

## AUDITION NOTICE

Steps & Holes in association with the Australian Theatre for Young People presents

### SOUL TRADING

*By Kate Walder*

**Winner of the 2019 ATYP Junior Foundation Commission  
Winner Best Original Work or Adaptation (Canberra Ovation Awards 2022)**

Steps & Holes Theatre Company is casting sixteen young actors (playing age 10-13yrs) for the Sydney premiere of *Soul Trading*. This award-winning play will be presented at the Rebel Theatre, Pier 2/3 in September 2023.

#### **About the show**

The year is 2079. Humans are created with gene selection technology, Artificial Intelligence is part of everyday life and children's best friends are their Learning Bots. Except for Jerry. Jerry is not like the others. Neither is Neutron Finch, an exceptionally clever Learning Bot who seems to appear out of nowhere. He is smarter than most Bots, funnier and also possibly illegal. It doesn't take long for the status quo to unravel and one night, Jerry and his classmates are summoned to the oval...

The Bots want souls. Specifically, theirs. It's up to six young minds to solve the greatest existential question of all time within 24 hours. Will their soul-searching provide the answers they need to stop AI destroying the world as they know it?

#### **Roles**

There are twelve roles for young actors of playing age 10 -13yrs in this show. Additionally we are casting an ensemble of four actors, who will each understudy three characters.

#### **The Kids / The Bots**

Harper / Sophia  
Violet / Marigold  
Sahara / Atacama  
Jerry / Neutron  
Finley / Seamus  
Elon / Tesla

#### **Key Dates**

Auditions will be held at ATYP and conducted in small groups. Rehearsals will be at a Pier 2/3 adjacent rehearsal venue.

**Auditions:** Friday 2 June (4pm - 7pm) & Saturday 3 June (9am - 12pm)

**Callbacks:** Sunday 4 June (9am - 12pm)

**Rehearsals:** 10 - 14 July (school holiday intensive), 19 July - 3 September, Wednesday afternoons and Sundays

**Season:** 6 - 10 September

*\*Cast will be required to be absent from school on 5 & 6 September for technical and dress rehearsals.*

**Participation Cost:** \$1000 (breakdown below)

- School holiday workshop intensive \$350
- Term 3 rehearsal workshops (twice weekly) \$500
- Show fee \$150

*\*One partly subsidised scholarship will be available, as well as payment plans.*

To book an audition, please visit [www.stepsandholestheatre.com/auditions](http://www.stepsandholestheatre.com/auditions). The deadline for submissions is **5pm, Thursday 25th May**. For any other enquires, please email [info@stepsandholestheatre.com](mailto:info@stepsandholestheatre.com) or contact us on 0404 348 496.

