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CollaborARC was a production we put on in the theatre to show people our talents and we nailed it! CollaborARC was themed 'Our World' because we wanted to make it all about us. Everyone rehearsed for half a year, some groups for the full year. We rehearsed all week in the theatre and it was a big team effort from everyone.

On the nights of the shows most people were nervous but with confidence we did it and the audience loved us, they were cheering and clapping! I was in Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite.



The Do's and Don'ts of CollaborARC

- **Do** turn up to the theatre.
- **Do** be on time.
- **Do** go to the toilet and deal with whatever you need to before going on stage!
- **Do** get into the right costume!
- **Do** help out your other performers if they get confused or forgetful.
- **Do** get off stage when you are finished performing.
- **DO HAVE FUN!**



- **Don't** fall off the stage and land in the CEO's lap.
- **Don't** forget your routine and just stand still staring at the audience like a goose.
- **Don't** sneeze or yawn
- **Don't** get the giggles and get everyone laughing, especially if it's a serious piece.
- **Don't** wear the wrong costume and dress as a chicken when you are meant to be a fish!
- **Don't** punch or push your dance partner off stage and into the CEO's lap if they do the wrong moves!
- **Don't** swear on stage!
- If you are in the audience **don't** yell things at people on stage and don't throw cheese at the performers.



Performers Testimonials

Sam: My experience was great. I enjoyed it, every second of it. Doing the MC'ing with my friend Alex H was great. My advice; just give it a go and don't let yourself down. Just stay calm. I would do it again. I give CollaborARC 10/10!

Alex H: I did it! All I had to do was say something in my MC'ing voice. I enjoyed it. I enjoy doing all the art pieces in the CoCA Theatre and wearing the costume outfits. I give CollaborARC 10/10. I have done two ARC shows now so I would probably not do another one.

Jana: I thought my professionalism as one of the MCs was pretty fantastic. I would like to be an MC again. I would also like to be in a dance piece because the lanterns piece was so good. Playing Stephanie in our play ARC & AWAY was just amazing and even though the crowd was laughing so much I was still able to stay in character. My advice; If you wanted to do the MC job, I'm telling you that you will get nervous but trust that you will get better as you practice. I give CollaborARC 10/10. It was great to hear that what everyone presented was so well received.

Velvet: It was a wonderful show. A lot of hard work, but it takes hard work to be extraordinary and also the training and rehearsals are so important because when the nerves kick in side stage, your body has the memory to get you through. Also to have CoCA's support before and during the rehearsals week from Felicity and Eban was fantastic. They both went above and beyond. The Production program participants, MCs and performers all worked so hard and an extraordinary team effort back stage.

Hayden: Just amazing. I loved everything, Bed Bugs dance, ARC & Away, the films, everything I performed in. I do get nervous but with every stage rehearsal we did the nerves disappeared and by the time I got side stage for the show I just thought, 'I will give it everything I've got and just go on stage and knock it out of the park!' My parents thought it was so good. It was just wicked. I give CollaborARC 10/10! Would I do it again? Bring it on!

Emmaline: Impressed with everyone's team work (staff and service users). Velvet and Avril's knowledge of a production was fantastic. The audience feedback was amazing and great to hear that what everyone presented was so well received.

Jimmy: It really went good. My family and some people said I did a good job as an MC. The MC'ing practice in the production program made it all possible and I felt really confident both nights. I hope to do it again one day. The audience thought the film the Do's & Don'ts of Dating was so funny. I could hear them laughing. My advice; Don't be afraid to try new things, even if things get hard, just keep trying. I give CollaborARC 8/10.

