

# Youth Theatre Fees

Half Moon is a charity and we fundraise to keep the cost of our activities affordable to all.

Thanks to our generous funders, our Youth Theatre parents only pay **31%** of the cost of the sessions. Our small and dedicated team fundraises the remaining **69%** to ensure that young people in our community have access to affordable and inclusive drama activities. This funding pays for our experienced drama tutors, session resources and access workers to allow us to make our work inclusive to everyone regardless of needs. If you would like to be a Youth Theatre supporter, please speak to a member of staff.

We understand there are a lot of financial challenges for our families so we are flexible and understanding of this. If it is a challenge to pay on or before the first week or to pay in one go, please do reach out to us so we can find a solution.



Do you know someone who would like to join our Youth Theatre? Scan the QR code to complete our waiting list form and we will be in touch.

For any questions about Youth Theatre

Phone: 020 7709 8900

Email: [drama@halfmoon.org.uk](mailto:drama@halfmoon.org.uk)

## Thank you to our Youth Theatre funders:

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# Youth Theatre Newsletter

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## Help us raise money by signing up to easyfundraising



- **Until 2 April** we'll **earn £1** for every **new supporter** we get on **easyfundraising**.
- There's no requirement to buy anything, just **sign up and we'll get the £1!**
- It's quick and super easy to join - **scan the QR Code** and **provide a few details** to set up your profile. That's it!
- If you wanted to help a little more, download the **Donation Reminder** and support Half Moon every time you shop online - **at no extra cost to you!**

Step 1 - Scan the QR code above

Step 2 - Enter your email address

Step 3 - Create a password

Step 4 - Fill in your name

Step 5 - Choose whether you want to receive emails

Step 6 - Create an account - that's it, and we receive £1!



Every Saturday during term time, Half Moon becomes a vibrant and welcoming venue, showing theatre for audiences of all ages.

Check out our upcoming shows here:  
[www.halfmoon.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.halfmoon.org.uk/whats-on)



# Interview with Bradley Travis

## Artistic Director and Joint CEO



### How did you start working at Half Moon?

I started working at Half Moon at the end of January this year. I first got to know Half Moon when I came here as a performer for English Touring Opera, doing a show for babies called *Under the Little Red Moon* – I was also their Head of Learning & Participation. I remember thinking what a magical and welcoming place it was and how I hoped to work here some day. When I saw the job advert come out when Chris and Jackie were leaving, I thought, “Wow, that sounds like my dream job!”. I’m delighted to be lucky enough to be Artistic Director, and hope to be here for many years to come.

### When you are not at Half Moon, what are your favourite things to do?

Funnily enough, I love to go and see theatre. All kinds of theatre; kid’s theatre, adult theatre, musicals, opera – the list goes on! I also love to go on long dog walks with my wife, toddler, and our big dog Daphne. With a background in opera, I’m also a big fan of all kinds of music and have become a particularly big Beatles fan as I’ve got older.

### What do you enjoy most about working with us?

I love to see the impact we are making on young lives. I think the arts are an absolute necessity for everybody’s wellbeing, and we can’t understate how important being exposed to the arts as a whole is on young people. I really enjoy seeing different young people come through the theatre on a weekly basis, whether it’s to see a performance on a Saturday, attend one of our Youth Theatres, or come and do a work placement with us. Their journeys with us are the lifeblood of the theatre.

### What was your dream job when you were younger?

I always wanted to be an actor when I was growing up, and rather specifically wanted to play James Bond. I guess there’s hope for me yet!

## Summer Term Dates 2025

Please note the Saturday groups take a break in the summer term, please see the email from [drama@halfmoon.org.uk](mailto:drama@halfmoon.org.uk) for more information or speak to a member of staff.

	First Session	Half Term	Final session
Solar	Mon 28 April	Bank hol: 5 May 26 May	Mon 14 July
Eclipse & Lunar	Tue 29 April	Tue 27 May	Tue 8 July
Equinox & Orbit	Wed 30 April	Wed 28 May	Wed 9 July

# Celebrating Achievement

Each term we hold our **Youth Forum**, where members are voted by their peers to represent their views. Thanks to all the members who gave their opinions! This term our reps were: **Zakariya** (Comets), **Kalani** (Sunbeams), **Leo** (Moonbeams), **Miles** (Solar), **Asia & Jude** (Eclipse), **Nina & Leila** (Equinox), **Kasper & Aysha** (Lunar), **Milo & Piera** (Orbit). One of our trustees also attends the meeting.

We also celebrate the positive contributions of two people from each Youth Theatre, as voted for by members of each group. This term we are celebrating:

- Comets** **Penelopa** for being a real creative leader in the group, sharing so many thoughtful ideas and taking on every challenge with confidence and enthusiasm  
**Zack** for being a great friend this term – we are impressed by how you have helped other people with your good listening, while also growing your comedy acting skills!
- Sunbeams** **Owen** for your huge growth in confidence this term. We have been blown away by your expressive acting! You are a true calming presence in the group and a good friend to others.  
**Drey** for being an excellent role model for others with your patience, friendliness to everyone and brilliant performance skills!
- Moonbeams** **Alaana** for your enormous growth in confidence this term! We love that you are sharing your thoughtful suggestions more and more and becoming a natural leader in Moonbeams.  
**Theo** for joining Moonbeams this term and being a ray of sunshine! You have made us all smile with your bubbly energy and have inspired your small group with very original ideas.
- Eclipse** **Isaac** for being a wonderful friend and working brilliantly in your group.  
**Emily** for always being kind and being a good friend.
- Equinox** **Ben** for always taking part, contributing great ideas and being confident in sessions.  
**Rose** for your contributions, having a brilliant smile and always being kind.
- Lunar** **Eddie** for always being welcoming to your peer group and being a good friend.  
**Natalie** for your creativity, your kindness and your humour.
- Orbit** **Isa** for being a well-rounded entertainer and your marvellous acting skills.  
**Fareeda** for being a passionate actor and not being afraid to experiment with your acting skills
- Solar** **Saira** for always bringing such joy and enthusiasm to our sessions, being a brilliant team player.

**A huge well done to all our Youth Theatre members for their hard work, energy and enthusiasm this term!**

