

THE BIGLITTLE ARTS SUPPORT TRUST

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The BIGLITTLE Arts Support Trust (BLAST), established in 2022, brings together the families of current and former BIGLITTLE students, staff, patrons and individuals/corporations who are interested in supporting the performing arts and the future generation.

OUR OBJECTIVES

To advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the creative and performing arts in all their aspects

Greater access to the provision of training in the performing arts at BIGLITTLE Theatre School



ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL TUITION
beyond that provided by the curriculum



INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOPS
and outreach to engage and promote the industry



SUPPORT
to those with potential who would otherwise not have the opportunity to pursue their passion



INSPIRATION
to the next generation, celebrating our alumni's journeys beyond BIGLITTLE

WHAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED THIS YEAR

- ✓ Summer school places for a number of children from local schools, who do not have access to performing arts training outside of school, to experience the joy of working as a team to create a musical in a week.
- ✓ The live orchestra, made up of top professional musicians, to support the BIGLITTLE Youth Theatre students performing in Broadway Showtunes.
- ✓ Enhancement of the experience of the Professional Development Programme (and the audience) by provision of sound equipment for 'The Secret Garden'.
- ✓ Outreach to local schools - Free workshops for local school children to experience Musical theatre.
- ✓ Free theatre tickets to local groups to promote musical theatre.
- ✓ Student sponsorship for those facing unpredicted financial difficulty.

OUR MEMBERSHIP



ALUMNI
for former students



BIGLITTLE
for current students and their families



STANDARD
for the families of alumni and other people in the community that want to support our objectives

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Early access to tickets for Showtunes, BIGLITTLE events and BLAST events. (reduced prices for some!)
- Invite to attend and vote at AGM/EGM and input to how funds are spent.
- News, regular updates, invites.
- Access to alumni news and successes

Inspiring the Next Generation of Performers

The BIGLITTLE Alumni

It is always lovely to hear about the onward journeys of BIGLITTLE students and to be able to celebrate their successes with them. Their training at BIGLITTLE is a chapter that, without doubt, impacts their future whether they chose a career in the theatre or not.

Why not follow us on social media to see what our alumni are getting up to? Here is a small sample of some of their wonderful achievements over the last year...



Ryan Gover

Chicago - China tour
Mary Poppins (UK and
Ireland Tour)



Natasha Barnes

Come From Away (UK Tour)
Tina The Musical (West End)



Dan Partridge

Tina The Musical UK Tour
Kinky Boots the Musical (UK
and Ireland Tour)
'Here and Now' Alexandra
Theatre Birmingham



James Hilton Foster

Madagascar Live
International Tour
Dick Whittington Harlow
Playhouse



Connor Keetley

Madagascar Live
International Tour



Georgie Macaskill

Jack and the Beanstalk
Panto, Westlands, Yeovil



Jessie Angel

Starlight Express London



Finnan McKinney

Jesus Christ Superstar
Watermill Theatre



Kat Douglas

Jungle Book
Paw Patrol Live UK Tour



Sam Trotman

Snow White The
Compass
Theatre Hillingdon
Paw Patrol Live UK Tour



Dylan Mason

Unbound, Hoxton Hall



Sophie Bailey

Vocalist
Viking Cruises



Mathilda Mae

Released her album 'It's Nothing'



Ellie Mower

Produced and Directed 'Convicting My Ex' (BBC)



Nick Hayes

The Space you Need



Heidi Hardacre

BAOS goes to Hollywood' Newman Hall, Bristol



James Dixon-Box

Singing In The Rain
BMT Productions



Greg Johnson

Vocalist P&O Cruises



Meg King

Disneyland Paris
Disney Cruises



David Fenne

Locomotive for Murder
Edinburgh Fringe
Published his third book of the OVEREMOTIONAL trilogy



Charlotte Clitherow

'Noises Off' Frinton Summer Theatre
What would Julie Do? The Pheasantry
Sense and Sensibility



Andrew White

Comedy Tours throughout the UK including 'Young Gay and a Third Thing



Dylan Ross

The Dylan Ross Jazz Collective shows



Lydia Shaw

Co-Creator of Hatched the new audio musical



Charlie Rix

TV's Silent Witness



Erin Bruce

NYMT Catastrophe Bay Assistant MD



Harrison MacDonald-Taylor

Part of the first NewsRevue cast of 2025



Finlay Wort

DJ Incl London Fashion Week

Lauren Cole graduated with a joint honours degree in music business and vocal performance (The University of Brighton)

BIGLITTLE best wishes were extended to a number of alumni who married in this year including Chloe Buelle (nee Buck), Taylor Robinson (nee Cane Richardson), Lydia Besant (nee Clarke) and Leah Hughes (nee Marli).

Two BIGLITTLE Alumni Erin May and Adam Martin became engaged and we were delighted to extend our warmest wishes to them both

It is not possible to include everyone, but hopefully this gives a flavour of some of the wonderful achievements this year....

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

By sharing Alumni news we hope to inspire the next generation at BIGLITTLE to continue their love of the performing arts in whatever environment.....

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ALUMNI AMBASSADOR-MICHELLE GUY

It is always so heart-warming to hear from former BIGLITTLE students about their onward journeys and to be able to share their life experiences and successes whether in the world of theatre or in other walks of life.

Since BLAST set up the formal Alumni in 2022 on behalf of the school, the social media channels are alive with a huge variety of wonderful stories celebrating weddings, births, awards, new jobs, events etc and of course musical theatre credits. I am extremely grateful to the BLAST team, championed by Debs Douglas, who all volunteer their time and dedication to capture these moments and share them with the BIGLITTLE family.

Quite often a story inspires Colin, myself and others to take a trip down memory lane and share those memories into the posts... and we have had some wonderful feedback from our alumni with such touching comments about how their time at BIGLITTLE has impacted their current chapter in life.

I wholeheartedly encourage all those who are moving on from BIGLITTLE this year to join the Alumni (via blast-artstrust-org) and for all those former students from the last 29 years to keep the stories coming in! I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next year for the 30th birthday celebrations of the BIGLITTLE family.

With love
Michelle

BLAST would like to thank the local businesses that have supported their fundraising throughout the year

