

# MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School



Year 7  
Perth Festival  
Excursion



## SPECIALIST VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

Term 2 2022 Update



Department of  
Education



Specialist  
Programs





# WELCOME

Dear parents,

We have had a few things cancelled and postponed, but everyone has managed it with maturity and great positivity.

Just a few things, please make sure that artwork is taken home from their teachers at the end of the term. Arts teachers remind their students all the time, but we might have to dispose of it if they don't take it home.

Please come in at the service entry on Learoyd Street when attending the SVAPA committee meetings. Opening up too many gates around the school has a higher risk.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Lawley Art Auction and Midsummer Night's Dream this term!

**Moya Thomas**  
SVAPA Program Coordinator

# SVAPA ALUMNI

SIT! (Or I'll Make You Sit) is the daring debut of emerging playwright Morgan Owen, directed by the award-winning **Izzy McDonald** (2012) at the Blue Room Theatre, opening on the 17th of May. The play also features **Alicia Osyka** who is a Mount Lawley graduate and a sessional teacher for the SVAPA program.



**Mia Simonette** (2016), pictured left, has been cast in Fame at Crown Theatre, which opened on the 16th of April. Mia studied Jazz Singing and Musical Theatre at WAAPA and in New York.



Each year the SVAPA Year 7 students are gifted with a bag designed by a previous Year 7 student. The lucky winner in 2021 was **Oscar C**. The students also received their SVAPA shirts. They can wear these shirts to early morning classes, camp, Lawley Art Auction and the Saturday masterclasses.



# WHAT'S ON\*

\*Events and activities are subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

## EARLY MORNING CLASSES

EMC are weekly lessons with a professional artist held before school. Classes begin in Week 2 and are mandatory.

YEAR 7 - Storm Helmore  
When: Tuesdays, 7.30am  
Where: Tricycle Theatre

YEAR 8 - Alicia Osyka  
When: Wednesdays, 7.30am  
Where: Tricycle Theatre

YEAR 9 - Storm Helmore  
When: Fridays, 7.30am  
Where: Tricycle Theatre

## 2023 INTAKE AUDITIONS

SVAPA auditions will take place in Week 5.

## CULTURAL CENTRE ART EXCURSION

This year we will head to the cultural centre with the Year 9 students to visit the Art school graduate show, Hatched, at Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, the Year 12 perspectives at the Art Gallery of Western Australia and Boorla Beardip. The excursion will take place during Term 2.

Please look out for consent2go information.

## MUSIC CAMP

Music Camp is on! See Page 5.

## LAWLEY ART AUCTION

Saturday 18th June 2022 - see Page 4 for details and volunteering information.

# EARLY MORNING CLASS ARTISTS



Storm Helmore



Alicia Osyka



Michelle Aitken

This term, we welcome back **Storm Helmore** to teach the Year 7 and 9 students, so they get time to create movement and dance in the program.

**Alicia Osyka** will be working with the Year 8 students to help support their Midsummer journey by extending their characterisation and their scenes through improvisation. Alicia is an actor, deviser, writer and improviser who completed ECU's Contemporary Performance course in 2012. Her work as a performer includes Red Cross, Adam And Eve, Fat Pig, Girl In The Wood, Hive Mind and Unrule (The Blue Room Theatre), Bird boy (The Watermill Centre, N.Y. 2012/PICA 2013), You Once Said Yes (Perth Festival), White Rabbit Red Rabbit (State Theatre Centre WA), The Arrival (2017 national tour). She wrote her first show On The Face Of Things for The WA Youth Theatre Company. She has been improvising with The Big HOO-HAA since 2012 and loves it.

Unfortunately Clare Testoni has had to pull out of working with the production this year, but in amazing news, we have managed to replace her with the delightfully talented Michelle Aitken. Michelle will be working with the students during their after school rehearsal to support myself and the production team.

**Michelle Aitken** is an interdisciplinary maker and performer based in Perth. She attained a dance degree from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts in 2016, and since graduating has been working and collaborating across dance

and theatre. Michelle is a frequent collaborator with Renegade Productions, including on the award-nominated show Unveiling. She makes her own work under the banner of Hey! Precious, taking a particular interest in female experience and feminist thought. Future's Eve is Michelle's first solo show and the recipient of the Melbourne Fringe Tour Ready Award at Perth Fringe World Festival. Her body of work to date is subversive, smart and fun.

SVAPA Alumni and Mount Lawley Senior High School HASS teacher **Nicola Bower** has created an after-school dance club. This is perfect for general and specialist students to extend their knowledge, make new friends, and learn skills and styles. We are always grateful for those teachers who create opportunities outside their classroom to enrich the students' lives. Thanks, Nicola!

Please express your interest by speaking to Miss Bower or by emailing your name and year level to [nicola.bower@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:nicola.bower@education.wa.edu.au)

DATES & DETAILS NEEDED





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### MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

Rehearsals have started!! This year we are resourceful and creative in our set, costume and props, using our imagination to create something beautiful and special for our Year 8 students in these times of COVID restrictions.

The production is scheduled for the last week of Term 2, 27 - 29th of June 2022.

### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We have an expectation that parents participate in one of the Support Group Committees. The meetings go for roughly an hour, depending on how much fun we are having. If impossible, we ask for volunteers through the year, with either events, concerts, bake sales for productions, helping on the night of the auction, etc.

#### SVAPA PARENT SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE

When: 11th May 2022, 7pm  
8th June 2022, 7pm  
Where: Green Room, Tricycle Theatre

#### MUSIC PARENT SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE

When: 5th May 2022, 7pm  
2nd June 2022, 7pm  
Where: Main Music Building

#### LAWLEY ART AUCTION SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE

See right.

### ARTS & LANGUAGES FESTIVAL

POSTPONED due to COVID-19 restrictions.

## 2022 LAWLEY ART AUCTION



The Lawley Art Auction is the pearl in the crown of Mount Lawley Senior High School events. It's our largest fundraiser of the year and is wholly dependent on volunteers. This year's auction will be held the evening of **Saturday 18th June 2022.**

Funds are used to keep these programs engaging, contemporary, challenging and rewarding for our highly talented students.

Please sign up to help, either on the bump in and bump out, on the day or during the lead up by joining the Lawley Art Auction (LAA) Committee.

If you would like more information, please email [andydruyan@gmail.com](mailto:andydruyan@gmail.com) or look out for the mailchimp emails about the event.

### LAWLEY ART AUCTION SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings commence at 7pm

- 3rd May – Curating Meeting, Main Administration Building
- 10th May – Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 17th May – Committee Meeting, Main Administration Building
- 24th May – Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 31st May – Committee Meeting, Main Administration Building
- 7th June – Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 14th June – Committee Meeting, Main Administration Building

### LAWLEY ART AUCTION EVENT SET UP AND PACK DOWN

17th June – Set Up Afternoon/Evening  
Volunteers will be needed (a Sign-Up-Genius will be distributed on all SVAPA and Music socials)

18 June – Set Up Day and Auction  
Volunteers will be needed (a Sign-Up-Genius will be distributed on all SVAPA and Music socials)

19 June – Pack Down Day  
Volunteers will be needed (a Sign-Up-Genius will be distributed on all SVAPA and Music socials)



# MUSIC

Full rehearsals are back on! All ensembles with more than 32 have had the onerous task of sectional rehearsals, are now able to rehearse with full numbers. Yay!

It really is wonderful news that we can participate in festivals this year. All festival performances are scheduled over weekends in Term 3. Please check the school calendar and contact ensemble directors and IMSS staff if you need more information. Details regarding festival performances will be emailed through the Music department at the beginning of Term 3.



*Despite COVID restrictions, the Music department has continued to rehearse, training and preparing students for future performances. The bands, orchestra and choir are rehearsing in smaller groups (pictured above are brass and percussion section only in Year 7 Concert Band 4). By continuing rehearsals, students get used to the early morning commitment, learn about rehearsal technique and develop their repertoire knowledge.*

Leading into the rehearsal schedule for Midsummer's Night Dream, parents and students are reminded that all Year 8 students are expected to continue attending all music rehearsals.

A reminder to all parents: Social media is a wonderful way to stay abreast and connected to other SVAPA parents. If you have a question regarding your own child's music timetable or rehearsal schedule please email the music department, ensemble director or IMSS teacher directly. As there are a huge number of music students, multiple ensembles and visiting teachers it can get a bit confusing posting information that may not apply to all SVAPA students.

In addition - **MUSIC CAMP IS ON!** This is a valuable opportunity to get through repertoire and get to know the students.

The ensembles invited this year are:

- Senior Concert Band (Concert Band 1)
- Senior String Orchestra
- Senior Contemporary Ensemble
- Senior Classical Guitar Ensemble
- Big Band 1

The camp will be in Advent Park, from 22 - 24 June 2022.

# AUDITION PROCESS VIDEO



We have created a new video to make the audition process clearer - check it out at: <https://www.lawley.wa.edu.au/view/news-archive-2022/20220217192118>





# PERTH FESTIVAL EXCURSIONS

## YEAR 8 – THE SMALLEST STAGE

On February 27, Ms Diggins and Ms Edwards accompanied the Year 8 SVAPA students to a Perth Festival performance of “The Smallest Stage” at the State Theatre Centre. The play centred around a true story of a father’s relationship with his children while serving time in prison. The use of lighting and stagecraft allowed us to be transported into this unfamiliar world. It was a wonderful interactive performance where audience members were included allowing our students to see what’s possible in the world of theatre.



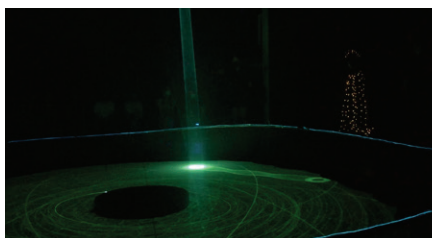
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## YEAR 9 – THE NINTH WAVE

What a fantastic performance! The Ninth Wave truly made me squeal with delight and surprise. Mr Mawer and I took the year 9s to the CO3 show over the March long weekend. The site-specific dance work took place on City Beach, with half-buried cars and street lights turning into a somewhat post-apocalyptic setting. The energy and ingenuity were fantastic. At one point, you could hear this music coming from under the sand and then a car door opened from under the sand to reveal 15+ revellers pouring out to fast-paced music. It was also delightful to have Year 9 Coordinator, Mr Newbound, come along to watch it with us.

## YEAR 7 – PATCH’S LIGHTHOUSE

Patches Lighthouse was an amazing immersive exploration through a dimly lit maze of tunnels behind UWA’s Octagon Theatre. After entering the first dimly-lit room, students realised that this would be an interactive experience where they were encouraged to play with and experience the magic of LIGHT. Along the trail, students met an Astronoght, a butterfly lady and got to play with light effects, enjoying the creativity of the production.







# TERM 1 EARLY MORNING CLASSES

## YEAR 7

The Year 7 students worked with the delightful Esther Longhurst, learning improvisation and ensemble skills. It's a great introductory class for the students, often allowing them to create in a safe space and explore mistakes, take risks and experiment with material.

## YEAR 9

Year 9 students have worked alongside the STEAM Coordinator, Kelly Ngatai, to create artworks. Everyone knows the importance of the arts within the sciences and technologies. At Mount Lawley Senior High School, we acknowledge the significance by naming it STEAM, not STEM, keeping it in line with industry best practices.

"In the SVAPA early morning class, we worked on our SVAPA journey representation created using printed 3D acrylic shapes. Over the term, students have been reflecting on their favourite experiences during SVAPA and creating shapes to represent these experiences. These shapes are then amalgamized to create a sculpture that displays each significant moment we have been privileged to undergo. The digital platform we have been using is called Fusion 360, and it allows us to experiment with organic and geometric shapes using features on the program. We are so grateful to have been given the opportunity to reflect on our journey as SVAPA students and to create an artwork individual to each student" - Freda



## YEAR 8

"This term, our Year 8 SVAPA cohort has been doing movement training on Wednesday mornings with our teacher, Storm Helmore. Storm has taught all of us many things while working on our dance and movement technique, vocabulary, strength and improvisation. We have experimented with different techniques and exercises, for example, spinal rolls, to work on our body awareness and mobility. We also learnt improvisation techniques like how to quickly and effectively make freeze poses in works. We are all so grateful for Storm helping us and giving up her time to give us this amazing teaching and expertise." - Rebekah





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