

Benefits of attending an ISTA festival



"It changed my life forever. I learned so much about myself and others while participating. I also learned about the history of a country and an historical event I didn't know much about before. It was the most fun I've had in ages!" - *Student attendee*

"To be able to use theatre as a tool to connect both with other theatre enthusiasts and to the wider society was a totally valuable and enriching experience for students and teachers alike." - *Teacher attendee*

ISTA festivals are transformative, story-driven experiences where young people come together to create original theatre, explore global issues, and connect across cultures. For many, it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to grow as artists, collaborators, and global citizens.



Creative Collaboration: Work in ensembles led by experienced and inspiring international artists to create original, student-devised theatre.



Global Connections: Meet like-minded students from across the world, building friendships that transcend borders.



Artistic Exploration: Develop your theatre-making skills in acting, movement, devising, and design, while learning to take creative risks in a supportive environment.



Cultural Discovery: Engage with new places and unfamiliar cultures, using theatre as a lens to explore and celebrate difference.



Personal Growth: Build confidence, deepen your sense of identity, and discover new perspectives through shared storytelling.



International Mindedness: Experience what it means to be a global learner—developing empathy, curiosity, and respect for our interconnected world.



A Celebration of Diversity: Celebrate what makes each of us unique while recognising the power of ensemble and our shared humanity.



A Lasting Impact: Become part of the ISTA global network of young theatre-makers—and leave with memories, skills, and insights that last a lifetime.