

## **Abbey Theatre Virtual Christmas Festival**

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### **Festival Aims.**

To encourage performance during social distancing.

To provide a publication media for that performance.

To promote the amateur arts in Nuneaton, Bedworth and the surrounding areas.

To encourage new writing.

### **Who can enter?**

Anyone can enter the virtual festival though the target is Nuneaton, Bedworth and the surrounding areas.

You can submit as many entries as you wish.

Though anyone under the age of 16 \* cannot appear in the video, they are still encouraged to be involved in any other aspect of the production such as filming or editing. (\* minimum age is 16 and not in compulsory education).

### **What can be entered?**

Entries with a Christmas theme are encouraged and could be a song, dance, music piece, sketch or any other form of performance.

All entries must be a recorded video, between 3 and 10 minutes long.

You can include as many or few people in the video as you wish and use whatever video recording and post-production effects that you want.

### **Entry requirements**

In line with safeguarding and policies relating to the streaming of video material, all entries must conform to the following rules:

- Videos must meet standard YouTube rules (click for more details) e.g.
    - o No nudity or sexual content
    - o No hateful content
    - o No harassment or cyberbullying
    - o No harmful or dangerous content
    - o No violent or graphic content
    - o No threatening material
  - All submissions must be either:
    - o Out of copyright
    - o Copyright free
    - o Supported by evidence that the copyright holder has given express permission for the material to be uploaded and viewed publicly. It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain such evidence
  - Performances must conform to current social distancing and safe practices guidelines in force at the time of the submission
  - All individuals appearing in the video (either by intent or otherwise) have given their permission for their image to be broadcast to the public
  - All individuals appearing in the video are over the age of 16 and not in compulsory education.
- The festival Committee reserve the right to withhold the submission of any entry if there are concerns that any of the above requirements have not been met.

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### **How do you enter?**

Entries must be submitted through the theatre website [www.abbeytheatre.co.uk/theatre](http://www.abbeytheatre.co.uk/theatre) anytime from the entry opening date through to the closing date, as either a Dropbox download or by including the URL link to the relevant video hosting site.

You must ensure that the festival committee will be able to view and download the video from the link as these videos will subsequently be uploaded to the festival YouTube channel and may be delivered in a Live Streaming Event.

The submission must include the following:

- The entry title.
- Your name.
- Your email and contact telephone number.
- Your Drama Group (if a member).
- The video URL if not sent as an attachment.

### **What happens next?**

Entries will be posted on the YouTube Channel from the Opening Date and further entries will be added through to the Entries Closing Date.

Each entry will be categorised in to one or more of the channel listings:

- By type of entry. E.g. song, dance, music performance.
- By Drama group membership.

### **Dates**

Entries Opening and YouTube Channel Opening Date: Monday 23rd November 2020.

Entries Closing Date: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020.