

MCS THEATRE ACADEMY PRESENTS

# Children of the Night

By Joanne Pearce and Rose Noble



A CONTEMPORARY  
REIMAGINING OF  
**DIVER TWIST**



Oxford  
HOMELESS  
PATHWAYS

[www.oxhop.org.uk](http://www.oxhop.org.uk)

Charity Number 297806

Show Times | Thu & Fri 7pm, Sat 4pm

Ticket prices | £11.50 – £18 | £55 family ticket

Age guidance 8 +

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of the ARTS**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Oxford Playhouse Box Office  
Tel: 01865 305305 or [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)



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## *Children of the Night* – Tickets

25 May 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians & Pupils,

We would be honoured if you would join us for this year's MCS Theatre Academy Production *Children of the Night* at the Oxford Playhouse on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. We have a wonderful company who are working extremely hard to present this wonderful piece of theatre as part of the Oxford Festival of the Arts.

*Children of the Night* is a story about the forgotten, the neglected and the damned. A contemporary reimagining of Dickens' haunting novel *Oliver Twist* it centres on young lives that are lived in the shadows subject to exploitation and violent crime. Today over 150 million children around the globe live on the streets and their days are spent begging, thieving and searching for safe accommodation, cheek by jowl with the wealthy and complacent.

*Some live in palaces, Some in halls  
The Children of the Night  
Live in cracks in the walls.  
Under your feet in the gutters of the street  
Caught on the wire of the city of fire  
Can't remember silence. Lonely for the sky.  
Lost in the shadows as you pass us by*

The play weaves in and out of the lives of Duck, JD, Angel, the Rif Rafs and the Scuttlers as they strive to survive in a cold world encountering unfathomable dangers, evil and sometimes, in the most unexpected situations, love, hope and friendship.

*Once let him feel that he is one of us; once fill his mind with the idea that he has been a thief, and he's ours - ours for life.*  
Charles Dickens *Oliver Twist*

Following acclaimed productions of *Aeneid*, *Lord of the Flies*, *Idylls of the King*, *Alice in Wonderland* and *Wind in the Willows* MCS Theatre Academy performs a play devised by Joanne Pearce (RSC Associate Artist) and Rose Noble.

*'Wind in the Willows is a triumph...performances worthy of a professional company.'* Oxford Times

We are honoured that local charity Oxford Homeless Pathways (OxHoP) is our partner on this production, and we aim to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness especially in Oxford. Not only are we running a clothing drive we will also be collecting for OxHoP at the end of every performance of *Children of the*

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**Night.** OxHoP are the chosen local charity for MCS this term, please visit [www.oxhop.org.uk/](http://www.oxhop.org.uk/) to learn more about their wonderful work.

As part of the ethos of the production we are reusing and recycling as much as possible so as part of that we are running a clothing drive for old clothes, shoes, coats, sleeping bags etc. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations, we have both male and female pupils in our cast and OW's so donations of all sizes and genders are most welcome. At the end of the production these items will then all be donated to charity. Donations should be sent to either the Drama Office in Junior School or left at the main reception. If you would like to know more, please email me on [cmccafferty@mcsoxford.org](mailto:cmccafferty@mcsoxford.org) so that I can answer any questions you may have.

Performance will take place **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July** in the Oxford Playhouse. The show will commence at 19:00 with the Saturday performance at 16:00. Tickets can only be bought through the Oxford Playhouse, in person at the box office, by ringing 01865 305305 or via the Oxford Playhouse website [www.oxfordplayhouse.com/whats-on/all-shows/children-of-the-night](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com/whats-on/all-shows/children-of-the-night) If tickets on the night remain, we will also be selling on the door.

Full: £18  
Concession: £14  
Family: £55

Yours sincerely,  
Ciara McCafferty  
Resident Producer, Oxford Playhouse & MCS