

Faust Festival: International Youth Theatre

FOUNDED in 1999, Faust International Youth Theatre is one of the few drama production groups that sets out to promote the fantastical world of theatre to younger audiences in Hong Kong. The annual *Faust Festival* is a four-week theatre **extravaganza**, aimed at exposing students to about 60 performances prior to the summer break.

How to transform a rather drab script into a lively play elicits the concerted efforts of dedicated professionals such as directors, actors and actresses as well as backstage crews. Unlike the medium of cinema, drama is direct and spontaneous, the success of which can be **gauged** by the audience's simultaneous reaction. And that's the magic of theatre.

When: May 25-June 20

Venue: McAulay Studio, Hong Kong Arts Centre
Complete programme listings and ticketing info from:

www.faustworld.com/productions/festival.html

The theatre group runs quality drama productions all year round and, as far as possible, it attempts to get young people involved. With dedication, alongside the patient guidance of adult directors, youngsters can in fact grasp the essence of acting and deliver performances that deserve our kudos.

Adapting classics for the stage can be a mind-boggling task. To woo and wow audiences, who are constantly being fed gimmicks, new elements to be inserted and dated parts deleted become top priorities for theatre groups. Faust International Youth Theatre steers young thespians in new directions and, in doing so, brings stage acting to a new level. Among the classics on offer are: *Oliver Twist*, *The Secret Garden* and *Peter and the Wolf*.

What's more, the theatre group has hatched original stories for

those looking for stage plays other than classics. Featuring old and new stories such as, *So You Think You Can Act?* and *Kip Marlowe and the Heart of Diamonds*, the Faust Festival has everything for everyone.



Glossary

1. sassy (adj. 活潑的)
2. prominent (adj. 重要的)
3. concoct (v. 策劃)
4. authentic (adj. 真實的)
5. gourmet (n. 美食)
6. correlation (n. 關聯)
7. extravaganza (n. 盛會)
8. gauge (v. 判斷)