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‘LYTEing’ up the UTAS Annexe Theatre

Respected youth theatre company Launceston Youth Theatre Ensemble (LYTE) has a new home at the University of Tasmania’s Annexe Theatre in the Inveresk Cultural Precinct.

LYTE has been active in the Tasmania Arts community for nearly 13 years as Second Storey Youth Theatre, and has inspired thousands of young theatre artists.

Artistic director Jane Johnson said LYTE is committed to nurturing the talent of Northern Tasmania’s young people.

“Students learn creativity, confidence and collaboration when they work with local, interstate and international professional artists and practitioners,” she said.

“It is inspiring for our members to work alongside the SVPA theatre students. Their enthusiasm for theatre is evident and infectious, and demonstrates the viability of the theatre as an arena for professional arts practice.”

This new collaboration with the University of Tasmania’s School of Visual and Performing Arts will see LYTE members creating, rehearsing and performing in a live working theatre space.

UTAS head of theatre, Peter Hammond, said LYTE’s new home at the Annexe Theatre would give members exposure to a real working theatre, providing an immediate connection or experience with the creative environment at the Inveresk Cultural Precinct.

“It also demonstrates the means by which they can see paths for tertiary education and career opportunities,” he said.

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