

# My First Ever Playrite Performance

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I joined Playrite Theatre School last term and our first performance was called An American Songbook.

I found the performance exciting but I also found it nerve racking too.

We started rehearsals on Saturday afternoons about 10 weeks before the show date. During this time we learned songs from Annie and the Sound of Music and choreographed dances for them. Some of the dances were hard, some were easy. I enjoyed the rehearsals a lot as I made new friends and I really love performing.

Soon dress rehearsals started at the Redannick Theatre in Truro. My character had to wear a white shirt, tights, skirt and a blue ribbon with a bow for the Sound of Music section of the performance. One evening we saw Miss Nagy who had come to watch the dress rehearsal the night before the show, she thought it was really good.

On the first night of the show i was feeling excited and a little bit nervous. Soon Nicky who was the dance choreographer said to our group, "It's time to go on". It felt amazing being on stage for the first time. My friend Lottie helped me a lot by giving me confidence so that I could do it. Being on stage now was very different to rehearsals because there was lots of people watching. We also had a live band, lots of different lights and a proper stage to perform on.



*Here I am third from the left- with my friend Lottie second left.*

At the end of the show the audience clapped and cheered a lot! We all curtsied and thanked Aaron who is the Director of Playrite Theatre School. After I left the stage we went outside and saw our parents, Mum and Dad were really proud of me and I felt proud of myself for doing it.

Thank you Playrite!