this information to them**.
- Your child has confirmed they want to join the group (or do a tryout) and understands that **you will not be in the room with them during the session** (but you are welcome to wait right outside the studio)
- They understand **English** well enough to follow and participate
- They've eaten something beforehand, so they aren't starting the session hungry
- You make sure they arrive on time and let the teachers know if they're not coming one week
- You're responsible for walking your child through the building to the studio and picking them up from there when the session is over

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. We're looking forward to welcoming your child to the group!