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Backstage Pass to Opportunities for Young People.

Colony 47 and the Theatre Royal are providing a unique opportunity for a backstage pass to introduce a group of young people to the dynamic and creative world of theatre.

These young people will participate in a private tour of the Theatre Royal, take part in a unique workshop, meet the cast from the high energy production '*Controlled Falling Project*' and see the full performance of the show.

John X and Anna Kidd will be leading the group of 30 students through a fun, live and interactive workshop to inspire a new generation of thespians.

The volunteers of Friends of the Theatre Royal recognised that not all young people have access to a live theatre experience and sought Colony 47's assistance to fill this gap.

CEO of Colony 47, Therese Taylor said she was truly grateful to the Friends of the Theatre Royal for their generosity.

"There are a number of barriers that some young people perceive when thinking about the theatre", said Ms Taylor. "We are thrilled to be able to help demystify the theatre for these young people by offering them this fun insight into the world of theatre".

Colony 47's Youth Connections program, supported by Colony Partnership Brokers, have invited young people who are engaged in their program to be a part of this opportunity, and will support them on the day.

Chief Executive of the Theatre Royal, Tim Munro, said "We love having new visitors to the Theatre Royal and we're thrilled to give these young people a behind the scenes experience and the excitement of a performance of the highly energetic and exciting '*Controlled Falling Project*'. We are very grateful to Colony 47 and the Friends of the Theatre Royal for supporting this project and making it happen."

EVENT DETAILS:

When: 5.30pm - 6.30pm, Wednesday 30 April

Where: Theatre Royal, 29 Campbell Street Hobart

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