

# BARNSTORM 2012

**Barnstorm 2012** will be two seven day drama and music camp for young people aged 12 to 18. Led by **Jo Bousfield**, **Tessa Kemp** (directors), **Jez Taylor** (musical director) and a professional team of designers and technicians, participants will devise and rehearse an entirely original musical that will be performed twice on the final afternoon and evening. Each week will both be open to the same age group and have the same core team, although they will have a very different theme. Every participant will get the chance to write lyrics, influence the storyline, develop interesting characters; choreograph movement and a whole lot more! Everyone is guaranteed a speaking part. There are no auditions, but remember Barnstorm is hard work; the days are from 9am – 9pm!

Please note you can only take part in one Barnstorm!

## Dates

### Devising day

**Cast of week One – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.00am – 5.00pm

**Cast of week Two - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

This will take place at Jordans Place, May Hill - Attendance will be optional, but do your utmost to attend. It's a great chance to meet the cast and team and It is hoped that enough material will be gathered to enable the team to develop two scenarios before the Barnstorms begin. Bring a pack lunch and we'll provide the tea and biscuits!

### Week One

#### **Monday 23rd July – Monday 30th July**

The Barnstorm Week One will commence at 10am on the Monday and finish, after clearing up, at 12.00 noon on the following Monday. All participants will go home on the Wednesday evening and return at 10.00am on Thursday morning. No one, apart from the team will be allowed to stay on the Barnstorm site on Wednesday night; if you think this might be a problem please mention it in good time so that arrangements can be made for you to stay with other participants. The performances are on Saturday 28th at 8pm and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and 8pm.

### Week Two

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August – Saturday 11th August**

The Barnstorm Week Two will commence at 10am on the Saturday and finish, after clearing up, at 12.00 noon on the following Saturday. All participants will go home on the Monday evening and return at 10.00am on Tuesday morning. No one, apart from the team will be allowed to stay on the Barnstorm site on Monday night; if you think this might be a problem please mention it in good time so that arrangements can be made for you to stay with other participants. The performances are on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and 8pm.

Please note: Only in exceptional circumstances will participants be allowed to arrive late, leave early or take time off in the week. You must talk to Jo Bousfield or Tessa Kemp if you feel this may apply to you. Anyone who assumes it is alright to take time off without pre- arranged permission will jeopardise their chance to take part in Barnstorm in the future.

## Location

As usual, Jordans Place will be the nerve centre and Management bolthole. This is the home of my family: Husband Jon and children Oscar and May. My father Gordon Holt also lives here in the new annexe (*Gordon's Place?*) Some activities and the performances will happen in May Hill Village Hall which has toilets, shower and kitchen. Participants will camp, in their own tents, in the nearby scout field where there is a loo for overnight use. All meals will be provided.

## Cost

The cost this year will be the same as last year £180 per participant. If your application is successful and you have been allocated a week you will be asked to pay a minimum deposit of £60 per participant. The balance of £120 must be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> July, by cheque or directly into our Barnstorm account.

## Help

The cost of the week can only be kept down if parents provide assistance with such things as helping with cooking during the week, costumes, scenery or clearing up on the last day. Parents who do help usually enjoy seeing how the week works and being part of such an exciting event.

**All participants will be asked to supply specific food items (in addition to the usual cake).**

## How to apply

Numbers will be strictly limited to 32. In the past, places have been filled very quickly so it is essential to book early.

1. Follow the email link on the home page. (If the email link does not work for you please email [Barnstorm@jordansplace.co.uk](mailto:Barnstorm@jordansplace.co.uk) and paste **Barnstorm 2012 application email** in the subject line.)
2. Include name address and date of birth for each participant.
3. Any further information: Please indicate on the form if you are unable to attend one of the weeks because of WOMAD, the Olympics or travel plans etc and let us know if you would like siblings to be placed together or not! Places will be allocated according to age and gender and we will do our best to accommodate your requirements, but we can't make any promises.
4. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW**
5. If you have any problems you can apply by phone – please call Tessa on 01452 831550

## What happens next?

You will immediately receive an email confirmation that we have received your application. We will let you know which week you have been allocated within two weeks. If you choose to accept your place you must confirm it by completing a form and paying a £60 deposit.

I look forward to hearing from you.

*Best wishes*

*Tessa and all the Barnstorm team*

***Barnstorm is a 'no alcohol' week for all the cast, whatever their age. We ask all actors and their parents to support this policy.***

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Jordans Place – May Hill – Longhope – Gloucestershire – GL170NL

## Additional information for those new to Barnstorm

**Since 1995 Barnstorm**, a seven day drama and music camp for young people, has been running on May Hill. It takes place at the home of Tessa and Jon Kemp. Last year for the second time we ran two Barnstorms.

Traditionally each year 30 young people aged between 12-18 years arrive to camp and work with professional theatre directors, musical directors and artists, who throw out their usual fee to be part of this magical event.

A cottage garden, a track, a field and a village hall are transformed into a performing arts venue and the Gloucestershire countryside is filled with beautiful harmonies and a fair amount of screaming and shouting!

Barnstorm is truly unique event. The price of the week is kept to an absolute minimum and no profit is made. To help keep costs down participants' parents are asked to help out before or during the week. Many do this by preparing some bulk cooking. (bolognese for ten?) Some help out with the costumes and scenery, others may turn up on the last day with their gloves, brooms and screwdrivers to help with the big clear up. One favourite peculiarity is that each actor is asked to bring a cake for ten and these are devoured during the afternoon tea breaks.

As Barnstorm's reputation has grown, so has the size of the audience. The final night has become the exclusive preserve of the families of the actors. They arrive at 6pm and set up their picnic in the gardens which they share with the actors before their call for the show at 8pm.

Barnstorm has become very popular, so please return your form straight away to secure your place. Before you sign the form be sure you know what you are signing up for – Barnstorm could change your life!

Please note: Barnstorm is very hard work. The working day is often from 9am – 9pm. All participants have to take part in the whole week including the clearing up on the last day. If you feel your child is not ready for this kind of commitment please give it another year.

Further information about the team can be found on the website.

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