



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

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ST MARTINS YOUTH THEATRE FUND RAISING APPEAL

<https://stmartinsyouth.com.au>

Since the 1930's St Martins Youth Theatre, tucked down a South Yarra lane, has been one of Australia's leading arts companies working with and teaching children between the ages of 5 and 18 to produce and perform in innovative theatrical productions.

MSYRG sees St Martins Theatre as an important part of our South Yarra community. Its remarkable history is captured in a 2015 article by Sandy Graham- 'Memories of Irene Mitchell which you can read on our website: <https://msyrg.com.au> (Scroll down the home page until you see 'New Page! History Links:' and click on link to find the St Martins story)

Also in earlier years the theatre has been instrumental in the careers of many of our well-known actors such as Frank Thring, Terry Norris, George Fairfax and designer John Truscott. Now conducting inclusive youth performance workshops on a regular basis, many new budding talents are no doubt establishing their careers through St Martins.

We are concerned to learn that in 2020 they lost their core Federal funding of \$480,000 over 4 years. And then came COVID19. They have now started a fund-raising campaign so the theatre can continue. MSYRG encourages you to contribute to this appeal via the link: <https://st-martins-youth-arts.giveeasy.org/thrive-s>

In their own words: *"Our historic venue continues to support the arts sector, nurturing young people and supporting emerging artists, producers and companies, alongside established practitioners. St Martins invests in artists, new ideas and beautiful artistic outcomes created in collaboration with children, presenting a rich and diverse program that expands its reach and audience whilst investing in local talents and stories.*

As one of Australia's leading companies working with children, we produce bold and disruptive theatre made with children and teenagers for adult audiences. We run a unique inclusive performance workshop program that supports children aged 5-18 to develop their own creative world-view"

Not only does St Martins Youth Theatre foster new talent in our community but it also serves as an important venue for meetings, information sessions and networking

If you have the capacity to make a donation, it would help support and retain one of our valuable community assets

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