

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL IS SPLASHING ONTO THE YPT STAGE

ARE YOU READY FOR THE BEST DAY EVER?



Opening in the July School Holidays, Young People's Theatre is thrilled to be presenting, **for the first time in Newcastle**, *The SpongeBob Musical*. Based on the hit Nickelodeon cartoon, this bubble-filled production follows the adventures of SpongeBob, Patrick, Sandy and Squidward on their mission to save the town of Bikini Bottom and have the Best Day Ever!

This production is directed by Maddie Watts, previously known for her work on YPT's *Children of Eden JR* and *The Addams Family Young at Part*. Maddie is accompanied by Alexandra Rigby as Musical Director, Chelsea Willis as Co-Choreographer and Assistant Director and Tahlia Smith as Co-Choreographer. The team is assisted by Clara Barcan, Brianna Budden and Natesha Ham.

With the character's struggles, beliefs and core values of inclusivity and acceptance of not only yourself but of others, *The SpongeBob* musical is not just for kids, but a thoughtful and fun musical for all ages. The well-known *SpongeBob* characters are transformed into three-dimensional beings who teach us to consider our flaws the very thing others see as our best traits.

This musical mash-up features songs from famous artists such as Aerosmith (*Bikini Bottom Boogie*), Sara Bareilles (*Poor Pirates*), Panic! At the Disco (*Simple Sponge*), Cyndi Lauper (*Hero is my Middle Name*), John Legend (*I Guess I Miss You*), David Bowie (*No Control*) and many more. This creative blend of musical styles allows our production to be expressive and innovative, featuring a plethora of contrasting dance genres and staging opportunities in this full-length contemporary musical.

Our two talented *SpongeBobs*' are soaking up the opportunity of playing one of the greatest cartoon characters of our generation, including learning the iconic laugh, and are becoming well-established performers in their own right. Both long-term and dedicated students of YPT's Theatre School, Bridget Ponman and Jade Wainwright are excelling in their interpretations of the excitable sea

sponge. Bridget most recently appeared in YPT's The Addams Family Y@P as Lucas Benieke and won the City of Newcastle Drama Association 'Best Youth Performer Award' for her performance as The Baroness in our 2020 production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR. Similarly, Jade Wainwright, who recently played The Scarecrow in our production of The Wizard of Oz Young Performers Edition, received a nomination for the same award for her performance of Gillian in Dags at the Hunter School of Performing Arts.

It has been a difficult two years for many industries and as a not-for-profit community theatre with nine of our twelve productions in the last 18 month period being rescheduled, cancelled or significantly impacted with audience capacity restrictions, YPT appreciates any support you are able to give. We are incredibly grateful to the community who continue to support us with positive reviews and ticket sales.



Performances

The SpongeBob Musical runs from 5 July to 6 August at YPT Theatre in Hamilton and includes weekend and school holiday performances.

Tuesday	5 July	11am
Wednesday	6 July	11am & 6.30pm*
Thursday	7 July	11am
Friday	8 July	11am & 6.30pm
Saturday	9 July	11am & 6.30pm
Wednesday	13 July	11am
Thursday	14 July	11am
Friday	15 July	11am & 6.30pm
Saturday	16 July	1pm & 6.30pm
Saturday	23 July	2pm & 7pm
Saturday	30 July	2pm & 7pm
Saturday	6 August	2pm & 7pm

Tickets

<https://ypt.org.au/bookings/> or call our Box Office on 49614895 from 10:30am weekdays or 8:30am Saturdays.

All tickets are \$25.00 each

*This performance is opening night - Tickets are \$28.00 which includes supper