

# Education Prospectus 25/26



## **A little bit about us!**

Bruiser is one of Northern Ireland's most vibrant and successful arts organisations. Founded in 1997 and based in Belfast, Bruiser produces theatre that is exciting and innovative, down to earth and accessible to all. We're committed to providing high impact theatre experiences for our audiences in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and further afield. Inspiring the next generation of talent is a core part of our vision. We're dedicated to providing training and development opportunities to young actors through our education and outreach programs.

**We exist to engage, excite, stimulate, and inspire through our unique brand of physical theatre.**

We aim to:

- Use minimal set for maximum impact;
- Further explore the role of the actor, enforcing them as the central mechanism of performance;
- Streamline and explore the relationship between the essential dynamics of theatre- the actor, the space and the audience;
- Encourage an environment for the exchange of ideas and collaboration between arts practitioners in production;
- Commit to touring, workshop development and teaching to encourage a greater access to theatre;
- Produce a consistently high quality product.

# School opportunities for 25/26

## ● October 2025

BRUISER IN A BOX - AN IN SCHOOL PRODUCTION

## ● January 2026

A DAY WITH BRUISER KEY STAGE 4 & 5

## ● Feb 2026

CPD TRAINING

## ● May 2026

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR COLLEGES

Bruiser projects that are available  
through the year

● BRUISER ON YOUR DOORSTEP

● DIGITAL HANDBOOK - CLASSROOM RESOURCES

● BRUISERS AFFILIATION PROGRAMME

# BRUISER IN A BOX

Bruiser in a Box is our annual tour of post-primary schools across Ireland. This is the perfect opportunity for students studying Bruiser as a chosen practitioner and to see a professional, live theatre show without the extra costs travelling to a venue.

## Touring from 6th October-24th October

### **Introducing The Boy Who Kicks Pigs by Tom Baker**

13 year old Robert Caligari is a nasty piece of work. But today is the day he gets his comeuppance. Today is the day he's going to die.

When Robert kicks his sister's beloved piggy bank Trevor out of the window, he sets in motion a chain of events that results in the unexpected demise of a local fishmonger. Having developed a taste for blood and sick to death of sneering, imbecilic adults, Robert sets about becoming the real murderer he has always dreamed of being, all the while egged on by the newly-talking Trevor.

Based on the book by Doctor Who's Tom Baker, this madly-hilarious, frenetic scream of a show, which includes shark-mauling beach-goers and even waltzing rats, it's a multi-roling masterpiece that tells the gloriously grisly tale of one scoundrel's attempt at infamy. Packed full of the verbal and visual ingenuity that Bruiser is known for, this "horrible little show about a horrible little murderer" is jam packed with physical comedy, inventive staging and ensemble playing, in Bruiser's trademark style.

"Inventive, clever, gruesome and hilarious, The Boy Who Kicked Pigs is a twisted triumph.

### **Pricing for schools in NI**

**Early Bird Price £750 until August 2025**

**Full Price: £900 from September 2025**

**Book here!**

**For schools in ROI, please contact**  
**info@bruisertheatrecompany.com**

# A DAY WITH BRUISER

**BRUISER**  
THEATRE COMPANY

A full day crash course for GCSE,  
Alevel & BTEC Drama students



**A Day With Bruiser is the perfect opportunity for students at GCSE, A-Level and BTEC stages to explore Bruiser's unique physical style.**

**Working with a range of expert facilitators, pupils will rotate around three 90-minute dynamic workshops on the Bruiser style, devised/collaborative theatre and the exploration of a studied practitioner/practice.**

**Students will experience a short performance showcasing Bruiser's unique style, and have a Q&A with the performers.**

**This one-day crash course will equip pupils with the skills they need to create exciting devised pieces, gain knowledge on Bruiser's ensemble style and develop confidence as performers. A must for all performing arts students!**

**MAC, Belfast: 26-28 Jan 2026**

**The Marketplace, Armagh : 29 Jan 2026**

**The Playhouse, Derry (L'derry): 2 Feb 2026**

## **Pricing**

**Early Bird Price £20 per student from May- Nov 2025**

**Full Price: £25 per student from Dec 2025**

**Book here!**

# CPD -TEACHER TRAINING

Designed for post-primary school Drama teachers our CPD workshops are an opportunity for you to build upon your teaching toolkits and fill up your creative cups.

All training is tailored to the curriculum and informed by the specifications of all major exam boards.

Our CPD day will consist of two workshops:

workshop 1: exploring Bruisers unique style and practice.

workshops 2: Unlocking Creativity in the classroom and building foundation skills in devising techniques and ensemble practice

Date: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026

Venue: The MAC, Belfast

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Express**  
**interest here**

## **Pricing**

CPD pricing is £250 per day  
(refreshments and lunch included)

# **BRUISER ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

Throughout the year, Bruiser will design and deliver bespoke workshops to support you in the classroom. Our workshops are created in line with learning objectives as set by exam boards.

**Some of our most popular workshops include:**

**Exploring Text**

Supporting Devising

**Monologue work**

Intro to Bruiser style

**Exploring Technical theatre**

Directing support

**Developing Character work**

**BOOK HERE**

## **Become a Bruiser Affiliate School!**

Bruiser affiliation aims to strengthen drama departments, allowing schools to benefit from a package of training, performance and theatre opportunities at an accessible price. Bruiser intends to elevate the profile of our Affiliate schools, supporting their students to higher academic achievement through annual creative provision, and making the Arts industry more accessible to students across NI.

**TO FIND OUT MORE, CLICK HERE !**

# DIGITAL RESOURCES

Bruiser is dedicated to providing informative and innovative resources for your students. The Bruiser Digital Handbook is a collection of digital resources to support the teaching and study of Drama. It gives you exclusive educational resources streamed straight into your classroom. Perfect for revision and inspiration.



Bruiser's How-To Demo Videos are a selection of videos giving students an insight into the wider roles within theatre. Each top area contains a series of educational videos on a range of topics. Videos are available for the full academic year they're purchased in, meaning you can re-watch them with your students throughout the year.



**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO**

# Opportunities for students

The Bruiser Arts Academy is an essential part of any young actor's training. During the course, we focus on enhancing performance skills and professional development, equipping our students to perform at the best of their ability - it's a lot of fun too!

## SUMMER SCHOOL

Ages: 12+

Dates: Tues 14th - Thurs 24th July 2026

Location: The MAC, Belfast

Pricing: £275 pp

## GRADUATE ACADEMY

Ages: 18+ years

Date: Mon 10th - Sat 22nd August 2026

Location: The MAC, Belfast

Pricing: £350 pp



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