

BATS THEATRE COMPANY

MOANA JR. – APRIL 2025

AUDITION PACK

Welcome to BATS Theatre Company

Founded in 1989, BATS Theatre Company has been providing performing arts opportunities to the Casey community for over 30 years. Originally formed as the Berwick Amateur Theatre Society, BATS has since spread to perform in various venues across the City of Casey. BATS rehearses and has its storage facility, The Belfry, at The Factory which forms part of the Casey Complex.

BATS Theatre Company's aim is to provide the community with the opportunity to experience live theatre at an affordable price, whilst also giving budding thespians, both young and old, the opportunity to perform in a variety of productions.

About Moana Jr.

Disney's *Moana JR.* is a 60-minute musical based on the 2016 Disney animated movie *Moana*, about the strong-willed daughter of the chief of a Polynesian village, who is chosen by the ocean itself to reunite a mystical relic with a goddess. When a blight strikes her island, Moana sets sail in search of Maui, a legendary demigod, in the hope of returning the heart of Te Fiti and saving her people. The musical features songs written by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Opetia Foa'i.

In the spirit of reconciliation BATS Theatre Company acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Audition Information

Age requirements:

All auditionees must be aged 8 – 18 at the time of auditions.

Vocal requirements:

Please prepare 2 songs that demonstrate your vocal range and ability. Please ensure that your song is relevant in style to the show or to the character/s for whom you are auditioning. You may not be asked to sing both songs.

Please bring backing tracks for your songs.

Backing tracks should be in MP3 format and on a USB stick or SD card.

Alternatively, you may email the backing tracks to info@batstheatre.org.au

When emailing, please ensure you include your name and audition times in the email.

Acting requirements:

You will be asked to read some lines in your audition. These will be provided to you at the audition. You may be asked to demonstrate your physical acting skills.

Movement/Dancing requirements:

You may be asked to learn a short dance routine, Do not stress if you are not a “dancer”, there are plenty of roles for strong singers and actors too!

Please wear activewear that is easy to move in, along with sneakers or jazz shoes.

Audition Dates/Time:

Sunday 10th November, 1pm – 7pm

Auditions will be by appointment only, you will need to book online. Please arrive 10 Minutes prior to your audition time to fill out required paperwork.

Audition Venue:

The Factory Rehearsal Centre, Building 5, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East VIC 3977

Book via our website <https://batstheatre.org.au>

Rehearsals:

Regular rehearsals will be held at The Factory, and will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7pm -9pm and Sunday 1pm – 4pm

Rehearsals will commence Sunday the 2nd February, 2025

We are also having a 3 day workshop on the 21st – 23rd of January, more information will be available at a later date.

Show dates:

Bump in:
8th April

Performances:
Friday 11th April – 7pm
Saturday 12th April – 2pm and 7pm
Sunday 13th April – 2pm
Friday 18th April – 7pm
Saturday 19th April – 2pm & 7pm
Sunday 20th April – 2pm

Bump out:
Sunday 20th April

Membership/Show Fees/Show wear:

All successful cast members must become financial members of BATS Theatre Company. Membership for youth is \$30

Membership covers insurance etc. for the whole year. If you participate in any shows with BATS later in the year, you will already be a member.

Show fee for Moana Jr is \$120, Show fees go towards the cost of putting on a show. Costumes, Sets, Rehearsal rooms and Theatre hire etc.

Membership: \$30
Show Fee: \$120

Total: \$150

Fees are due at the first rehearsal, unless alternative arrangements are made with our Treasurer.

We will be ordering BATS Moana Jr Cast shirts. Whilst these are optional, they are a great keepsake, and are a great conversation starter with friends!

Shirts are \$40 and will be ordered early 2025.

We understand that it can be expensive participating in a show, and are happy to work with you to come up with a payment plan to minimize the stresses this may cause.

Characters:

Moana

The vibrant, tenacious, and optimistic daughter of Motunui's chief. She struggles to reconcile her father's plans for her to take over as the village chief with her own desires to voyage beyond the reef. Ultimately, Moana proves a compassionate and capable leader. Cast an actor who can portray great maturity, possesses incredible energy, a fun sense of humor, and can confidently deliver songs like "How Far I'll Go."

Gender: female

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Maui

A demigod and master wayfinder with charisma to spare and a reputation of being a trickster. Despite his hard exterior, Maui becomes a wonderful friend and mentor to Moana throughout their journey. Cast an actor with great comic timing who can portray this shapeshifter's larger-than-life personality through big gestures and high energy, making moments like "You're Welcome" true showstoppers. Note: The character Maui is based on the fabled Pacific Island demigod, so proceed with respect and caution in costuming and portrayal.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: B3

Vocal range bottom: G2

Chief Ancestors (1-3)

Chief Ancestors (1-3) are the three ancient leaders of Motunui. They guide Moana on her quest and narrate her story through speaking and singing solos. These ancestors should be animated storytellers who have excellent diction.

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: G3

Gramma Tala

Moana's wise grandmother and the mother of Chief Tui. She is the village storyteller known for being eccentric and dancing to the beat of her own drum. Look for a playful actor and singer who can balance comic timing in "Where You Are (Part 2)" with heartfelt sincerity in "Song of the Ancestors."

Gender: female

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: G3

Chief Tui

The proud leader of Motunui and Moana's father. He prioritizes the safety of his people and his family. For this beloved and respected ruler, cast a mature and poised actor who can sing very well. After Chief Tui's scenes at the top of the show, the actor can join the Maui, Monster, and/or Shiny ensembles before returning to this primary role at the show's end.

Gender: male

Vocal range top: A#2

Vocal range bottom: E2

Sina

Moana's supportive mother. She is compassionate, perceptive, and strong-willed, and trusts her daughter to make the right decisions. With both speaking and singing solos, look for a confident singer and actor who can embody a mature and respected leader. After Sina's scenes at the top of the show, the actor can join the Maui, Monster, and/or Shiny ensembles before returning to this primary role at the show's end.

Gender: female

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: C#4

Pua

Moana's fiercely loyal friend. Pua always supports Moana – even if it means facing her own fears. An actor who is also a confident singer can make Pua's moments in “Where You Are (Part 2),” “How Far I'll Go,” and “We Know the Way (Finale)” stand out.

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Hei Hei

Moana's not-so-bright friend. Hei Hei is well-meaning, but naive. Cast an actor who can portray Hei Hei's innocence and own both speaking and singing solos in “Where You Are (Part 2),” “How Far I'll Go,” and “We Know the Way (Finale).”

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Tamatoa

The vicious and egotistical giant crab who lives in Lalotai, the Realm of Monsters. Tamatoa enjoys gathering shiny baubles to add to an ever-growing collection. For this self-centered crab with a keen sense of showmanship, cast an actor who isn't afraid to own the stage and really shine.

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: B3

Ensemble

Ensemble roles include Ancestor Ensemble, Ocean Ensemble, Villagers (Dancers, Weavers, Fishers 1 & 2), Maui Ensemble, Monsters, Gate Monster, Left Claw, Right Claw, Shiny Ensemble, Te Fiti, Te Kā